



IMPORTANT DATES:

- Apr 12 - Founder's Day Nomination Forms Due
- Apr 13 - SMFCSD Math Pathways Presentation
- Apr 14 - After School Sports Applications Due (Noon)
- Apr 15 - SMFCSD Math Pathways Presentation
- Apr 19 - New School Schedule/Hybrid Hubs Starts
- Apr 22 - SMFCSD School Board Meeting

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If you would like to recognize a person who has made significant contributions to the Bowditch community, please consider nominating them for a Founder's Day Award (details below). See below for the announcements for the week.

Have a great week!
The Bowditch PTSA

SMFCSD NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH PATHWAYS: Please join us for a Virtual Community Engagement. Please [see this flyer](#) for more information.

Tuesday April 13 from 6:30pm-8:00pm (Presentation in English with Spanish Translation)

Zoom: <https://smfcsd-net.zoom.us/j/88947250747>

Zoom by Phone: Dial 1-669-900-9128 Meeting ID 889 4725 0747

Thursday April 15 from 6:30pm-8:00pm (Presentation in Spanish with English Translation)

Google Meet joining info: <https://meet.google.com/nrw-gfxo-cig>

Or dial: 1-307-314-2238 Meeting PIN: 407 584 298#

SMFCSD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: Thursday, April 22, 2021, 6:30 pm.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BOWDITCH...

BOWDITCH FOUNDER'S DAY - NOMINATIONS DUE TODAY!:

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. Complete a [nomination form](#) by **April 12!** Founder's Day Awards Ceremony will be on May 18th at 2:30pm.

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT: In an effort to keep students engaged, Bowditch will be offering opportunities for students to participate in sports/activities after school as health/safety and tier guidelines allow. In order to be considered, students must have this form filled out with the athletic waiver by **Wednesday, April 14th at 12:00pm (Noon)**. *If the waiver is not submitted with the form, the submission cannot be considered.*

[Bowditch Enrichment Hub Registration](#)

[Mandatory Participation Waiver](#)

Bowditch will offer the following sports/activities this spring:

Sport/Activity	Start Date	End Date	Tentative Day(s) of Week*	Time*	Teacher/Instructor
Volleyball Skills - Coed	4/19	6/11	M/T	1:15 - 2:15	Mooney
Basketball Skills - Girls	4/19	6/11	T/Th/F (TBD)	1:15 - 2:15	Grogan/Launer
Basketball Skills- Boys	4/19	6/11	Th/F (TBD)	1:15 - 2:15	DeLeon/Jorgensen/Launer
Running Club	4/19	6/11	M/T	1:15 - 2:15	Bryan
Tennis Skills	4/19	6/11	M/T	1:15 - 2:15	Aldapa
Hula Hooping Design & Skills	4/27	6/11	T	1:15 - 2:15	Freesmeier

*Note - scheduling will depend on the interest for specific activities and final bell schedule. Once we have received the interest, we will determine the number of groups. We're hoping to schedule as many as possible at this time. Additional hubs will be added in the future, scheduling permitting.

You will be notified via email whether there is space for your student to participate in the activity or if he/she has been placed on a waitlist. Although the intent is to provide options for all students, there might be a waitlist based on interest. *Any student who does not attend three or more sessions will be dropped from the activity and a student on the waitlist will be offered the space. Students must contact their specific instructor by mid-morning that Wednesday if they will be absent.*

Please contact Ellie Launer at hlauner@smfc.k12.ca.us if you have any questions. We look forward to your student's participation.

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!

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.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

New Schedule/Hybrid Reminder: This is just a reminder that ALL STUDENTS (both FTDL and Hybrid) will have a new schedule as of **Monday April 19**.

[Spring Hybrid Block Schedule 2021 - NEW Spring Homeroom Hub Schedule \(1\).pdf](#)

Hybrid students will return on Monday April 19 and be in class Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Your student will be Hybrid or FTDL depending on how you completed the survey. If you did not complete the survey, your child is designated for FTDL. Families who indicate they'd like a change will be placed on a wait-list and we will notify them if seats become available. If you are unsure about what you chose, or have questions about your placement, please contact Natalie Forsman, nforsman@smfcsd.net. Students who attend the Wednesday afternoon hubs will continue to do so for the remainder of the year.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

San Mateo Youth Activities Council's STEM Challenge: The SM Youth Activities Committee is planning a virtual challenge event to encourage middle schoolers to learn more about STEM. To participate in the challenge, all they have to do is submit a diagram, short paragraph, or video to us describing a problem and how they would solve it by **Tuesday, April 20th by 11:59 pm PST**. There are some awesome prizes like a graphing calculator, science kits, and more! Please [see this flyer](#) for more details. An information doc can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2021stemchallengeinfo>.

Submission form: bit.ly/yacstem21.

REMINDERS

BOWDITCH CLUBS: Club information can be found at <https://www.bowditchptsa.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!