



The Bay Academy for the Arts & Sciences
Intermediate School 98
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Principal

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- Opening Day-** Thank you to all staff members who helped to make our opening day smooth and successful. It was the smoothest opening day we have ever had. So many staff members pitched in at arrival and dismissal and it was very much appreciated. The students were very excited to be here. Remember, as we work together, we accomplish so much!
- 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.
- Back to School-** This event will take place on Thursday 9/15 from 5-8pm. Grade 6 & 7 parents will follow their child's Thursday 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 Thursday 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. Our guidance department will be spearheading this event. This will take place in the auditorium. All Grade 8 teachers will present an overview of expectations for this year at the end of the HS presentation. Grade 8 teachers will remain in the auditorium the entire evening.
All teachers please be at your assigned post before the events begin.
- Senior Picture Day-** All 8th grade students will have their picture taken on Friday 9/16. Please check your mailbox for the schedule and adhere to it.
- 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.
- Jupiter Training-** There will be voluntary Jupiter training available to any interested teachers on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 6:45-7:30am in room 232. In addition to this training there will be ongoing training during teacher team meetings and scheduled PD's.
- Schools Closed-** There will be no school on Monday 9/12 in honor of Eid-al-Adha. Classes will resume on Tuesday 9/13.
- Social Committee-** The SC sponsors many wonderful events. You may join by submitting \$60.00 cash to Marietta Falconieri.
- Parking-** Please sign-up for morning school yard parking duty.
- New Mailroom-** The staff mailboxes are located in the PA room. Please check your mailbox daily. All sign-up sheets will be posted in that room as well. Please become accustomed to this change.
- 9/11 Remembrance-** This Sunday will be the 15th anniversary of this devastating event. 19 terrorists, using four jetliners as guided missiles, killed 2,977 people—and enveloped our country in fear. I'd like to thank Ms. Cerbone for helping our school community to remember this tragic day and to all for joining us in a moment of silence.
- Fundraising-** This year our goal is to try and secure as much funding for our school as possible by reaching out to outside sources. We initiated the **Box Tops for Education** program three years ago because it pays .10 cents for every Box Top submitted. **Please sign up one of your classes.** With a student population of over 1500, we are bound to receive a substantial check which will be used for paper, ink and other teacher supplies. Please support this easy fundraiser by cutting out **Box Tops** on participating products and bring them into school. Ask your friends, family members and neighbors to support us as well.
- ID Badges-** All staff are reminded to wear their ID badges upon entering the building. Please remind all your students they are required to wear their badges as well.
- 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 and Bernadette Maxfield

As we welcomed back our 1500+ students I am incredibly excited to begin my eighth year here as the principal of The Bay Academy. This year promises to be filled with many opportunities for our students as we continue to strive to find ways to be even better than before. This will be a year of engaging, meaningful, challenging and rigorous work in our classrooms, combined with special events and a plethora of extracurricular clubs, activities and athletic teams certain to encourage our Bobcats to be involved and surpass our expectations. We will continue to build upon and refine our proven foundation of good work, honored traditions, and continued excellence in education. Thank you for the outstanding job you did this week as you partook in the Professional Development, prepared your rooms for our students and assisted in making opening day smooth, safe and seamless.

