

## Borel Bobcat Blast #17

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**December 1, 2022**

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Principal Message

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### Principal Message:



I hope your family enjoyed a relaxing and healthy Thanksgiving Break. It has been great to see our students again and get back into the routine of school. I have enjoyed talking about the World Cup with students and even watching a little bit of the USA win on Tuesday at lunch with students.

### Important Upcoming Dates

**12.7** Incoming 6th Grade Informational Meeting

2:30-3:30 pm

**12.14** Coffee Chat with the Principal & PTA Meeting 8:30

- 10:30 am

**12.19 - 1.4.2023** Winter Break

**1.4.23** Back to School

**1.16.23** No School--Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**1.17.23** No School--Teacher PD day

# SCHOOL NEWS

**Safety: Stay Healthy Reminders & Helping Others** We have noticed an uptick in illness. Please remind your child of health and safety reminders like washing hands with soap, and not sharing food or drink. If your child wants a mask or Covid test, please let us know. If your child has a fever or tests positive for Covid please keep them home and call us. If you need help connecting with a doctor, a great community resource has been Samaritan House. They help those in need in many ways.

Project Pantry is teaming up with the Borel staff, the Borel community and Samaritan House to put together bags that are filled with gift cards and other essentials for families that could use some extra support over the December holidays.

While we try to get everything donated by local businesses, we also need to supplement and thus need your help. We would like to add gift cards to the special bags that we are creating for families.

- We would greatly appreciate donation of gift cards from:
  - Target
  - Safeway

If you'd like to donate a gift card, please drop it at the Borel Middle School office to Paula Spaulding.

IMPORTANT: Tuesday, December 13 is the last day to donate. If you have any questions, contact Paula Spaulding at Borel at [pspaulding@smfc.k12.ca.us](mailto:pspaulding@smfc.k12.ca.us)

Attention sixth grade families: Please see the English & Spanish forms that are required for 7th grade. Make your appointments with your medical providers now to be prepared. Thank you!



**Student Achievement: Celebrations on December 9th for Academic Excellence & Bobcat Pride** We will celebrate student academic achievement and students who showed outstanding Bobcat PRIDE on December 9th for 1st quarter of this year and also for returning students from 4th quarter last year. Many thanks to **Sonya Chan** in the office working with our **PTA** to make this happen! For more on our recognition programs, please have your child show you their planner page 15.

**Wellness: PTA meeting featuring Vape Education & Social Media Tips** We are excited to bring you a triple dose of information on December 14th. First, our **Peer Advocates** will do a presentation about the harmful effects of vaping. Next, our **PTA Wellness Ambassador**, will share really good tips about working with your child to have a healthy relationship with social media and each other. Finally, I'll be on hand to answer questions and learn from you things we can do for continual improvement.

The Borel Running Club, lead by Denise Fournier, the librarian from Baywood Elementary School, will begin again starting December 2, 2022. The club will meet outside the Borel New Gym on the track at 3:15 and run to various destinations around town until 5:00 PM.

If you are interested, sign up using this link <https://bit.ly/2022runwithborel> or find the QR Code on the flyers that will be up soon. You can also ask Mr. Codianne or Ms. Brilhart for help signing up.





**Equity/Inclusion: Incoming 6th Grade Informational Meetings, Elective Course Descriptions & Club Review** Please pass the word around that we are having two Incoming Sixth Grade Informational Meetings. One will be in person and one will be online. See details below and also on our Incoming 6th Grade page on our website. Special thanks to **Dylan Berglind, Holden Ornelas, Aidan Kasten and Maddox Walti** for using their CCE Elective skills to make this awesome [promotional video](#). Thanks to **Mr. Drumm** for teaching us all how to do it!

Speaking of electives, it's never too early to start a conversation with your current 6th or 7th grade student about what they are interested in for next year. Here's our [course descriptions](#) of offerings. In the new year, we'll keep you posted when students learn more and fill out an Elective Ranking Google Form.

