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October 28, 2019

Hello Bowditch Community, Happy Halloween! Please see below for this week's updates.

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WHAT'S NEW?

School Board Elections - Get out there and vote on **Tuesday, November 5, 2019!** Please see [this flyer](#) for important information on the upcoming school board elections.

SELPA Community Advisory Committee

Opportunity - There is an opportunity for you to participate in the *Community Advisory Committee Meetings of the San Mateo County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)*. Each SELPA must have an Administrative Unit (AU) that is the legal entity that receives funds and is responsible for seeing that every eligible child receives appropriate services. The San Mateo County Office of Education is the AU for the San Mateo County SELPA.

The advisory committee meetings are held from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the San Mateo County Office of Education located at 101 Twin Dolphin Drive, Redwood City, CA 94065.

Listed below are the dates of the Community Advisory Committee Meetings for the 2019-2020 school year.

- October 22, 2019
- November 14, 2019
- January 15, 2020
- February 12, 2020
- April 1, 2020

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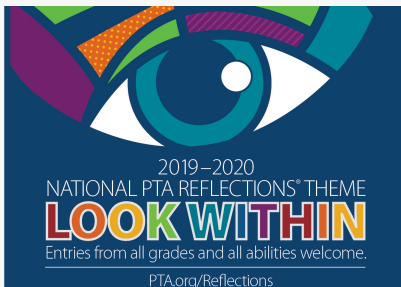
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The agenda for the October 22, 2019 meeting includes beginning the year-long required transition to the new SELPA Local Plan Template from the California Department of Education.

For more information about the *San Mateo County SELPA Community Advisory Committee Meetings*, please click [here](#).

Happy Halloween - Get creative and wear a fun and Halloween inspired costume to school on **Thursday, October 31**. Costume contest at lunch in the gym. Please remember that costumes must abide by regular school dress code, no inappropriate costumes, no masks, and no weapons (fake or real). See [flyer](#) for information.

Seussical - Auditions for *Seussical* are off to a great start! The callback list will be sent via email Monday, October 28 in the evening (for callbacks on Tuesday and Wednesday after school), and the *cast and crew list will be sent via email Friday night*. Please note that the **first rehearsal is Monday 11/4 in room 41 for all cast and crew**. It will be followed at **5:30 by a family meeting in the media center**.



Reflections: A National PTA Art Program - Does your student enjoy art, music and dance or have an interest in writing, producing films and taking photos? Then join us and have fun unleashing your inner artist with PTA Reflections!

This year's theme, "**Look Within**," calls for your own unique interpretation through the arts. The Student Entry forms and rules are available now on the California State PTA website at: <https://capta.org/programs-events/reflections/> (Scroll down the page for the files available to download.) Entry forms will be available in the school office after Fall Break. All entries are due in the school library by **November 15, 2019**.

For inspiration, visit the Reflections virtual art gallery and learn more about prizes and scholarships at pta.org/home/programs/reflections/awards. Any questions- please reach out to madamemalik@gmail.com

space to join us on our trip to Washington

D.C./Gettysburg during Spring Break! Please email Ms. Launer at hlauner@smfcsd.net or at bowditchschooltrip@gmail.com with questions or to get information on how to register.

Dates: There was an overwhelming response to adjust the trip to **leaving the night of Monday, April 13th and returning the evening of Saturday, April 18th**, so we have confirmed these dates with School Tours of America.

There is a chance that the new dates might conflict with Mr. Song's Choir Disneyland trip. Although Ms. Launer believes that the dates for the Disneyland trip have not been finalized yet, please be aware that they could conflict.

If there are any issues with the new dates and you are unable to attend, please call Student Tours of America's customer service at 866-543-9625 by **November 30, 2019** to cancel your trip and receive a full refund. Please know that Bowditch does not have any access (and has minimal knowledge) to the refunding or payment process, so School Tours's customer service will often be the most helpful with financial questions.

Scholarship: Through School Tours of America, a scholarship is offered for students that might need assistance paying for the trip. Please reach out to Ms. Launer for further information.

Emails: **If you have already signed up for the trip and are not receiving emails, please contact Ms. Launer ASAP.** The email list is being pulled directly from School Tours' registration information, so it will be important to fix any communication issues as quickly as possible!

