



IMPORTANT DATES:

Mar 15 - Hillsdale HS Info Night (Spanish)
Mar 17 - Bowditch St. Patrick's Spirit Day
Mar 17 - Hillsdale HS Info Night (English)
Mar 17 - San Mateo HS Info Night (English)
Mar 18 - San Mateo HS Info Night (Spanish)
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Mar 29 - Apr 9 - Spring Break

SMFCSD NEWS

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Happy St. Patrick's Day! **Attention 8th Grade Students** - if you are attending a high school in the **San Mateo Unified High School District** next year, your course selection is **due Friday**. Please see below for the news for this week.

Have a great week!
The Bowditch PTSA

SMFCSD NEWS

SMFCSD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: Thursday, March 25, 2021, 6:30 pm.

See [the district website](#) for the agenda and more information.

PARENT ED EVENTS:

EVER FORWARD/SIEMPRE ADELANTE: BUILDING CHARACTER X TRANSFORMING LIVES -
Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 5:30pm – 6:30pm PST, Online Event (Webinar)

Register: <https://ashantibranch2021smcoe.eventbrite.com>

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83088376324?pwd=WWd6elY0a242TlpleDAxczVJMUNGdz09>

Each person has a set of shared human needs – for support, expression, recognition, meaning, and connection. By closing the gap between who we are on the *inside* and who we show up as at *home, work, or school*, we create more meaningful connections, healthier communication, deeper engagement – and ultimately more powerful results. [Ashanti Branch, M.Ed.](#), is the founder and Executive Director of [The Ever Forward Club](#), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides support for African American and Latino young men and women. Parents, caregivers, students, educators, mental health professionals, and community members welcome! Free admission. Simultaneous Spanish interpretation will be provided. This special presentation is sponsored by [San Mateo County Office of Education \(SMCOE\)](#), in partnership with

[The Parent Venture](#). Questions? Contact Charlene Margot, MA, Co-Founder and CEO, [The Parent Venture](#) (The Parent Education Series), at cmargot@parentventure.org, or Sheléne Peterson at speterson@smcoe.org.

HELPING YOUR CHILD/TEEN SAFELY NAVIGATE THE ONLINE WORLD/CÓMO AYUDAR A SU NIÑO / ADOLESCENTE A NAVEGAR DE MANERA SEGURA POR EL MUNDO EN LÍNEA - Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 12:00pm – 1:00pm PST, Live Event (Webinar)

Register: <https://digitalsafety2021woodside.eventbrite.com>

In this webinar, [Amanda Freeman, Program Director at RTS](#), will share the realities of online youth culture. You will come away with new resources to increase online safety for your children and teens, along with tips to spark family conversations. Parents, students, educators, mental health professionals, and community members welcome! Free admission. A Spanish version of this workshop will be offered on Thursday, April 22. This presentation is sponsored by [Sequoia Union High School District](#), [Sequoia Healthcare District](#), [Peninsula Health Care District](#), and [The Parent Venture](#). Questions? Contact Charlene Margot, MA, Co-Founder and CEO, The Parent Venture (The Parent Education Series), at cmargot@parentventure.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BOWDITCH...

BOWDITCH ST. PATRICK'S SPIRIT DAY: Dress up in **GREEN**. Wear a fun hat, a silly wig, crazy hair, and/or funky glasses. See [the flyer](#) from the Bowditch Student Council.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE PAGE: Bowditch Families, PTSA is (potentially) creating a community resources page to be placed on the PTSA website. As a Bowditch family, if you highly recommend a community organization geared toward the social, emotional, academic, or physical development of your kids, let us know [using this form](#). You cannot be the owner, organizer, or employee of the organization. We will only launch this page if we have a strong response and buy-in from our Bowditch families.

BOWDITCH FOUNDER'S DAY: Bowditch Founder's Day Awards Ceremony planning is kicking off. Do you know of a person who has made significant contributions to the well being of children or families within our Bowditch community? If so, it's time to recognize them by nominating them for an Founder's Award. Any current Bowditch teachers, administration, as well as PTSA officers and members can be nominated. Look out for the nomination form next week!

PARENT ED EVENT :SECRETS OF SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS - *Motivation, focus, and time management strategies that work! Presented by Dr. Maggie Wray.*

If you missed the event, you can [view a recording of the presentation here](#).

