

Copy of Borel Bobcat Blast Parent Newsletter #6

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Middle School



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Upcoming Events

9.5.22 Labor Day Holiday
No School

9.6 & 9.7 Picture Day for
students & staff

9.8.22 Music Booster
Meeting
6:00 pm Music Room 9

9.29.22 Special Minimum
Day
Dismissal at 12:38

9.30.22 Teacher Prof.
Development Day--no
school for students

Principal Message: Welcome to new Staff Members!**School News**

- **Safety: New Park, Great Neighbors! Bus Permission Needed for Special Min Days**
- **Student Achievement: Math Pathways & ST Math for more practice**
- **Wellness: Backpack Organization & Sports**
- **Equity/Diversity/Inclusion: Outdoor Ed is Coming IN Oct for 6th, Photo Days next week!**

Principal Message I want to welcome two new Borel Staff Members. Ms. Victoria Perez started yesterday as an 8th grade ELA in Room 26. She comes to us with a wealth of



experience. Ms. De Alba, has been the wonderful long term sub. She will return to being our permanent sub and helps us each day as needed. Also, new to Borel this week is Mr. Ryan Drach. Mr. Drach did his student teacher experience at Bowditch Middle School. He is our permanent sub too. As often as possible, he will be helping with Ms. Carminatti's PE classes as she is on maternity leave for a couple more months.

**School News**

Safety: We remind students and our families all the time if you see something unsafe, report it immediately. Yesterday, I shared with students Wednesday that our great **City of San Mateo opened a beautiful park** adjacent to Borel. We reviewed how to be respectful, responsible and safe neighbors. Today, I joined Ms. Tellefsen's 3rd period for the Grand Opening with the Mayor Rick Bonilla. We pledge to do our part as good community members. If you'd like to volunteer before or after school in a beautiful park setting, please contact Ms. Brilhart.



Private Bus Permission Forms: Attention families who have students riding the SamTrans bus home from Borel: A private bus company will be hired by our District to transport students home on early and late dismissal days. On these days, SamTrans cannot provide transportation. In order to ride the private bus, parents must sign and return the Bus Permission form which grants permission for students to ride the private bus on the following dates. Permission forms were distributed in class this week. Extra forms

are available in the Borel office. Please return signed forms as soon as possible.

Special Minimum Days when Dismissal time is 12:38pm:

9/29, 11/10, 11/15, 11/16, 11/17, 3/24, 5/26, 6/7

Special 1-7 Period Schedule when Dismissal time is

3:03pm: 11/18, 1/4, 1/18, 6/6

The form is also attached below.

Student Achievement This [flier](#) gives a quick overview of our math pathways. In addition to our Math Nations and Demos adopted curriculum, students also have access to ST Math. Students' math teachers will explain to students how to use ST Math as needed.

Wellness As a middle school parent, I know how heavy a backpack can be. We're lucky to have 1:1 chromebooks and water filling stations, but these things, in addition to supplies, make for a heavy load. We want our students to be well and not hurt their backs. [So our teachers have compiled this document](#) and we are going to teach our students in advisory about how to pack and what to leave at home. Remember, they only have half of their classes Tuesday-Friday so they only have to bring those classes' materials on that day. I definitely recommend once a week having your child go through the backpack with you to ensure they are bringing only what they need.

The **fall sports** are off and we look forward to our first in person Sports Night next Tuesday September 6th at 6PM in our beautiful new gym. Please consider **coaching** this year. It's fun and not very long. I used to coach soccer here and have coached and refereed various sports. It's a fun way to connect and get some steps in after work! Next up are lots of basketball teams. Please contact Mike Codianne at mcodianner@smfcsd.net if you're interested. Thank you!

Equity/Diversity/Inclusion Information about **Outdoor Ed** is coming soon. Outdoor Ed is an overnight experience for our six grade students in the beautiful nearby Santa Cruz Mountains this year running from October 17-21. We'd like ALL of our sixth graders to be included and know some will need financial assistance. We will work together and with our community partners to enable all who wants to go on this experience to be able to go. We'll discuss

more next week at our first ELAC meeting next week as well as have lots of parent information and student information through assemblies. Stay tuned!

Photo Days: Student Photo days are September 6 and 7 during PE or music. Students should bring their ID daily to get free breakfast, lunch, and to check out a library book. Students should always have something they like to read. Flyers will be sent home with the students, which provide photo ordering information. The flyer has instructions on how to order online, which is the preferred method. If you need to send cash or check, please send payment in a sealed envelope with your students first name, last name and Student ID # printed on the envelope. Students should bring the envelopes with them on photo day to the photo session.

Music Booster Meeting

Thur. Sept 8th @ 6pm

Music Room 9

This meeting is for any parent/guardian of a music student that would like to help the Music Booster Team! We are looking for volunteers to help at concerts, field trips and chaperones for the 7th/8th grade Disneyland Trip!

Coaching positions available:

We are now looking for Basketball coaches. Please contact Mike Codianne if you would like to coach a team. He can be reached at: mcodianne@smfcsd.net

Yearbooks are on sale now! There are two ways to purchase a yearbook:

Pay online! Go to www.yearbookforever.com search for "Borel" to pay with a credit card.

Or you can drop off a check or cash to the front office.