Parent Meeting: There will be an **evening meeting at the Vibe during the week of November 4th** for both parents and students- please stay tuned for the exact date. This meeting will provide information about what to expect during the trip, a brief timeline of what to expect before the trip, and to answer questions. *Parents of students (and students) that have not registered yet and are interested in the trip are also encouraged to attend.*

Chaperones: We are looking for a few parent chaperones! If you are interested in chaperoning the trip, please reach out to Ms. Launer directly. Although it will be discussed further at the parent meeting, chaperones will be expected to be responsible for a group of students throughout the trip and help with overall crowd control of our sizable group :)

Hillsdale High School - 8th Grade Information Night

is on **Wednesday, October 30** starting at 6:30pm in the HHS auditorium. We are also having a **simultaneous presentation** in Spanish in the Hillsdale Little Theater that will cover the same information during the same time (see [Spanish flyer here](#)). Information is also available on our website at our "Prospective Students and Families" page (<https://www.smuhsd.org/Page/1518>).

San Mateo High School Meet and Greet - Refer to their [website](#) for more information.

8th Grade Information Night is on **Tuesday, November 5th** at 6:30pm in the SM Performing Arts Center.

San Mateo High School is also hosting another Meet and Greet on **Thursday, November 7 at 6:30pm** in the SMHS Library. SMHS parents, students and faculty will be present to answer any questions you might have about SMHS. Please [RSVP here](#) to let us know you will be joining us. Please join us!

SHARE YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS

8th grader, **Diya M.** was part of a dance troupe that performed for the [Howdy Modi](#) event at the NRG stadium in Houston. The students of the dance troupe, which included children from across the country, staged their performance in front of a fully sold-out event, with an audience of 50,000 people. Their act, a Bollywood dance, was part of the opening act of an Indian cultural show. This was the only dance that included performers that were less than 18 years old. The cultural program was put together for the visit of the Indian Prime Minister and the President of the United States.

VOLUNTEER'S CORNER

A huge thank you to **Lauren Mansfield** and **Stephanie Field** for their work over fall break organizing the costumes in the drama loft!



Also, a hearty thank you to *Mellownee*

Weinberger for supervising students waiting for singing and acting auditions.

Ms. Burndon

IMPORTANT DATES

- Mon. Oct 28** - Picture Retake Day
- Mon. Oct 28** - Seussical - Crew Applications Due
- Wed. Oct 30** - Hillsdale High School 8th Grade Information Night
- Thurs. Oct 31** - Wear your Halloween costume to school
- Fri. Nov 1** - First Quarter Ends
- Mon. Nov 4** - Seussical First Rehearsal and Family Meeting
- Tue. Nov 5** - SMFC School Board Elections
- Tue. Nov 5** - San Mateo High School 8th Grade Information Night
- Thur. Nov 7** - San Mateo High School Meet & Greet
- Mon. Nov 11** - Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL

REMINDERS

Picture Retakes - There is a new picture retake day on **Monday, October 28, 2019 (until noon during periods 1-4 only)**. Lifetouch will be returning on the morning of October 28 to give the students that were turned away the opportunity for a retake. If you wish to order pictures, please [use this form](#).

PTSA Annual Direct Donation Drive - Many thanks to all who have already submitted their annual donation. If you haven't had a chance to donate, [here is the form](#) or you can also [donate online](#) via PayPal. Don't forget to request company matching from your employer. This year we are looking to allocate funds to update our library!

Game Night Committee Chair Needed - The Bowditch PTSA is looking for a parent to help organize a Family Game Night (preferably this fall, but open for discussion). Traditionally, Bowditch has not held a start of the year social. The PTSA is putting this opportunity to make it happen in your hands! Please contact PTSA President, *Harpreet McDermott* at bowditch.ptsa@gmail.com, if you are able to Chair this event.

Bowditch and SMFCSD Calendars -

- [2019-2020 Bowditch PTSA Calendar Sept24.pdf](#)
- Online version: <https://www.bowditchptsa.org/calendar>
- [2019-2020 SMFCSD Student Calendar.pdf](#)
- [2020-2021 SMFCSD Student Calendar.pdf](#)

Tip: You can add the Bowditch PTSA calendar to your google calendar by selecting Google's 'Add a friend's calendar' and use bowditch.pta@gmail.com

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Share Your Child's Success - Did your child have any recent successes ? In keeping with the community spirit, we would love to feature any achievement of your kids that can be shared with all. Please send your stories to bowditch.comm@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities at Bowditch - Please complete the [2019-2020 Volunteer Opportunities form](#). Any amount of time that you have to give is appreciated. Please contact the Harpreet McDermott, PTSA President, at Bowditch.pta@gmail.com with any questions.

Log Your Volunteer Hours - Have you volunteered at Bowditch this week? Please take a moment to [log your volunteer hours here](#).

Have a great week!
The Bowditch PTSA



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