



Important Dates:

Wed. Sept 9 - Final Launch Day

Sept 9-Sept 23 - Shirtable Apparel Donation Drive

Thur. Sept 10 - SMFC School Board Meeting

Thur. Sept 17 - Coffee Chat with Dr. Rosas

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Shirtable Apparel Donation Drive for Fire Victims - Do you have any extra clothing at home? If so, then please consider supporting **Shirtable**.

Shirtable is a non-profit organization run by former Bowditch students. *They donate pieces of apparel to families experiencing immediate homelessness caused by home and wildfires.* There will be a donation box in the **Bowditch parking lot** between **September 9th- September 23rd**. Items accepted are gently used shirts, sweaters, jackets, pants, shorts, socks, scarfs and hats. Please [see this flyer](#) or visit [Shirtable.org](https://www.shirtable.org) for more information. Unfortunately, Shirtable will be unable to provide tax-deductible receipts at this time, as they are still in the process of filing with the IRS.

The Bowditch PTSA

NEWS FROM THE SMFC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Coffee Chats with Dr. Joan Rosas: We hope you can participate in a Back-to-School "Virtual" Coffee Chat with Dr. Joan Rosas, SMFCSD Superintendent. After a brief District update, she will offer time for Q & A. All Coffee Chats are 7-8pm. **Thursday September 17**. See the [SMFCSD website](#) for more information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BOWDITCH...

Final Launch Day this Wednesday: The next and final Launch Day will be this Wednesday September 9 from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Any student who missed either the first or second launch days can come to the

outside of the clinic window (door on the side of the office) to pick up their Math Nation, Springboard (Language Arts), Social Studies, or 8th grade novel (Whirligig). 2019-2020 Yearbooks will also be available for pickup (or purchase while supplies last). Elective materials may be available, but students should confirm with their elective teachers before Wednesday. This is a walk-up event. Students must wear masks and maintain social distancing. We recommend parking off site to avoid congestion.

Do You Have a District HotSpot? If your student is using a Hotspot, please be aware that the hotspots come with a preset amount of data. There is a generous amount of data to allow students to participate in school and complete any homework. However, if the Hotspots are used to watch videos or play games outside of school, then they may run out of data. Hotspots should only be used for school use.

Measure X Work at Bowditch: Phase II of Measure X is underway and planning meets have started for the work at Bowditch. This will include a new Drama building and science labs. Work is anticipated to start sometime in 2021.

PTSA Donation Drive: Thank-you to all the families that have donated so far. **We have about \$50,000** so far but still have a ways to go to reach \$100,000! If you have not had a chance to donate yet, please consider doing so. **We are asking for a donation of \$225 per student**, however any amount is appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the Launch Day on Wednesday.

See [Donate to the PTSA](#) to contribute. *(Please check if your Employer offers 'Corporate Matching' to increase your donation. All donations are tax deductible.)*

The PTSA funds programs like student clubs, student council, Spelling Bee, Reflections, Parent Education, Assemblies, Electives, Art, Music, Teacher supplies and more. For more information see the [About the PTSA page](#).

PTSA Membership Drive: Thank-you to the more than Bowditch 118 members who have joined to date - including parents, students and teachers! [Click HERE](#) to become a member today. (Memberships are \$10)

By joining the Bowditch PTSA, you get connected to the school, discover great resources for parents and students, tap into a network of people to discuss issues about helping our children thrive, and share your voice. If you have any questions, please email Daphne Wong at membership@bowditchptsa.org.

IN THE COMMUNITY...

Family Scouting comes to Foster City! Scouts BSA Troop 175 is excited to announce that its linked troop for girls, Troop 4175, is now official! **Troop 4175 is currently recruiting girls from 11 to 17** to participate in the best youth development program in the country. The Scouts of the new girls' troop will be learning leadership, citizenship and service while enjoying a wide range of exciting outdoor activities, maybe one day being some of the 5% of Scouts who achieve the coveted Eagle rank! Preethi Karthik, mother of Prerna, one of the new Scouts, and who has stepped up to be the first Scoutmaster of Troop 4175: "This is a great opportunity for girls to join and see what scouting has to offer". To find out more about Troop 4175, contact: Jayu Mehta (Troop Committee Chair) jayumehta16@gmail.com, Preethi Karthik (Troop 4175 Scoutmaster) preethi.karthik@gmail.com or Barrie Dickinson (Troop 175 Scoutmaster) bdickinsonT175@gmail.com.

REMINDERS

8th Grade DC Trip: Hello 8th Grade Parents, Hopefully everyone is getting settled into this new school year. I wanted to send a quick update regarding the DC Trip, which is tentatively scheduled for the second week of spring break. Generally, the registration for the trip opens during June, but I have made the decision to hold the opening of registration until further notice, pending on what the world looks like. Although I'd love to optimistically go ahead and proceed with planning, I know that we can't predict what will be happening with the world and what travel will look like then. My priority is the safety of both students and chaperones, so I'll be waiting with any official announcements until more information is available. Thanks, Ellie Launer, hlauner@smfcsd.net

Bowditch Library Curbside PickUp: Bowditch Library Now Has Curbside PickUp! Please [see this flyer for instructions](#). Questions? Reach out to our Bowditch Librarian, Ms. Alfonso on SchoolLoop message "Jennifer Alfonso-Punzalan," or email jalfonso@smfc.k12.ca.us.

CALENDARS:

- ★ Add the Bowditch PTSA Calendar to your Google Calendar by selecting Google's 'Add a friends calendar' and use bowditch.pta@gmail.com.
 - ★ Download a copy of the [updated District Calendar here](#).
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FACEBOOK: Join the [Bowditch PTSA Facebook Group](#) - Our Facebook group is a closed group and is a way for Bowditch Parents to connect. It is also a way for the PTSA to post last minute updates/changes, important reminders and information from the Bowditch community. Be sure to join so you get the latest scoop!

Have a great week!
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