Link posted in the chat from the presentation: [Creating Positive Futures](#)

Additional resources mentioned in the presentation:

- Read this article from [Understood.org](#), [What Is Executive Function?](#) -
- Check out this guide from [Understood.org](#), [Understanding Executive Functioning Issues in Your Child](#)
- Read the book [Late, Lost, and Unprepared](#) by Joyce Cooper-Kahn and Laurie Dietzel
- Read the book [Smart but Scattered](#) by Peg Dawson and Richard Guare
- Read the book [That Crumpled Paper Was Due Last Week](#) by Ana Homayoun

BOWDITCH PTSA CO-PRESIDENT NEEDED for the 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR: We have a wonderful slate of officers for next school year's executive board with a good mix of experienced and newer members to support anyone that is interested in the Co-President role. We hope you will consider joining our team.

The perks Direct involvement in program decisions that the PTSA implement, work closely with a strong and experienced executive board team, work closely with Principal Morgan and build connections with PTSA presidents from other Middle Schools in our district, build a connection to High School PTA/PTO presidents and the SMUHSD Superintendent.

Please contact our current president, *Harpreet McDermott*, if you are interested in discussing this position at president@bowditchptsa.org. Thank you so much for considering and we hope you join us!

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

PICTURE RETAKE DAY: Picture retake day will be on Wednesday March 24 from 1:15pm to 3:45pm. This is only for students who missed the first picture day. More details about logistics will be sent closer to the day. You can still order pictures at mylifetouch.com using Picture ID code **EVTKHRJH4**.

8TH GRADE INFORMATION

See the [Bowditch PTSA - 8th Grade Transition page](#) for district details and important dates.

See the [Bowditch PTSA - 8th Grade Promotion page](#) for updates and fundraising for 8th Grade Promotion

IMPORTANT - COURSE SELECTION FORMS due Friday March 19 for all SMUHSD High Schools. Fill out and submit the course selection for the high school you are currently assigned to attend in the fall. If you receive a transfer later in the summer, you will be asked to complete new course selections at that time.

8TH GRADE PROGRAMMING NIGHTS

ARAGON HIGH SCHOOL:

[View the Presentation](#) presented to the 8th Grade students.

Virtual Programming Appointments available - [Click here for more details](#).

[Aragon Incoming Students Webpage](#)

HILLSDALE HIGH SCHOOL:

[View the Slideshow](#) presented to the 8th Grade students.

Hillsdale Programming Night (Spanish): Monday, March 15 at 6:00pm. [Click here for the Zoom link](#).

Hillsdale Programming Night (English): Wednesday, March 17 at 6:00pm. [Click here for the Zoom link](#).

[Hillsdale Incoming Students Webpage](#)

SAN MATEO HIGH SCHOOL:

[View the Presentation](#) presented to the 8th Grade students.

San Mateo Programming Night (English): Wednesday, March 17 from 5:00pm-6:00pm.

[Click here for the Zoom link](#).

San Mateo Programming Night (Spanish): Thursday, March 18 from 6:00pm-7:00pm.

[Click here for the Zoom link](#).

[San Mateo Incoming Students Webpage](#)

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Bowditch 2020 Spelling Bee: Congratulations to Bowditch's 2020 School Spelling Champion Nicole Y.! Nicole has cleared the qualifiers for Bay Area Regional Spelling bee virtual competition to be held on March 20th. Our Bowditch community will be rooting for her continued success.

PONDERING PARENTING: The March monthly parenting article - *Supporting the Experience of Change* is here! Please see this [Pondering Parenting March \(English\)](#) or [Pondering Parenting March \(Spanish\)](#)

BOWDITCH CLUBS: Club information can be found at <https://www.bowditchpta.org/studentclubs>

BOWDITCH CAMPUS IS CLOSED: We are still having issues of vandalism and unauthorized people on campus grounds. Due to COVID-19, the Bowditch Campus is closed to students and the general public for the health and safety of our students and teachers. Teachers and staff may be on campus during the week from 7:30am-4:00pm. If you happen to see anyone on campus grounds outside of those times or the gates are open, please call the Foster City police at (650) 286-3300.

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](#).
 - ★ [District Calendar for the 2021-22 school year](#)
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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!