



# GEORGE HALL NEWSLETTER

**\*\*August 1, 2021\*\* Mrs. Chennault, Principal\*\* A Kind & Inclusive School Community\*\***

The San Mateo-Foster City School District will open for full-day, in-person instruction beginning Thursday, August 12. George Hall's school day starts at 8:15 and ends at 2:47. The health and safety of our students and staff are our priority and our guidelines are outlined in "Safe Return to School" ([English](#) | [Spanish](#)).

**Health and Safety:** Our school procedures will not look the same as pre-pandemic. As we transition back to school, we are monitoring changes to health guidance and updating recommendations and have gone to great measures to plan for keeping students and staff safe. Schools have upgraded ventilation systems, added air purifiers to classrooms; received hand sanitizer and adapted to ever-changing safety guidance. While students are on campus, masking indoors is required for everyone—including vaccinated individuals. All adults who are on campus must wear face masks, including visitors to the front office. Please see the health and safety guidelines: [click here for the slide deck](#).



**DROP OFF & PICK UP PROCEDURES.** Please talk with your child about the entry and exit procedures:

**First Day Only (All Grades):** Beginning at 8:05 students and families may enter campus from any one of the gates. Parents must be masked if they accompany students. Students will proceed directly to class. Due to COVID restrictions, NO PARENTS ARE ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOMS. Students will use hand sanitizer upon entry to class.

**Ingress (All Grades):** Please be patient these first few weeks while health and safety conditions continue to shift. Please talk with your child about the entry procedures when arriving on campus. ***Be aware that at this time parents are not allowed beyond the gate.*** Beginning at 8:05 TK - 2nd grade students will enter through the Main Gate San Miguel Way, while 3-5 graders will enter through the Library Gate on Curtis Street. Students will use hand sanitizer before proceeding directly to class. School staff will be ready to greet students and guide them to class.

**Late Arrivals:** Class begins at 8:15 and both gates close at 8:15. If your child arrives after 8:15, please come through the school office and sign in. Masks are required of anyone entering the office. Your child will walk independently to class, as there are restrictions for parents on campus at this time.

**Egress (Preschool and Kindergarten):** Pick up will be on the kindergarten playground. Please enter through the side gate adjacent to the Main Gate on San Miguel in the front of the school. Teachers will meet you on the playground with students. Masks are required to come inside the playground. Please exit as quickly as possible.

**Egress (First - Fifth Grade):** Gates will open at 2:47. Pick up will be at the Annex Gate on Curtiss (grades 4&5) or the Library Gate on Curtiss (grades 2&3) or the Main Gate on San Miguel (1st grade). Siblings may exit together from the younger sibling's gate; email me if siblings will be exiting together. Please make sure your child knows where to meet you. If your child is independently walking home, please notify the teacher by email.

**Class placement:** Families and their students will find out the teacher and class placement for the 2021-2022 school year via email on the afternoon of Tuesday, August 10th. If you have not received an email by Wednesday August 11th, please call the office. [\(650\) 312-7533](tel:6503127533).

**Virtual Back To School Nights (BTSN):** On Tuesday August 17th at 6:00, there will be a virtual Principal's BTSN with information for all families. There will be a virtual General PTA Association meeting

immediately following. Translation will be available. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85307204118?pwd=eDJFV2YvTVJ6cjN6NVhJVCtoSTVQdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 853 0720 4118 **Passcode:** 233023

On Tuesday August 24th, teachers will host classroom virtual BTSNs. Preschool, TK, Kindergarten, First Grade and Second Grade will begin online at 6:30, upper grades (3rd, 4th, and 5th) will begin online at 7:00. Your teacher will share the login information with you.

**Volunteers:** We are anticipating a return of volunteers on campus after August 12, 2021. This includes Art-in-Action, Room Parents, CAPP, and Parents@Play. **All volunteers working inside a classroom with unvaccinated children are required to be vaccinated.** As in pre pandemic times, all volunteers are required to sign in at the office and get a visitor's badge. All adults who are on campus must wear face masks.

**Class Supply Lists:** Please visit <https://www.yubbler.com/school/george-hall-elementary> for purchasing school supplies for the year. This is an additional option provided by the PTA.