



The Bay Academy for the Arts & Sciences
Intermediate School 98

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1. **Opening Day-** Thank you to all staff members who helped to make our opening day smooth and successful. The many staff members who rolled up their sleeves to pitch in at arrival and dismissal was admirable and very much appreciated. The students were very excited to be here. Remember, if we work together, we can accomplish anything!
2. **Class Lists-** If you have incorrect class lists, please notify Mrs. Dalton. Please ensure that all students listed on your class lists are actually present in your room. If there is a student who is not on your list but is in your room, you **MUST** notify Mrs. Dalton.
3. **Smart Notebook-** If you use Smart Notebook please **DO NOT** upgrade to Smart Notebook 14/15. We do not have the activation codes for this software.
4. **Edline/EGPW-** There will be many helpful hints in the weekly intercom. They will be posted at the bottom.
5. **BrainPOP-** Your BrainPOP School Access + Home Subscription is active and ready to go. You'll now be able to access BrainPOP at school and at home, 24-hours a day.

Username: bayacademy

Password: ba1401

Be sure to explore the various resources to help you get started and make integration into your classroom as easy as possible. To explore these resources, follow the link below:

http://www.brainpop.com/educators/new_subscribers/

You should register on BrainPOP Educators, a free professional community, featuring free lesson plans, graphic organizers, video tutorials, professional development tools and more.

6. **Back to School-** This event will take place on Wednesday 9/16 from 5-8pm. Grade 6 & 7 parents will follow their child's Wednesday schedule. Please be prepared to 'teach' your parents. This is a time for you to showcase the wonderful work you do and to engage and 'wow' the parents. Use technology, music, ice-breakers, hand-outs, etc to enhance your presentation. Period 2 teachers are required to take attendance. An attendance roster will be provided in the Attendance folder on Wednesday morning. A bell schedule for this event will be placed in your mailbox. Grade 8 parents are invited to attend a workshop on the high school process. This will take place in the auditorium. A schedule for all staff will be posted over the time clock. Please be at your assigned post before the event begins.
7. **Senior Picture Day-** All 8th grade students will have their picture taken on Thursday 9/17. Please check your mailbox for the schedule and adhere to it please.
8. **Schools Closed-** There will be no school on Monday 9/14 and Tuesday 9/15. Classes will resume on Wednesday 9/16/15.
9. **Social Committee-** You may join the Social Committee by submitting \$60.00 cash to Marietta Falconieri. If you pay in full by 10/1/15 your name will be entered into a drawing to win prizes.
10. **Student Updates-** A separate email will be sent informing you of all changes. Please update your records accordingly.
11. **Many Thanks-** I'd like to recognize the many staff members who took the time to thank me for the breakfast served on opening day as well as the comfortable chair. It is common courtesy to say thank you when someone bestows a gift upon you. It is not every day or common practice for teachers to receive these treats. So thank you for making my day pleasant.
12. **Happy Birthday-** A very happy birthday to the following staff members who celebrate their special day in September: *Nicole D'Agosta, Mandi Bracho, Lisa Bravstein, Matthew Judge, Jackie Herman, Nancy Bunnicelli, Teresa Ryad, Elizabeth Romano, Nicole Yau, Sean O'Neill, Sandra Tortorella, Justine Erickson, Max Sherman and Bernadette Maxfield*

13. **Edline Tip-**

HELPFUL HINT: USING OLD CLASS MATERIALS

- Go to "MY EDLINE".
- Under "MY CONTENT", click on "Old Class Materials."
- Select a class. (Your most recent classes should be found at the bottom of the list.)
- All folders for that class will be listed. (You may click on the folder to find specific files.)
- Check the box next to the item(s) you want to copy.
- At the bottom of the page, click **COPY**.
- On the next screen, select the classes you want to copy these items.

Suggestions:

Links, Class image, any useful documents.



As we set out to accomplish our school's goals we must include the six elements of the Framework for Great Schools and ensure that they are integrated daily. Although test scores are a great indicator of

success, instruction must be engaging, exciting and challenging and be guided by the Common Core. We must create and maintain a culture that is safe and supportive for all; learn from the rich professional development offered and continue to make parents feel welcomed and included as partners. Lastly, all members of our school community should value one another. If we work together and support each other we will have another successful year.