



SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL
BOWDITCH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Greetings Students and Families,

Welcome to all incoming and returning Bowditch Middle School families! Although brief, I hope you had a restful Summer, and are ready to return for the 2018-19 school year! I am looking forward to seeing you all, and I will introduce you to some new Bowditch teachers and staff members at our Back to School Night, which will be on Wednesday, August 29, at 5:30 pm in the gym.

MAZE DAY Information

Our annual MAZE DAY, a time for families to turn in completed forms and for students to get prepared for the school year, will take place **Thursday, August 9, 2018**. 6th grade will be from 9:00 -11:00 am, and 7th/8th grade from 11:30 am-1:00 pm. For additional forms to assist in MAZE day, visit the Bowditch PTSA website at <https://www.bowditchptsa.org/>. Students will have their school photo/ID taken and have the opportunity to purchase PE clothes, locks (\$6.00), and an agenda (\$10.00). For those who cannot attend MAZE DAY, students will turn in the completed forms to their 1st period teacher on the first day of school. A BIG thank you to the PTSA for organizing and running MAZE DAY. We are fortunate to have their support for school functions and programs to enrich all students' middle school experience!

NEW!! We are pleased to announce the opening of the Parent Portal in our Student Information System (Aeries). This will allow families to login to the system to update and verify their child's contact information and complete required annual SMFCSD forms for the 2018-2019 school year. This process is called Student Data Confirmation and the window will be open to make changes from **Wednesday, August 1, 2018 – Friday, August 31, 2018**. **An email invitation to update your child's information will be sent to parents/guardians on August 1, 2018**. For families who do not have access to a computer, paper forms will be available at your school site.

Buccaneers

Go to <https://www.bowditchptsa.org/join-mailing-list> to sign up for our weekly PTSA newsletter. It's a great way to stay informed about activities and programs at Bowditch!! Also, please check out our new PTSA website, for PTSA information and updates <https://www.bowditchptsa.org/>. Please note, this is a separate site from the school's, and although we work closely together, it's a good idea to check both frequently to stay informed.

Immunizations

All 7th and 8th grade students must have the **TDAP** vaccination prior to beginning school.

First Day of School

To prepare for the first day of school, lists of students' 1st period classes will be posted on the **Office windows at 4:00pm on Monday August 13**. Students are to report to their **1st period class on Tuesday, August 14, 2018**.

Our first day of school is a Tuesday, and will be a full day of school with dismissal at 3:00pm. The next day, like most Wednesdays, will be a shortened day, with dismissal at 1:40pm.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I'll see you all soon!

Sincerely,

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