



IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb 16 - SEDAC Meeting

Feb 18 - SMFCSD School Board Meeting

Feb 19 - Follow Wednesday Schedule

Feb 23 - Community Meeting

Mar 1 - Last Day to Order Yearbook

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Mar 3 - Bowditch Picture Day/Mask Distribution

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Happy Presidents' Day! Please see below for the news for this week. Please remember that this **Friday (Feb 19) will follow the Wednesday schedule.**

Have a great week!
The Bowditch PTSA

SMFCSD NEWS

SMFCSD SEDAC Meeting: The Special Education District Advisory Committee (SEDAC) meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 16, 2021 from 7:00-8:30pm**. All are welcome to attend. Ramaah Sadasivam from Disability Rights California (DRC) listened to family experiences with services during distance learning at the January 26 SEDAC meeting and returns for our February 16th meeting. She will provide information regarding state guidance for Special Education services and IEP services during COVID-19, and will provide resources and information tailored to our families.

Please click this link to join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/98523985497>

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Webinar ID: 985 2398 5497

SMFCSD School Board Meeting: The next scheduled board meeting is on **Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6:30pm**. All are welcome to attend. Zoom details to follow. Watch videos of past school board meetings on the [SMFCSD YouTube Channel](#)

SAVE THE DATE: Community Meeting With Assist. Superintendent David Chambliss Please save the date of **Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 5:00pm** for a Community Meeting with Assistant Superintendent David Chambliss. A flyer with more details will be sent out next week.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BOWDITCH...

VOLUNTEER NEEDED for FOUNDERS' DAY CHAIR: Dear Bowditch Parents, **we are in desperate need of a Founders' Day Chair.** This event will occur in May and is a great way of recognizing both our teacher and volunteers. This position requires about 15-20 hours of work, it will be a virtual event and you will be working with Mr. Ekel. It is a great way to get to know some of the teachers at Bowditch. If you are interested or would like more information, please email *Harpreet McDermott* at president@bowditchpts.org.

YEARBOOKS: We still need your pictures! Although we've been collecting screenshots from classes, we are still in desperate need of submitted photos. The yearbook staff has been working on interview surveys, and in order to be successful, we need as many students and families as possible to send in pictures. We are looking for individual pictures, participation in activities, home set up, family time, etc. The more pictures that are submitted, the more successful our yearbook will be this year. The due date for these photos will be February 17th, but please try to submit them as early as possible. This date is set so we can reach out to specific people for pictures, as needed. **Please submit [using this link](#).**

To guarantee your child a yearbook this year, you must have your book ordered by **March 1st**. After this date, we can't guarantee that we will have enough extra books at the end of the year. Purchase your yearbooks [via the Jostens website](#).

~Thanks, Ms. Launer

GROWING UP ASIAN IN AMERICA (GUAA) CONTEST sponsored by AACI: AACI is hosting our annual art, essay and video contest, Growing Up Asian in America (GUAA), for K-12 Bay Area students. This year's theme is "This is My Time: Exploring the challenges and dreams of a post-pandemic world." The prize offerings are One (1) \$1,000 Grand Prize winner, Nine (9) \$500 Best in Class winners. Entries are due on Friday, April 2, 2021 by 5pm. and rules and submission instructions are included in the guidelines. Please [see this flyer for details and guidelines](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at guaa@aac.org. Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI) is a Bay Area non-profit. Please see our website: www.aaci.org/guua for more information. *Please note that this is NOT a SMFCSD event.*

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

HIGH SCHOOL PANEL EVENT hosted by Superposition San Mateo: This event is open for current 8th graders and speakers will consist of high school students from the SMUHSD. By attending this event, students will be able to learn more about what being a high school student in SMUHSD will look like, particularly during a pandemic, and be better prepared and knowledgeable when they attend high school themselves. The event will consist of a presentation where heavily involved SMUHSD high school students discuss important aspects of high school and their experiences, followed by a Q&A session where participants may ask any questions and have them answered by a current high school student. There will be 4+ high schoolers from different grades and high schools from SMUHSD, so participants will be able to hear different experiences and be able to have questions about different high schools answered. If you have any questions, please contact Lead Director, Amanda, at ch.sanmateo@superposition.tech!

* Please sign-up here: <https://forms.gle/B7fwEo4GFhFMTKm69>. For more information, please [see this flyer](#). Superposition is an international organization that supports youth through various opportunities and events. If you would like to find out more about Superposition and the San Mateo chapter: Instagram: [@superpositionsanmateo](https://www.instagram.com/superpositionsanmateo) or Website: superposition.tech. *Please note that this is NOT an SMUHSD event.*

REMINDERS

NEWS from the SANCTUARY TASK FORCE: Please [see this Housing flyer](#) about the housing situation. It includes information about the eviction moratorium and various monetary and legal resources for families in need.

PICTURE DAY: Picture Day is currently scheduled for **Wednesday March 3**. More information about how picture day will work this year will be sent out closer to that date. This year, pictures can only be purchased online at mylifetouch.com using Picture Day ID **EVTDMT6NK**.

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](#).
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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!