



2019/20 Parent Cheat Sheet

We know middle school can be a challenge as our kids turn into teens with increased demands at the very same time that distance is needed so that students develop tools of self-sufficiency. With those competing trends in mind, we created this “Cheat Sheet” with some highlights to help families navigate their way through their time here at Borel.

Extra! Extra! Bobcat’s Extracurriculars

Borel has a wide swath of offerings to compliment their core academic career in middle school. That said, please visit the section below to learn how these great opportunities are possible.

SPORTS

CLUBS

DRAMA PRODUCTIONS

MUSIC CONCERTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

DANCES

VOLUNTEERING

Parent Forums

There are several venues for parents to include Parent Education events, ELAC meetings, extracurricular activities and volunteering. Get engaged as we build community together.

Stay Informed!

Be sure to establish accounts & keep contact information updated for these different tools.

- ***School Loop*** = Direct access to teachers and staff, daily assignments, announcements, weekly Bobcat Blast, etc. (*Mobile App!*)
- ***School Messenger*** = Important communications from school and district via email, text, and/or phone messages
- ***ARIES*** = Master database of contact information for all enrolled students in the District
- ***Bobcat Boosters on Facebook*** = Private account for currently enrolled families only
- ***BorelBobcats.org*** = Parent sponsored programming and events

What Do You Mean “There is NO Funding?”

Like most CA public schools, the community solicits contributions for critical supplemental funding that provides direct support to students, staff and families. We rely on generous contributions of our families and corporate sponsors to compliment public funding. We deeply value the menu of fundraising opportunities at Borel as we believe each of these contribute to a rich community for our students.

➡ **Borel Boosters** = This is the primary fundraising campaign for our parent community providing direct support to the entire school. Every student is touched by these dollars. Click [here](#). Additional fundraisers include a magazine sale giving kids an opportunity to fundraise for their school directly and a lovely luncheon called Table Art in the spring.

➡ **Music** = The Borel Music Department has its own Boosters program that provides vital direct support for the thriving music program. All are invited to their fantastic concerts! For more information visit [here](#).

➡ **Drama** = Borel’s Drama Dream Theater is a golden jewel within the District with well-regarded, high quality performances. The productions are entirely self-funded through donations and ticket sales. For more information visit [here](#).

➡ **Athletics** = Borel is fortunate to offer competitive athletics but it is 100% self-funded with no financial contribution from the state. Below are the TWO distinct funding vehicles.

⚽ The SMFC School District Middle Schools (Bayside, Bowditch, Abbott & Borel) all participate in the [Art David Athletic League](#). This league includes middle schools from as far south as Palo Alto to Half Moon Bay and offers multiple sports for boys and girls with three distinct seasons. The SMFC Education Foundation provides funding District-wide for coaches, referees, limited uniforms and rental fees to host competitions. Each athlete is asked for a voluntary donation of \$150 per sport to help cover these costs. For more information, visit [here](#).

⚽ While the SMFC Education Foundation sponsors District-wide team sports, our Bobcat Teams rely on our community to provide direct funding for equipment, field rentals for practices, t-shirts when uniforms are not supplied, etc. The primary fundraiser is in the Spring. It is called Sports Award Night where all our athletes come together to celebrate their seasons. Bobcat Athletic Boosters website and materials is under construction, stay tuned!

➡ **Corporate Boosters** = What a great way for our local business to “give back” while gaining valuable exposure to our large and appreciative community. Every contribution touches the wellbeing of the school. Learn more about the opportunity [here](#) and be sure to patronize our awesome Corporate Boosters!!

What Does a Year as a Bobcat Look Like?

Below is a general overview of what to expect over the course of the school year. Check the calendar at BorelBobcat.org for specific dates.

AUGUST

- Head Start Day = Friday BEFORE school starts for all NEW families. Students get their schedules, pick-up PE clothes, families register on-line to stay connected through the various communication tools
- First Day of School = Home rooms posted for all returning 7th & 8th graders. Full class schedules will be handed out once they report to their home room.
- Back to School Night = Meet your student's teacher by rotating through the classrooms. This is often the SECOND night after school starts.
- Borel Boosters = Donate now!! ALL contributions needed!! Click [here](#).

FALL

- Fall sports: *girl's volleyball, cross country, flag football and golf*
- Magazine sales = Let students help in funding critical programming by selling magazines to family, friends and neighbors.
- 6th Grade Outdoor Education = A week-long excursion in the nearby mountains.
- Parent conferences = Sync up with your student's teachers for 5 minutes in a "round robin" style conference held in Borel's gym.

WINTER

- Winter concerts!
- Tabletop Luncheon = Celebrate the Borel community with a unique and fun luncheon
- Winter sports: *basketball*

SPRING

- Spring sports: *soccer, tennis, boy's volleyball, track & field*
- Cultural Fair = A truly unique event with authentic decorations and food samplings from around the world! This is a community-wide event, bring those neighbors!
- Spring musical produced by Borel's Drama Dream Theater
- Staff Appreciation Week = PTA provides daily treats as a token of our appreciation.
- Spring concerts
- Founder's Day = Celebrate artistic submissions by students and contributions by staff and volunteers that have had a meaningful impact on our community.
- Awards Night for graduating 8th Graders
- Sports Awards Night
- Field trips for all three grade levels
- Graduation ceremonies at SM Performing Arts followed by a parent supported celebration in Borel's gym

Parent Handbook

Your resource guide for contact information for Borel staff and policies.

[2019/20 Borel Parent Handbook](#)

Norms of Engagement – 7Ps

We promote the District’s “7Ps Norm” outlined below in all forms of community engagement.

Pause
Paraphrase
Pose Questions
Put ideas on the table
Provide data
Pay attention to self & others
Presume positive intent

How Do I Get Involved?

Easy!! Reach out to one or all of us and we’ll be sure to direct you to the right place. We look forward to hearing from you! Contact information [here](#).