

DECEMBER 2016

In Shark Waters

Parent News from Bayfront Charter High School

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December Highlights

- 12/5 Community Council Mtg 5:30
- 12/8 Charter Board Meeting at 6:00
- 12/9 ASB Dance
- 12/12-14 Regular School Schedule
- 12/15 Finals for Period 1 & 2
(Minimum Day, dismissal at 2:00)
- 12/16 Finals for Period 3 & 4
(Minimum Day, dismissal at 2:00)
- 12/17 WINTER BREAK BEGINS
- 1/3 Students Return to School



Election Results

All Presidential elections have implications for our children and the most recent one is no exception. Many of our students have expressed concerns about some of the things they have heard expressed by candidates about immigrants, people of color, Moslems, the LGBT community, and women in general. Our students are still confronted with many negative comments on social media and are struggling to make sense out of all of the issues associated with the incoming administration.

At Bayfront, our teachers are keenly aware of the inappropriateness of sharing their own personal beliefs regarding the national election with their students. Our teachers recognize that while elections represent an extraordinary “teachable moment” they must be careful to address student questions as they arise, remain politically neutral, and challenge students, as citizens, to draw their own conclusions.

Additionally, we believe it is more important than ever to academically prepare all students for their **college** and/or career aspirations; to develop the so-called “**21st Century Skills**” (including communication, collaboration, creative and critical thinking, and expertise in use of technology); and to develop a profound appreciation for their own civil rights and responsibilities—and the constitutional rights of others.

By the Numbers:

40

Total number of seats available for the Psychology 101 class taught by Southwestern College at Bayfront starting in January!

BCHS Notifications

Want real time reminders for important school events?
Download the app: **Remind 101**
and join BAYFRONT PARENTS

To Join...

- Type this phone number: 81010
- Type this message: @bayfr

Save the Date!

**ASB
HOLIDAY DANCE**
Friday, December 9
6:00-10:00
in the *new*
Black Box Theater



WINTER BREAK
NO SCHOOL
December 17 –
January 2
School Resumes:
JANUARY 3



SHARK BYTES...

COLLEGE CLASSES AT BAYFRONT...

As you are aware, the **4x4 Block Schedule**—which we feature at Bayfront—has multiple advantages: 1) our students only have to focus on 4 classes per semester, 2) each student completes a year’s worth of work within each semester; and 3) our students begin 4 all *new* classes when they return to school in January.

One of the most exciting developments for BCHS this Spring is the introduction of a college class taught here in the Shark Tank by staff from **Southwestern College!** This class, which is offered to Juniors, will allow students to receive simultaneous credit—both for their high school requirements and as a their first official college course. At our students’ request, we are offering Psychology 101 along with a course in college preparation and study skills. Psyche 101 is transferable as a college course.

IN OTHER NEWS...

- **Finals Schedule!!!** Please be aware that we will have a regular school schedule, Monday through Wednesday (December 12-14). **Finals** will be held on Thursday (December 15), and Friday (December 16). Thursday and Friday are both modified days with 2:00 dismissal.
- Students have selected **classes** for the Spring...Parents should review their choices!!!
- Watch for our new **murals** starting to transform spaces inside our school. Ten Bayfront artists are currently working with muralist Anthony Murillo on their designs;
- California voters passed Proposition 51 and 55, both of which provide a measure of security for charter **school budgets** for the foreseeable future;
- The **building improvements** are progressing nicely: the student common area, the restrooms, the black box theater, and the student café-- all are taking shape by the day.

Our Fabulous Bayfront Gear Popping Up Around the World!

The Holidays are fast approaching! Our ASB store will be carrying a whole new line of Bayfront gear! Be on the look out for the new display racks!

If you or anyone you know is traveling, make sure they take a Bayfront Charter High School t-shirt, hoodie or beanie with them. We want pictures from the Great Wall, Burning Man, the Roman Coliseum, the Australian Outback or anywhere else in the world!