Yearbook Only

Now - 11/30/22	\$40.00
12/01/22 - 01/31/23	\$45.00
02/01/23 - 04/30/23	\$50.00

With a Namestamp

Now - 11/30/22	\$45.00
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12/01/22 - 01/31/23	\$50.00
02/01/23 - 04/30/23	Unavailable

PTA & Community Resources

Clowder Chowdown

September's Soiree! Please join the PTA for our first family community social on Friday, September 16, 2022, from 4-7 PM at Beresford Park, Picnic Areas #2 and #3. Food and drinks will be available for purchase, so forget about cooking and join us for dinner instead. It will be a great time to catch up with old friends and meet new Bobcats. Tickets for food and drink will be available at the Chowdown for \$1 per ticket, but you can avoid the line and get more for your money by purchasing in advance: 25 tickets for \$20. Visit the [Chowdown webpage](#) for Ticket Sales and additional details. [Adult and Student Volunteers and Donations needed](#) to make this event a success. We hope to see you there! Questions? Email Pamela Bobowski and Jen Hwang at community@borelbobcats.org.

Borel Boosters 2022-2023

We need your HELP today! Please donate at BorelBobcats.org/Boosters and join the PTA in "Building a Brighter Future" for ALL our Bobcats. [Gifts to School](#) will be \$196K this year from Borel PTA, which is possible only with your help every year. Thank you to the generosity of the Borel Community who have already donated. If you haven't yet, please consider DONATING to the Bobcat Boosters and BOOST your child's academic experience. DOUBLE your donation with [Corporate Matching](#)! Any donation \$10 or higher gives you membership to the Borel PTA. You are also eligible to vote at the next General Association meeting to make your voice heard. Email Sophia Tseng with any questions at boosters@borelbobcats.org.

Wellness Corner

In this month's newsletter, our Wellness Ambassador, Tiffany Wightman, writes about Emotional Acceptance and how each emotion, positive, or negative, big or small is all part of being human. Helping our children practice greater emotional acceptance and honesty, validating the real experiences they go through, and reminding them they are not alone can go a long way in enabling them to create some distance to some of these feelings that are often fleeting. You can read her newsletter [here](#).

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is back at Borel! Four great lunches are delivered to your student at school. No need to pack a lunch on those days. Sign up for Lunch Bunch (\$60/student) on our [Borel PTA website](#). The date of our first lunch has been moved to **October 13th** - Noah's Bagel with Plain Cream Cheese and a Jamba Juice Strawberry Whirl Smoothie are on the menu. Yum! Consider donating a Lunch Bunch as well. Counselors will see that those donated

lunches go to students that need them. We still need a few volunteers to help make this a success. Questions? Email Teri Genschoreck at LunchBunch@borelbobcats.org.

Volunteer at Borel

Volunteering our time and energy helps to support our Bobcats at Borel. These amazing programs hosted by PTA always need a helping hand to get off the ground. Check out our [Volunteer Slide Show](#) on the many ways you can help Borel. Any size time commitment is welcomed and appreciated. What is your unique "superpower" which you can lend to Borel? Every little bit helps! Keep an eye on the Bobcat blast for future volunteer opportunities as it arises. Sign up at the [Borel PTA website](#) or email your interest to Jen Hwang at community@borelbobcats.org. Looking for volunteers for Lunch Bunch, Online Auction, Cultural Fair now.

Stay Connected with the Borel Community

Are you new to Borel or a returning family? Register/Login [here](#) at the Borel PTA website (BorelBobcats.org), update your [personal information](#), [communication settings](#), and [directory preferences](#). All of these need to be updated every year for us to communicate with you. Visit the [Borel Directory](#) to find and connect with other families. Subscribe to the Borel PTA [Calendar](#) so that you'll never miss an important school event. Read the Borel Bobcat Chat - if you are not receiving these emails, contact Tech@borelbobcats.org. Follow us on Facebook at [Borel Bobcat Boosters](#).

FREE BACK-TO-SCHOOL VACCINE CLINIC



**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7TH &
THURSDAY, SEPT. 8TH, 2022
10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.**

**SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH
225 37TH AVENUE
SAN MATEO, CA 94403**

- ✓ **VACCINES FOR AGES 3-18**
- ✓ **MINORS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN**
- ✓ **NO INSURANCE IS NECESSARY**
- ✓ **HEALTH COVERAGE ASSISTANCE
WILL BE OFFERED**

**EMAIL YOUR QUESTIONS TO:
SMC_HEALTH_IZ@SMCGOV.ORG**



**SAN MATEO
COUNTY HEALTH**

ALL ARE WELCOME REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS



CLÍNICA GRATUITA DE VACUNAS PARA EL REGRESO A CLASES



**MIÉRCOLES, 7 DE SEPT. Y
JUEVES, 8 DE SEPT., 2022
10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.**

**SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH
225 37TH AVENUE
SAN MATEO, CA 94403**

- ✓ **VACUNAS PARA 3-18 AÑOS**
- ✓ **MENORS DE EDAD DEBEN ESTAR
ACOMPANADOS POR UN PADRE
O TUTOR**
- ✓ **NO SE NECESITA SEGURO**
- ✓ **SE OFRECERÁ ASISTENCIA DE
COBERTURA DE SALUD**

**ENVÍE SU PREGUNTAS POR EMAIL:
SMC_HEALTH_IZ@SMCGOV.ORG**



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TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS NO IMPORTA EL ESTADO MIGRATORIO