**Borel Drama Sponsors Needed!** – Jinx is a new musical written by alum Makena & Teagan Reynolds with JT Kaufman for Borel Middle School. The spell-binding story of young teens maneuvering their way through a mysterious jinx that flips the lives of a socially awkward teen and the high achieving popular kid --leaving them asking What Did I Do to deserve this? With your generosity, we will find out if they can defy the Rules of the Jinx - or if will They Never Change A Thing? Based on the size of our devoted audience, we will perform once again in the beautiful San Mateo Performing Arts Center. Please help us fund this historic production and achieve our ultimate goal – to foster an appreciate and love for the dramatic arts in all students and their families. [Click here to make a donation to our production.](#)

\*\*\*We are also looking to partner with local businesses to help [sponsor our production](#). If you are interested in sponsoring our show and advertising your business, please contact Alyssa Goldrath at [agoldrath@smfc.k12.ca.us](mailto:agoldrath@smfc.k12.ca.us). To learn more about our program or this show, visit <https://www.boreldrama.com/>. Mark your calendars now! We look forward to seeing you at the show March 3 – 5, 2023.

**Yearbook:** 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](http://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](http://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

12/01/22 - 01/31/23 \$45.00

02/01/23 - 04/30/23 \$50.00

With a Name stamp

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

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



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### **Borel Boosters Blitz**

This Tuesday was Giving Tuesday, a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people to make a difference in their communities. Many non-profit organizations, including your PTA, continue to ask their donors to give for the greater good. Please donate at [BorelBobcats.org/Boosters](http://BorelBobcats.org/Boosters) and join the PTA in "Building a Brighter Future" for all our Bobcats. Your donation helps fund critical programs that benefit the entire student body. If you can only give a little, please know it will still help a lot! If you have already given, please consider donating just a bit more! This year, your donation will help your student boost their Borel pride and competitive spirit through the Boosters Blitz contest. Please consider Corporate Matching as well before the year ends. Let's show our teachers and students that 100% of families support our Bobcats.

### **Scholastic Book Fair Success**



A big thank you to all our Borel families for making our Fall Fundraiser a success! We had more than 150 Thanks so much to all of you for helping support the book fair. We raised \$10,258.91 - 50% of which goes directly to our Library. Plus, with all the donated pennies rounded up to the nearest dollar (this was optional for every sale), we got an additional \$416.83 worth of books directly purchased from the Book Fair and put on our library shelves. With your support, we brought in a total of \$5,546.29 to help us stock up on the latest and greatest books for our students, school-wide! Also, a big Thank You to our Language Arts teachers for showing the Book Fair Preview Video to our students, promoting the Book Fair and especially for sharing the love and wonder of reading.

### **Wellness Corner**

In November's newsletter, Tiffany Wightman, Wellness Ambassador, writes about how adolescents are living life increasingly online. Screens form an increasing part of our teens' social lives and social connectedness is crucial to long term wellness. Screen time is both necessary and uncontrollable, so what can we do as parents to check in with our kids and understand how screens are affecting them? Read more of [this month's article](#) or visit the [Wellness Corner](#) for all her articles! Questions or Feedback? Please contact Tiffany Wightman at [wellness@borelbobcats.org](mailto:wellness@borelbobcats.org).

### **New Payment System for the PTA Website**

On November 1st, we enabled a new payment system on the PTA website to ease the donation/payment process. A PayPal account is no longer needed instead an inbuilt payment processor called Stripe is used. Available payment types are credit cards, debit cards, Apple Pay, Google Pay, and Electronic Checks (ACH). Any active subscription payments using PayPal will continue without any interruption. If you have any questions or issues, please contact [treasurer@borelbobcats.org](mailto:treasurer@borelbobcats.org).

### **Borel's Cultural Fair**

Borel's 32nd Cultural Fair will be held on March 22, 2023. We are still in need of Cultural Performers and Country Booth Sponsors (details are linked [here](#).) If you can help, email Claudia and Karina at [culturalfair@borelbobcats.org](mailto:culturalfair@borelbobcats.org) with your interests.

### **Borel's Online Auction**

Borel's Online Auction Team is looking for In-Kind Donations and Corporate Sponsorships for our 2nd Annual Online Auction. They are in need of Gift Certificates and Spirits donations in particular. Check out their [Auction Wishlist](#) for ideas! A few volunteers are still needed for their Auction Team for Operations, which is website work. Email the Auction team at [auction@borelbobcats.org](mailto:auction@borelbobcats.org).

