

Welcome to Bowditch!

2020-2021

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Q&A with Principal Heather Morgan

Administration

Heather Morgan - Principal

Caleb Bowers - Assistant Principal

Charles Perryman - 6th Grade Counselor

Jon Ramirez - 7th Grade counselor

Charles Neal - 8th Grade counselor

Distance Learning

The School Board for SMFCSD follows the direction of the County Health Officer, Dr. Scott Morrow.

We have been directed to begin school in a Distance Learning (DL) model.

At this time, the District is focused on providing a robust DL program for all students.

When available, Information on moving from DL to the Hybrid Models will be shared across our District in order to implement these programmatic changes in an integrated manner. When it is safe to do so, we will share plans to bring students and staff back to campus.

Campus is closed to students and visitors. Teachers may be teaching from their classrooms, or their homes.

Distance Learning Schedule

| Monday/Thursday | | Minutes |
|-----------------|-------------|---------|
| 1 | 8:20 - 9:35 | 75 |
| Break | 9:35 - 9:40 | 5 |
| | 9:40 - | |
| 3 | 10:50 | 70 |
| | 10:50 - | |
| <i>Brunch</i> | 11:05 | 15 |
| | 11:05 - | |
| 5 | 12:15 | 70 |
| | 12:15 - | |
| Lunch | 1:05 | 50 |
| 7 | 1:05 - 2:15 | 70 |
| | | 285 |

| Tuesday/Friday | | Minutes |
|----------------|---------------|---------|
| Homeroom (1st) | 8:20 - 9:05 | 45 |
| Break | 9:05 - 9:10 | 5 |
| | | |
| 2 | 9:10 - 10:20 | 70 |
| | | |
| <i>Brunch</i> | 10:20 - 10:35 | 15 |
| | | |
| 4 | 10:35 - 11:45 | 70 |
| | | |
| Lunch | 11:45 - 12:35 | 50 |
| | | |
| 6 | 12:35 - 1:45 | 70 |
| | | 255 |

| Wednesday | | Minutes |
|------------------|---------------|---------|
| 1 | 8:20 - 8:55 | 35 |
| Break | 8:55 - 9:00 | 5 |
| 2 | 9:00 - 9:30 | 30 |
| Break | 9:30 - 9:35 | 5 |
| 3 | 9:35 - 10:05 | 30 |
| Break | 10:05 - 10:10 | 5 |
| 4 | 10:10 - 10:40 | 30 |
| <i>Brunch</i> | 10:40 - 10:55 | 15 |
| 5 | 10:55 - 11:25 | 30 |
| Break | 11:25 - 11:30 | 5 |
| 6 | 11:30 - 12:00 | 30 |
| Break | 12:00 - 12:05 | 5 |
| 7 | 12:05 - 12:35 | 30 |
| Lunch | 12:35 - 1:25 | 50 |
| Collab/Plan | 1:25 - 3:15 | 110 |

What happens during a block?

70 minute blocks - Teachers and students will be logged on the whole time

Similar to in-person instruction: Teacher takes attendance, welcomes students. Introduces the lesson for the day, and any new information. Students have time to practice, ask questions, work in groups/pairs/1:1. Finish the period with a teacher check in and review, make sure everyone knows what to do before the class meets again.

What is “live instruction?”

Teachers will be logged in for the duration of the block period. They will be interacting with students “live” as if in a real classroom. Activities will vary, as they would in a regular class.

Possible use of instructional minutes:

Lecture, exploration, small group work, pair work, time for practice, 1:1 questions, review, “exit tickets” or checking for understanding.

Chromebooks

If you indicated that you need additional technology, the district tech team will be reaching out to you with your designated time to pick up a chromebook/hot spot.

A second round of surveys will go out soon, if you need to update your need, the survey is the place to do it.

Chromebooks are in very high demand nationally- we are prioritizing devices for homes of lower socio-economic status families. We are attempting to obtain enough chromebooks for ALL students, but at this time do not have enough devices district-wide to fill this need.

Homework?

Work in this model is designed to be done during the block. Some students may work slower and need to finish up after school, and some classes may require some pre-reading or finish up, but not additional work.

Considerations:

Student fatigue/screen time

Rigorous instruction, access to challenging content

Math

Most students are placed in Math 6, 7, or 8, respectively.

We will continue to offer compacted math pathways. The SMFCSD has notified incoming 6th grade families if their student is appropriately placed in the compacted class. You do not need to do anything, we have already placed qualifying students in the compacted 6th grade class.

Kids already in compacted math will continue in the next grade level.

Math Nation and Algebra Nation are online math programs that will be used in conjunction with CPM (current adoption)

More Math...

Geometry will not be offered in the SMFCSD this year. More information for 8th grade families will be shared by our Education Services Department.

Algebra will continue to be offered as part of the compacted math pathway for 8th grade students.

How do electives work?

Most 6th graders are placed into the elective wheel: Art, Drama, Chorus, Computer Science.

6th graders who indicated they would take music in lieu of the wheel, are placed in music for the year.

7th and 8th graders are assigned electives per their top 6 choices from the previous Spring. We attempt to give each student a class in their top 3 at least once during the year.

Changes to elective selections are not possible, and we do not make changes based on request or teacher preference.

Music

Music classes will be virtual, like all classes. If you indicated that your 6th grader would like music in lieu of the elective wheel, your child will be scheduled into a 6th grade music class.

Online tools and programs will be utilized to help students play and access music. Information about rentals/purchasing instruments will be shared by the teachers.

Mr. McElroy teaches Band, Advanced Band, Jazz Band and Symphonic Band.

Mr. Song teaches Orchestra, Advanced Orchestra, and Choir.

