

Borel Middle School



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Principal Message: Importance of Service As a child, my parents volunteered when they could. Since my sisters and I played a lot of soccer, my parents helped with AYSO as



coaches and referees. When I got older, I helped out too. It was part of our family tradition. My own two children carry on the tradition. When I started at Borel, I really liked that the tradition of helping out was already part of the culture here. Students here ask, how can I help? Parents ask, how can I help? It's so important to know that we

Upcoming Events

9.22.22 Last Day to turn in forms and payment for Outdoor Ed--return to Science teachers

9.26.22 Hearing & Vision testing during PE (8th Grade)

9.29.22 Special

Minimum Day

Dismissal at 12:38

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

10.3 - 10.7 Fall Break--No school

10.10.22 Return to School

10.11.22 Student Photo Make Up Day

help each other as we build a positive and safe community for our youth. I want to share a couple stories from this past week to showcase the spirit of service here at Borel.



Last week our **Leadership elective** organized fun events during lunch to engage students. They had mini Olympics and scavenger hunts. Thanks to **Ms. Fitzpatrick** for her organization!

Also, last week we were notified of an **Instagram Account** that didn't align with our school's **Bobcat PRIDE (positive, reflective, inclusive, determined and empathetic values.)** So we reached out to some parents we identified who could really help us and by Monday morning both accounts were shut down! Thanks to our counseling team for meeting with students who followed the account to reflect. If you allow your child to participate in Instagram and come across something that doesn't align with our Borel values, here's some things you can do to help:

- With your child, review their Instagram accounts to see if they are still following one of these. Talk with them about your values and listen to why they are following such an account. Share how these accounts have negatively affected people and are not helpful or kind.
- Encourage them to either message the account creator or simply stop following and block the account.
- Ask them If they know who created the account. You can let us know through email, schoolloop, or Anonymous Alerts. Details on how to use the [Anonymous Alerts are here.](#)

School News



Wellness: Welcome New Students On Friday, **Jonathan Lopez and I** organized a warm welcome to all new students to Borel. We have students from all over who started Borel this year. One is even from Upstate NY, near where I grew up! It was great to welcome them into our Wellness Center and encourage them to get involved with a Borel club, sport, or service opportunity.

Our PTA parents with many student helpers organized a fun event in Beresford Park on Friday afternoon. There was football, food and fun. It was so nice to see a group of Bobcats, known as a clouder, come together to support the school and each other. Check out the PTA pictures. Thanks PTA for organizing!



On Saturday, Ms. Gilchrist met many families for a Bay Area Beach Clean Up Day. Many of the families who attended were also families who came to our first ELAC meeting. Thanks for coming and jumping into the fun!

As you know, we expect our students to complete ten hours of **Community Service** each year. We advertise opportunities so they can do a couple hours each quarter. Upon completion, they get the adult that supervised them to sign off and reflect on how it felt to serve. More information can be found on our [Community Service Page](#) or from your child's Social studies teacher. Stay tuned for more fun events like Campus Clean Up Days!! Here's a beautiful picture of new mulch M&O put in recently!



Safety: Watch out for one Chip Challenge. It has come to our attention that there is a new viral challenge going around called the "One Chip Challenge." The super spicy chip comes in a package with multiple health warnings and is sold at many convenience stores. We have had reports of students getting violently ill after eating a chip causing hyperventilation, racing heart rates and collapsing. Please speak to your child about not participating in this challenge.



Safety: Volunteer or get paid for helping at lunch. If you'd like to volunteer, please review [This letter about volunteering and fill out the embedded google form in English](#) or [in Spanish](#)

Contrataciones SUPERVISOR DEL ALMUERZO

¡El distrito escolar de San Mateo-Foster City está buscando asistentes de supervisión a la hora del almuerzo!

Padres, si está interesado en servir como asistente de supervisión durante el almuerzo para apoyar a nuestras escuelas, ¡considere presentar una solicitud!

¡Nuestras escuelas los necesitan! Si necesita asistencia llámenos.

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Para más información contacte a:
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We are hiring LUNCHTIME SUPERVISION AIDES!

The San Mateo-Foster City School District is looking for Lunchtime Supervision Aides!

