

## Borel Bobcat Blast #14

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### **Bobcat Blast Newsletter #14**

**November 3, 2022**

**Attendance: 650-312-**

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**Principal Message: Fall Conferences, Book Fair & Campus Clean Up Day**

**Safety: Yondr Reminder, Flu & Covid Booster Reminder, Handbook Updated on Website**

**Student Achievement: New Library Newsletter & Book Fair!**

**Wellness: Rainy Day Lunch Procedures**

**Equity: Come & Share Your Questions & Ideas/ ELAC & DELAC meetings**

**Drama Needs Your Help to Help Others**

**Feliz Dia de los Muertos**

**Basketball Tryouts**

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### **Principal Message**

### **Borel Fall Conferences 2022**



**Tuesday-Thursday, November 15-17**

**Principal Message:** Our **Fall Conferences**, held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday November 15th-17th provide opportunities for parents and guardians, along with their child, to connect and partner with teachers to support academic achievement and social emotional growth. On October 31st, teachers started reaching out to students' families who need extra support via **schoolloop or Parent Square**. Please check to see if you received a message in those places and follow the instructions to sign up for a timeslot. On Monday, November 7th the link will be added to our Fall Conference webpage in case you did not get a message and want to connect. Please note our teachers will only be able to connect with 36 families each and conferences will be 8 minutes in length. For more information please check out our [Fall Conference webpage](#).

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Thursday, **November 10** is also a minimum day and students are dismissed at 12:39PM. We will be hosting a **campus clean up day** after school from 1-3. This is a great community service opportunity! Students should meet in the lunch court after school. There is no school on Friday, November 11th. We thank our veterans for their service to our country!



Please note that our library team is hosting the Scholastic Book Fair. Students will be able to shop during the ELA classes. Also, it will be opened during Parent Teacher Conferences. This is a great fundraiser and a great way to get students to read!!! Students will each have an independent reading book and be reading at least 20 minutes 5 days a week.

## **Important Upcoming Dates**

**Week of 11.7** Basketball tryouts after school

**11.10** Special Minimum Day

**Dismissal at 12:39pm**

**11.11** Veteran's Day--No school

**11.14-11.18** Borel Book Fair in Library

**11.15 to 11.17** Parent-Teacher Conferences

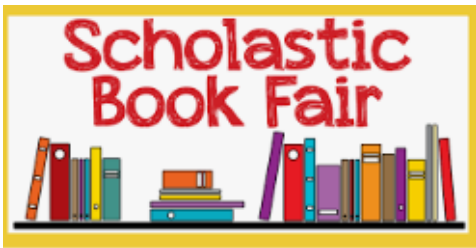
**Special Minimum Days--Dismissal at 12:39pm**

**11.18** Monday Schedule for all Students

**Students dismissed at 3:03pm**

**11.21 to 11.25** Thanksgiving Break--No school

**11.28** Return to school



## SCHOOL NEWS

### School News:

**Safety:** SMFCSD Middle Schools are Cell Phone Free this year so students can focus on learning and positive relationships without the distraction of their cell phones. We have found that Cell phone use on campus has resulted in significant distraction to the academic environment and Online bullying takes place at an accelerated rate due to student cell phone use on campus.



Students are expected to have their Yondr every day even if they don't have a phone on campus. The **Yondr** must be shown at the gates prior to entering campus. All phones must be turned off and inside the Yondr pouch during the school day. More information about Yondr can be found [here](#).

**Covid & Flu Booster Reminder:** We're getting into cold season. Please consider getting your child their flu shot & covid booster. If they aren't feeling well, please keep them home and let us know.

**Our Borel Student and Parent Handbook** is updated and is located on our website. Take time to review our policies to support a positive and safe community.

**Student Achievement: New Library Newsletter & Book Fair!!** Click [here](#) to read about the next book club selection, book fair, Meet the Reader, and book recommendations for Native American Heritage Month.

**Wellness** Rainy Day Lunch Procedures: We want our students to stay safe and dry when it rains. We welcome the rain in California. Please review this Rainy Day plan with them.

6th grade students eat in the Barneson Gym. After they eat, students can stay in the gym or go to the library or chill zone with a pass.

All 7th and 8th grade students eat at the tables in the Barneson gym or under the covered hallway near rooms 25-35. 7th and 8th graders can eat together.

Students must throw away their trash after they eat their lunch. After students are finished eating, they can go to the library with a pass, the Chill Zone with a pass or the New Gym with a pass. Ms. Notte or Ms. Brilhart distributes passes.

Students are expected to be responsible, respectful and safe. Students must walk to locations as it can be slippery. Students must stay stationary while eating. When students select a location to go to after eating, they must stay there for the entire time of the lunch.

**Equity/Inclusion** Come & Share your Questions & Ideas/ELAC & DELAC meetings. Drama needs your help to help others

Come this coming Tuesday at 8:30AM after drop off for our **English Learner Advisory Committee meeting**. [Here is a link to our agenda](#). We look forward to seeing you!