Special Education

Janet Hampton - Resource Specialist

Beth Leinwand - Resource Specialist (New to Bowditch! Welcome!)

Derrick Bridger - Special Day Class Teacher

Irene Kan - Special Day Class Teacher

Cece Hollis - School Psychologist

Justin Cordon - Youth Service Bureau

Sarah Yam - Speech and Language Pathologist (New to Bowditch! Welcome!)

Physical Education

Physical Education is required for all students. Classes will be virtual, as all classes will be. Teachers will be teaching live, and will have some suggestions for making physical movement lessons possible given the different logistics for each student's home.

Please encourage your students to participate fully.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

New counselor (3 at Bowditch this year!)

Continued commitment of the Restorative Practices Program - 2 trained teachers on site

Youth Service Bureau 3x's week

Morning advisory dedicated to SEL (lessons prepared by our counselors, all delivered during designated homeroom time - separate from 1*)

Intentional focus on building relationships and social connections.

How do we pick up materials?

Tomorrow, Friday 8/14, Launch Day

Divided by grade and alpha. Check your assigned time.

Materials distributed:

6th grade: Agenda, Math/Science notebooks, Language Arts book, Soc. Stud Book

7th/8th grade: Math/Science notebooks, Language Arts book, Soc. Stud Book

All students will get a hard copy of their schedule, 7th/8th can buy agendas at a later date.

Follow up Launch Day

We will have follow up Launch Day(s) for more class specific items. Information will be sent to kids who need items unique to classes they are taking.

Example: Art, AVID, Foreign Language, Novels...

Will there be clubs?

Yes, the PTSA will continue to support clubs, as long as they can be conducted virtually.

Requirements:

Student interest, staff sponsor(supervisor), ability to meet/participate virtually.

Back To School Night

Back to School Night will be virtual this year.

When: Wednesday, August 19, 2020

How: Parents will receive a link to a google classroom with all of the teachers' videos; Parents can select to view their student's teachers' videos at their own pace.

Purpose: To introduce the teacher and the class for the year, explain expectations and syllabus, address FAQs and materials.

What about attendance?

NEW: We will be taking attendance, every day, and every period! Students will be marked as present, and also for participation (the state is collecting this data).

Students can demonstrate participation by **ONE** of the options below:

- Raise their hand during class to ask a question about what they are learning or make a statement about what they are learning
- Include a question/statement in a “chat”
- Turn in an assignment by 3:00pm on the day that it was assigned
- Join a small group discussion
- Talk to the teacher before, during or after class
- Answer a question posed by the teacher or another student
- Share a drawing, picture/image or creative response with the teacher.

How do we report an absence?

Please call the office, just as you would normally, if your student is sick or will be absent from their classes.

Attendance: 650-312-7687

What if we have technical difficulties?

If you have technical difficulties at home, try to let your teacher know (if you can) or call the office: 650-312-7680

Parents can't "excuse" kids from work, but if you let us know that your tech isn't working, we can get the tech department to come assist.

How do I read my schedule?

Period Y=Year, F=Fall, S= Spring, 1,2,3,4= quarter for elective wheel

| School | | | | | | | | Enter Date |
|------------------------|----|-------|------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------|
| Bowditch Middle School | | | | | | | | 08/12/2020 |
| Class Schedule | | | | | | Counselor: Unassigned | | |
| Per | SM | Days | Sec# | Course ID | Course Title | Tch# | Teacher Name | Room |
| 1 | Y | MTWTF | 190 | 2106 | LangArts-6 | 409 | McCormick | 26 |
| 2 | Y | -TW-F | 1205 | 2116 | Reading-6 | 409 | McCormick | 26 |
| 3 | Y | M-WT- | 1216 | 2543 | P.E.6-Daily | 353 | Hudson | Gym |
| 4 | Y | -TW-F | 370 | 2410 | Math 6-7a | 6 | Dulur | 21 |
| 5 | Y | M-WT- | 405 | 2606 | Science-6 | 6 | Dulur | 21 |
| 6 | 1 | -TW-F | 1224 | 2806 | Art-6 | 14 | Ayala | 31 |
| 6 | 2 | -TW-F | 294 | 2369 | Intro to Chorus | 405 | Song | 41 |
| 6 | 3 | -TW-F | 116 | 2906 | Drama-6 | 413 | Burndon | 49 |
| 6 | 4 | -TW-F | 212 | 4017 | Technology-6 | 18 | Buskirk | MC |
| 7 | Y | M-WT- | 409 | 2706 | SocialStudies-6 | 100 | Hollingsworth | 29 |

6th grade

Art 1st quarter

Schedule mistakes?

We do not make changes based on requests or preferences, however, occasionally there are scheduling mistakes that need correction.

Please contact your grade level counselor if you have an error.

Examples: 2 PE classes, No math class.

How will students be graded?

Students will have letter grades this year, as usual. Teachers will explain specifics about class requirements to students during the first week of school, and to parents at BTSN.

Are Sports still happening?

No - until further notice, we will not have after school sports. We will be following the guidance of the County Health Officer and the School Board, accordingly.

Email our Athletic Director, Ellie Launer hlauner@smfcsd.net with any questions.

Yearbooks?

Yes, we do have the yearbooks, and we will be distributing them at a follow up Launch Day, but not tomorrow...

Stay tuned!

Reminders for Launch Day tomorrow

Come at your assigned time. 6th grade to the parking lot, 7th/8th grade to the blacktop. (Avoid left turns on Beach Park to and from school)

Students ride in passenger side

Bring a pen

Have donation forms filled out ahead of time (if you're donating)

Optional photo op for students (for fun, not the official school photo)

Wear a mask

We will be processing 1,000 students, *please save specific questions for later.*