Parents, if you are interested in serving as a Lunchtime Supervision Aide to support any of our schools, please consider applying!

Our schools need you! If you need further assistance with filling out the application process call us!

APPLY TODAY!

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Student Achievement: Classroom visits, HighSchool Information I am in classrooms as often as possible. I truly love to see learning in action!! I had the pleasure of bringing in a colleague last Thursday and Friday and we went into over 30 classrooms all

day. I thought it important to share how wonderful your children are in class and how amazing our Borel teachers are at engaging students in a positive and safe learning environment.

8th grade students and families - Enrollment for high school will begin on November 7, 2022. This will be an on-line application process since coming in person is no longer a requirement. The high school district will however support families who need in person help with this enrollment process. The priority enrollment window is November 7, 2022 to February 10, 2023. Anyone wanting an intradistrict transfer must complete their enrollment during this period. Please be aware that the high school district is no longer offering any shadow days for 8th grade students. Instead there will only be Parent Information Nights at the different high schools. Families should call the San Mateo Union High School District at 650-558-2299 for specific questions. Please see the link below regarding the upcoming Parent Information Nights.

[8th Grade Parent Information Night](#)

Equity: Chromebooks needed daily, still need parent and student for novel selection. In order to ensure all students in our district have a computer, we don't have extra stashes of Chromebooks. Please remind your student to charge and bring their computer daily. If it is lost or stolen, be sure to have your child connect with our librarian team for help.

Our district is still looking for at least one Borel parent and student for our district novel adoption committee. Please let Principal Notte know if you're interested. [Meeting dates](#)

PTA Fall Fundraiser easy QR code! Our PTA has brought a fun, easy fundraiser to us all to enjoy and our students directly benefit!

Please refer to the fundraising information envelope that students would have brought home on Friday, view the [video](#), or visit the [Fall Fundraiser webpage](#) for more information. Questions? Please email Jen Hwang and Janelle Frueh at fundraisingevents@borelbobcats.org. Below is the link and QR code for the fundraising site where we have our virtual kickoff video as well as other information regarding the fundraiser.

Scan this QR code for more information:



To register your own online store please go to the website below or scan the QR Code below with your cell phone to register your student.



Link is: register.norcalfundraising.com

Click on the link: **Enter the school code NC110**

Once a student or parent registers for their own online store storefront, they will have the ability to share links and text message those links to friends and family who would like to support the school's fundraiser. You also can order via the cookie dough paper order form sent home with your student. Make sure to turn in your money with your student's name on the envelope to their Advisory teacher.

Thanks for supporting Borel Middle School! Go Bobcats!

Project Pantry

Thank you to all who have donated to Project Pantry. It is great to have snacks to hand hungry students. We are running low on snacks and could use more to refill the bags. These grab and go snacks will go directly to teachers in classrooms across the school. We are collecting:

- Granola Bars
- Fruit Snacks (small, individual packs)

If possible, please donate and help feed Borel students. Nut-free snacks are preferred, but all donations are helpful! Donations can be dropped off at the front office. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Spaulding at pspaulding@smfc.k12.ca.us
Thank you for your continued support!



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Borel Drama Update – Audition information for our musical, Jinx, is now available at <https://www.boreldrama.com/jinxauditions>! We are looking for a diverse group of students from all grades to audition for our show which will perform March 3-5, 2023 at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center. No experience is necessary to audition. All are welcome! Auditions begin after Fall Break. You can sign up for an in person audition time slot now in Room 3. Video audition submissions are due Oct. 11th. If you have any questions about Jinx or auditioning for the musical, please contact Ms G (agoldrath@smfc.k12.ca.us).

Photo make up day is Tuesday, October 11 in the Library. Photo re-takes are only for students who missed photo day, or have a photo packet to return to Lifetouch. This event is not for students who have lost their ID cards. We will let you know how to replace lost cards at a later date.

Here is the photo schedule:

6th grade: 1st period

7th grade: 3rd period

8th grade: 5th period

Leadership would love photos of our Borel students for our 2022-2023 yearbook! First day of school, sporting events or any other photos you may have taken.

There are 2 ways you can help us and contribute.

1. Download the app named "Yearbook Snap."

2. Directions for submitting any pictures you'd like to possibly see in this year's yearbook are below. 2.) Visit the www.yearbookforever.com website and share your pictures with us.