**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.





**Feliz Dia de Los Muertos:** Traditionally celebrated on November 1st and 2nd, though other days, such as October 31 or November 6, may be included depending on the locality. It is widely observed in Mexico, where it largely developed, and is also observed in other places, especially by people of Mexican heritage, and now widely celebrated throughout Latin America. Some students at Borel helped to make an altar in the library and also in Room 11 to learn more about this important celebration in Mexican culture.

### **Basketball Tryouts**

Attention all 7th and 8th grade students who are interested in trying out for basketball;

The tryout dates are as follows;

Monday Nov. 7th-7th grade boys 3:15-5:00pm, 8th grade boys 5:15-7:00pm

Tuesday Nov. 8th-7th grade girls 3:15-5:00pm, 8th grade girls 5:15-7:00pm

Wednesday Nov. 9th-7th grade boys 3:15-5:00pm, 8th grade boys 5:15-7:00pm

Thursday Nov. 10th-7th grade girls 1:00-2:45pm, 8th grade girls 3:00-4:45pm

It is mandatory to register on Sports Net prior to tryouts. Go to the Borel Website AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PAGE which can be found here: <https://borel.smfcsd.net/for-students/afterschool-sports>, and click on "Click here to register" If you have already registered for a fall sport, you do not have to register again. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Codianne. Good luck!

**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

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

## **Upcoming Borel Book Fair FAQs for families**

## **BOOK FAIR HOURS**

## **PTA NEWS**

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held the week of November 14th and needs parent volunteers to help make it a successful event. Our volunteers will cashier and help students find their next favorite book! This is such a fun way to get involved and volunteer your time. Sign up [here](#).

### **Sports Basement Discount Week**

Are you a Sports Basement frequent shopper and Basementeer? Save the date for Borel Families Discount Week, November 12-20, for additional savings (some exclusions apply.) Sports Basement has partnered with Borel Middle School to give 10% of profits back. This is an easy way to support your school and get discounts! View [here](#) for details on how to sign up as a Basementeer. If you are already a Basementeer, email [friends@sportsbasement.com](mailto:friends@sportsbasement.com) to get Borel designated as your beneficiary. Use the Sports Basement [Flyer](#) in store or online during our discount week. Questions? Please email Dalia at [fundraisingevents@borelbobcats.org](mailto:fundraisingevents@borelbobcats.org).

### **Borel Boosters Blitz**

Help Your Grade Win Today! Which Grade Will Win? Between now and December 15, Borel is holding a competition to see which grade can get the highest participation percentage of Borel Boosters. Any donation amount is welcome and greatly appreciated. The winning grade gets a custom designed T-shirt! Current Borel Booster's participation percentages: 6th Grade - 17.4%, 7th Grade - 14.4%, 8th Grade 9.8%. Check out the Borel Boosters handout from your student for more information. Borel PTA's Fundraising Goal of \$282K is only possible with your participation and contribution. Please donate at [BorelBobcats.org/Boosters](https://BorelBobcats.org/Boosters) or complete the donation form ([English](#), [Spanish](#)) that was brought home by your student and return it to the office. We appreciate the generosity of the Borel Community who have donated to our Borel Boosters Fall Drive. Questions? Email Sophia Tseng at [boosters@borelbobcats.org](mailto:boosters@borelbobcats.org).

### **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**

Get excited for Borel's 32nd Cultural Fair on March 22, 2023. If you and your family are interested in sponsoring or helping a Country Booth, details are linked [here](#). If you have additional questions, send an email to Claudia and Karina at [culturalfair@borelbobcats.org](mailto:culturalfair@borelbobcats.org). If your interest is helping behind the scenes, please come to the Cultural Fair Volunteer Virtual Kick-Off Meeting on November 8th at 7:30-8:30pm. Email Jen at [community@borelbobcats.org](mailto:community@borelbobcats.org) for the meeting invite.

### **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).

### **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](https://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

## **National Charity League**

National Charity League's, Crystal Springs Chapter, membership drive is now open. National Charity League is a group of mothers and daughters who come together in a commitment to community service, leadership development, and cultural experiences. The Crystal Springs chapter is comprised of families from Burlingame, Foster City, Hillsborough, Millbrae, and San Mateo. The membership drive kicked off on October 1 and will continue through the end of November. If you have a daughter who is currently in the 6th grade, and is interested in volunteering in the community please review their [membership information](#). They are holding a prospective member meeting Tuesday, November 14th. Reach out to [membershipcrystalsprings@nclonline.org](mailto:membershipcrystalsprings@nclonline.org) for information.

## **Borel Neighborhood Association**

Announcing the new **Borel Neighborhood Association!** Founded one month ago by a parent of a Borel 8th grader, the Borel Neighborhood Association 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.