



# Newsletter

*From the desk of Mrs. Austin*

*January 21, 2022*

## RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

Students will return to school on January 31, 2022 and we are so glad this brief remote learning is over. We know that it is less than ideal. However, in the last three weeks we've had a number of staff and students test positive and having everyone at home has eased many of the issues this could have caused. Yesterday, Alameda County Department of Public Health announced that we have reached a plateau and numbers of COVID cases are beginning to decline. However, we are not out of the woods. Bayhill will begin a rigorous testing program, enhanced cleaning of the facility, and staggered eating times to help combat a COVID outbreak in the school.

Details of the testing program were sent to families, and each family should be receiving the first testing kit. You can test your child on Monday and Wednesday mornings or on Sunday and Tuesday nights.

Again, a big thank you to parents and students for your flexibility. I know some kids struggle greatly with remote learning. We have been supporting them over these weeks and upon returning, we will reconnect with students and help those who struggled to recover instruction and get up to speed.



*can't wait  
to see you*

# STUDENT SUPPORT

Staff have been all hands on deck supporting our students during these trying times. Things we've been doing:

- One-on-one talks
- Shortening class periods
- One-on-one or small group tutorials
- Chance to make corrections on assignments
- Looking for mastery rather than grades
- Playing games
- Talking about what we will do when we see each other again
- Reassuring students that we return January 31.
- Discussing upcoming senior events with our seniors



March 1 we will be having a parent education evening with Jenny Michaelson, Ph.D and Marieka Schotland, Ph.D of True North Parent Coaching. They will be presenting on Parenting Teens During Difficult Moments. The workshop is highly interactive and will help parents cultivate connection with their teen, re-evaluate their parenting values, and regain confidence in their parenting as we move through the pandemic.

The workshop will be via Zoom at 6:30PM on Tuesday March 1. More information to follow as it gets closer.

## ADVANCING READING & WRITING SKILLS

Next year we will be offering a new course Advancing Reading & Writing Schools. The course is designed for students who need continued support in building reading and writing skills as they advance through high school and into college.

The class uses **Structured Word Inquiry**, a methodology that looks for the deepest word structures that make sense of the greatest number of words.

Additionally, the course uses the text **Groundwork for College Reading Skills** which covers ten basic reading skills essential for sound reading comprehension. The Ten Steps series is suitable for the basic developmental reading course offered at most colleges AND for high school English/Language Arts classes focused on building college readiness.

Students will continue to advance grammar, syntax and writing sophistication using **Quill.org** and **NoRedInk.com**. With Quill.org, students use the evidence-based strategy of sentence combining, to combine multiple ideas into a single sentence. They then receive instant feedback designed to help them improve their clarity and precision. They then use the proofreading tools of the program to hone their editing skills. NoRedInk.com furthers these skills to greater complexity and style.

This course is open to students in grades 10-12. If you are interested in having your child take this course, please speak to your case manager.

# COVID RESOURCES

Bayhill Safe Return to School Plan  
Updates coming soon

Vaccination Information

CDPH Testing & Quarantine  
Guidance

Bayhill High School Testing Program

# IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/31/22 - Return to school
- 2/20/22 - President's Day no school
- 3/11/22 - Last Day of 3rd quarter
- 4/1 - 4/8/22 - Spring Break
- 5/6/22 - Prom
- 5/17 - 5/20/22 - Senior Trip
- 6/7/22 - Graduation
- 6/10/22 - Last Day of school for 9-11 grades

We are here to support you and your student during this difficult time. Please reach out to your case manger and we are happy to help.

# WHEN TO KEEP STUDENTS HOME

If your child has any of the following symptoms, please do NOT send them to school.

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Loss of taste or smell
- Persistent headache
- Shortness of breath

When any of these symptoms are present, students must get a negative Rapid Antigen test after day 5 of symptoms in order to return to school.

If you are out awaiting COVID results, contact your case manager to set up a period of Zoom/day with Ms. Garner to get help on assignments and be counted as present.

