



### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Jan 8-9** - BOTS! Musical

**Jan 18** - MLK Jr. Day (No School)

**Jan 21** - SMFCSD School Board Meeting

**Jan 22** - 2nd Quarter Ends

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BOWDITCH...**

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**REMINDERS**

Welcome Back! We hope that you were able to have a relaxing break and are recharged and ready to go! Looking for something to do this weekend? Then be sure to get tickets to 'virtually' attend the Bowditch production of BOTS! The Musical. See below for details.

Have a great week!  
**The Bowditch PTSA**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BOWDITCH...

**BOTS!** - Bowditch Performing Arts is trying a whole new venue for our musical this year- online! It's been lots of fun and lots of trial and error, and we're so proud of all the hard work the 70+ students have put into designing, creating, recording, and editing this show. Please see our [teaser video and link to buy tickets here](#). Tickets are \$10 for individuals, \$15 for pairs, and \$25 for families. Viewing will be available from **Friday January 8 at 7:00pm through Saturday January 9 at 9:00pm**. Thanks for your support!

### **NEW BOWDITCH CLUBS:**

**6th Grade Virtual Hangout Club:** Is your student a 6th Grader at Bowditch? Have them check out the 6th Grade Virtual Hangout Club hosted by Mr. Umberger. They usually meet weekly on Fridays after school, and play fun games like Kahoot as they socialize and connect. Students may join the club using Google Classroom code: **myo5s17** and their weekly Google Meets may be joined using this Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/lookup/brdzrca6d2>. Students are also encouraged to post in the Stream and ask questions/make suggestions often.

**Interact Club:** Interact Club is Back! Please join the Interact Google Classroom (74sdkh4) email Ms. Launer via SchoolLoop if you'd like to participate!

**Pride Club:** Ms. Finninger is starting this year's Pride Club at Bowditch. If you are interested in joining, please contact Ms. Finninger at [CFinninger@smfcsd.net](mailto:CFinninger@smfcsd.net) or on SchoolLoop. Further details on the club coming soon.

**YEARBOOK:** Yearbook information for this school year will be sent out shortly, along with 8th grade advertisement sales via SchoolLoop and email. Thanks for your support! (Ms. Launer)

## 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

**WASHINGTON DC TRIP:** I wanted to give an update regarding the DC trip. I've been in frequent communication with the tour company and have been exploring various options; however, with the surge we are in right now and the uncertainty of both the status of the world as well as what will be available to us in DC, I have made the difficult decision to cancel the trip for this year. Although disappointing, please know that I'm in conversation with the tour company about possibilities in the future for graduated Bowditch students. - Ms. Launer

**ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:** The online enrollment link for the 2021-22 school year went live on **November 9, 2020**. Priority enrollment is open from **December 1, 2020 - February 12, 2021**. During priority enrollment, intra-district & sibling transfer requests can be submitted. Enrollment can be completed by using this link: <https://smuhdsd.schoolmint.net/signup>. Refer to the [SMUHSD website](#) for further details.

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

**HOMEWORK CENTER:** Homework center will resume on Thursday, January 7. There will be no homework center today (Tuesday January 5).

## REMINDERS

**HEADSPACE: Be Kind to Your Mind** - This year has affected all of us in different ways. But there's one thing that keeps San Mateo County strong: a sense of community. That's why Headspace and San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services are working together to provide free resources that can help residents weather this storm.

Sign up to access [Headspace](#) meditations, sleep sounds, and movement exercises designed to help you care for your mind — all **free through August 2021** if you *live, work or go to school in San Mateo County*. Because in times like these, a little support goes a long way. You enroll using this link to access this free resource: <https://www.headspace.com/san-mateo-county>. See [this flyer in English](#) or [this flyer in Spanish](#).

**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.

**JOIN the BOWDITCH PTSA BOARD in 2021-2022:** The Bowditch PTSA is seeking interested parents to serve as members on the PTSA Executive Board for the 2021-2022 school year. A description of each board position from the California PTSA website can be found here. <http://toolkit.capta.org/job-descriptions/> We hope you join us! Please contact Cat Bernard at [Parliamentarian@bowditchptsa.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@bowditchptsa.org) with any questions.

**BOWDITCH CLUBS:** Club information can be found at <https://www.bowditchptsa.org/studentclubs>

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**CALENDARS:**

- ★ Add the Bowditch PTSA Calendar to your Google Calendar by selecting Google's 'Add a friends calendar' and use [bowditch.pta@gmail.com](mailto:bowditch.pta@gmail.com).
  - ★ Download a copy of the [updated District Calendar here](#).
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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!