



San Mateo-Foster City School District
Bayside Academy
John Cosmos, Principal
Maria Valencia, K-5 STEAM Assistant Principal
Megan Gurka, 6-8 STEM Assistant Principal

July 25, 2017

Dear Bayside Academy Families,

On behalf of our Bayside Academy administrative team, let me be the first to welcome you back to the 2017-18 school year. We are very excited to welcome all new students, staff, and families to our school community as we open our doors this year for the first time as a Kindergarten-8th grade school. Our goal for both the K-5th grade STEAM and 6th-8th grade STEM programs is to make learning meaningful for our students and to develop a sense of community and belonging across the campus. With your support and positive energy, I am confident our students, whether they are on the K-5th STEAM side of the school or the 6th-8th STEM side, will thrive here at Bayside Academy.

In preparation for the upcoming school year, we were busy this summer hiring teachers to complete our staffing needs. Please welcome the following new teachers to Bayside Academy:

Crystal Dahl – 1st grade
Cadence Laird – 2nd grade
Darick De Leon – K-5th PE
Michael Castro – 6th-8th grade Music
Julie Gesin – 6th-8th grade Newcomer
William Katen – 8th grade PE
Lee Sisson – 6th grade Math/Science/ELA

I am also very pleased to welcome Ms. Christine Calverley as our new 6th-8th grade Academic Dean and Community Outreach Coordinator. Ms. Calverley takes the place of Ms. Maria Valencia who will now serve as the K-5th grade Assistant Principal. Ms. Megan Gurka will continue to serve as the 6th-8th grade Assistant Principal.

In the area of curriculum and instruction, our school district has adopted new programs for English Language Arts and English Language Development. Our elementary students and teachers will be using *Benchmark* while our middle schools have adopted *Springboard*. Materials have been arriving to our site and training for teachers and administrators for both programs begins this week and will continue into the fall and throughout the school year.

As returning families know, there were many facility projects on our campus the past year. Projects continue this summer as final touches are put on the elementary side while the front office is being completely remodeled. The plan is to have the office completed before students arrive back from summer break.

Please see the back of this letter for important dates regarding the start of school. Thank you, parents, for your support of our students and staff. Your commitment to your child's education makes all the difference. Together, we can make the 2017-18 school year a great one!

Sincerely,

John Cosmos
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Bayside Academy - Important Dates

K- 5th STEAM

Sunday, August 13th 11:30 am	Kinder Play Date & Potluck
Monday, August 14th 3:00-5:00 pm	Ice Cream Social & Class List Display
Tuesday, August 15th	First Day of School, Regular Schedule
Wednesday, August 16th	Minimum Day Schedule - Kinder 8:10am - 12:00pm 1 st - 3 rd 8:20am - 12:10pm 4 th - 5 th 8:10am - 12:10pm *Information Packets sent home with students
Thursday, August 17th	Regular Schedule – Kinder 8:10am - 12:00pm 1 st - 3 rd 8:20am - 3:00pm 4 th - 5 th 8:10am - 3:00pm
Friday, August 18th	Regular Schedule – Kinder 8:10am - 12:00pm 1 st - 3 rd 8:20am - 3:00pm 4 th – 5 th 8:10am - 3:00pm
Tuesday, August 22nd 6:00-7:30 pm	K-5th Back to School Night

6th -8th STEM

August 1st – August 14th 7:30am-3:30pm	Information Packet Pick Up in Office
Monday, August 14th 2:00-5:00pm	Arena Day - Return completed packets, pick up schedule
Tuesday, August 15th	First Day of School, Regular Schedule
Wednesday, August 16th	Super Minimum Day, 12:35pm dismissal
Thursday, August 17th 6:00-7:30 pm	6th -8th Back to School Night
Friday, August 18th	Super Minimum Day, 12:35pm dismissal