Click on the "Community Upload" tab and look for our school "Borel" on the dropdown menu. The access code for yearbook snap is borel23. Once you are there, you can upload the photos from your computer.

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

12/01/22 - 01/31/23 \$50.00

02/01/23 - 04/30/23 Unavailable

PTA & Community Resources

Borel Boosters

On Friday, your student(s) should have brought home a Bobcat Booster Donation Form which was distributed in Advisory. Although off to a great start and almost halfway to our Booster's goal, we still need your help. Please DONATE at BorelBobcats.org/Boosters and join the PTA in "Building a Brighter Future" for ALL our Bobcats. The Borel PTA's Fundraising Goal of \$282K would only be possible with your help. We know many families sacrifice to help our community so thank you to the generosity of the Borel Community who have already donated. If you haven't yet, please consider donating any amount to the Bobcat Boosters and BOOST your child's academic experience. Any donation of \$10 or higher gives you PTA membership and eligibility to vote at the Association meeting to make your voice heard. Email Sophia Tseng with any questions at boosters@borelbobcats.org.

Fall Fundraiser

Our annual student Fall Fundraiser is in full swing through September 30th. Borel PTA is partnering with NorCal Fundraising for students to sell magazines, cookie dough, cheesecakes, gifts, and gourmet popcorn with 40% of proceeds going back to Borel. All sales can be online so it is easy to email friends and family. The purchases can be shipped to the school for student pick-up or can be shipped directly to the customer. Students win fun prizes with selling! Please refer to the fundraising information envelope that students would have brought home on Friday, view the [video](#), or visit the [Fall Fundraiser webpage](#) for more information. Questions? Please email Jen Hwang and Janelle Frueh at fundraisingevents@borelbobcats.org.

Clowder Chowdown

Thank you to the Borel families who attended the Clowder Chowdown, our first community event! It was a great party where we enjoyed some delicious BBQ and met new Bobcat families. Thank you to Pamela Bobowski for organizing the event, to our fellow Bobcat dads who kept the grill going and to the families and students who volunteered and donated to the [Chowdown](#). Please share your [photos](#) of the event with us. If you enjoyed this event and want more like it, feel free to email your suggestions for the next one at community@borelbobcats.org.

Lunch Bunch

We still have a few spots left. Four great lunches are delivered to your student at school. The date of our first lunch is October 13th - Noah's Bagel with Plain Cream Cheese and a Jamba Juice Strawberry Whirl Smoothie are on the menu. Sign up at the [Lunch Bunch webpage](#) (\$60/student) or consider donating a lunch, only a few quantities are available. We still need a few volunteers to help make this a success. Email Teri Genschoreck at lunchbunch@borelbobcats.org with your questions.

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. Please view [this month's article](#) or visit the [Wellness Corner](#) for all her articles!

Cultural Fair Survey

We are planning for our 32nd Cultural Fair, which is a much-loved community building event that brings families together to share their heritage, country artifacts, and the wonderful foods representing many cultures. Please take a small [survey](#) to help with planning this event. More info can be found on the [Cultural Fair webpage](#). If you are interested in volunteering, please email Claudia Carreno at culturalfair@borelbobcats.org.

Volunteer at Borel

Amazing programs, hosted by PTA, continue to ask for your help to get off the ground. To sign up, visit BorelBobcats.org/volunteer as we are looking for VP Fundraising (Board Opportunity), Program Volunteers (Cultural Fair,

Community Event), and Fundraising Volunteers (Grants Fundraiser Lead, Online Auction, Lunch Bunch). Contact Jen Hwang at community@borelbobcats.org with your interest.

Notre Dame High School

For families with 8th grade daughters, shadow dates are open at Notre Dame High School in Belmont! 8th graders spend a day experiencing classes, meeting students, and getting a taste of all that Notre Dame has to offer. Parents will learn about the admissions process, hear from current students, and take a tour of the school. Shadow dates run from September 20th - November 16th. Registration is also open for Open House on October 23rd and Notre Dame Night on November 17th.

To register for a shadow visit or other event:

https://ndhsb.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry

Learn more about Notre Dame: www.ndhsb.org