### **Holiday Shopping**

Get a jump-start on your holiday shopping! Borel has partnered with Amazon, Farm Fresh To You, and Sports Basement where a percentage of the proceeds go back to our school. More details can be found on our [Vendor Fundraising page](#). Questions? Please email Dalia at [vendorfundraising@borelbobcats.org](mailto:vendorfundraising@borelbobcats.org).

### **Borel Bobcat Chat & In The Know**

Are you receiving the PTA newsletter "Borel Bobcat Chat" every Tuesday? If not, please reach out to [tech@borelbobcats.org](mailto:tech@borelbobcats.org). Visit the Borel PTA website at [BorelBobcats.org](http://BorelBobcats.org) to view updated information about events at Borel. Subscribe to the [Borel Calendar](#) so that you'll never miss an important School or PTA event. Use the [Borel directory](#) to find and connect with other families.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Aragon Winter Music Concert**

Come and enjoy some great music with Aragon High School's Choirs, Orchestra, and Bands at their Winter Concerts on Fridays - December 2nd, 9th, and 16th. Concerts are FREE and in the Aragon Theatre at 7pm. For more information, visit their website at [aragonmusic.com](http://aragonmusic.com).

### **Borel Neighborhood Association**

The Borel Neighborhood Association was founded earlier this year by a parent of a Borel 8th grader and is a community group that pays attention to issues important to our neighborhood. Situated east/west from El Camino Real to the Hillsborough line, and north/south from Hobart Avenue to Hwy 92, Borel Middle School is the center of our community and Aragon High School is adjacent to us. Our priority issues are slowing traffic in the neighborhood to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, reducing crime through coordinated neighborhood watch, organizing events to get to know your neighbors, and reducing litter on our streets and sidewalks. Other priority issues include community amenities, climate resilience, street lighting, and fundraising for the local schools. If you are interested in joining, email Pam Rittelmeyer at [pamrittel@gmail.com](mailto:pamrittel@gmail.com). Indicate in your email if you are interested in a Board position and/or if you have any special skills. Particularly, we are looking for Treasurer, Website Design, and Communications roles in addition to general members. Suggested dues will be \$25 per household per year and will be collected starting late 2022 or early 2023.

### **National League of Young Men**

Our Membership Drive is underway! The National League of Young Men, Inc (NLYM) is a non-profit organization for young men in grades 9-12. This structured program for mothers and their sons promotes the development of young men into community leaders through leadership involvement, philanthropy, cultural experiences, and protocol education.

The San Mateo-Foster City Chapter is open to Mothers and Young Men who live in San Mateo or Foster City and/or will be attending high school in San Mateo. Please go to [www.nationalleagueofyoungmen.org](http://www.nationalleagueofyoungmen.org) to learn more about our organization and fill out an interest form for the San Mateo-Foster City Chapter. We are currently accepting applications for current 8th grade young men who will be graduating high school in 2027. You can also reach out to [membership@nlymsmfc.org](mailto:membership@nlymsmfc.org) for more information about our Membership Drive and our upcoming Information Night. Our Membership Drive is from November 1, 2022 - January 15, 2023.

### **Boys Baseball**

There is an opportunity for 12 year old boys to tryout for a baseball team on the peninsula who are bringing a team to the Cooperstown Tournament in NY over the summer. This is where the little league World Series is held and a extremely exciting and rewarding experience for the boys!!! Below is the registration website address:

<https://www.leagueathletics.com/Registration/Restrictions.asp?RegID=323210&org=peninsularays.org>

**The Peninsula Girls Chorus presents: Carols & Candlelight 2022 all-choir holiday concert** Peninsula Girls Chorus returns to the beautiful Capuchino High School Theater for our 9th annual "Carols and Candlelight" concert, featuring all 6 of our choir levels lifting their voices in song. There will be holiday and non-holiday tunes alike, running the gamut from the littles singing "Think Snow" to our oldest girls performing the beautiful "Pater Noster" by Basque composer Xabier Sarasola. Other well-known tunes include: Patapan, Carol of the Bells, and Up on the Housetop, and so much more. You won't want to miss this annual tradition of holiday cheer!

**Concert Details****Date:** Saturday, December 10th, 2022**Time:** 3:00pm**Tickets**(\$20 for Students/Seniors, \$25 for General Admission & \$40 for Premium Seating): **click link****Location:** Capuchino High School Theater 1501 Magnolia Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066