

Good afternoon, Bates Community!

One new communication feature this year will be weekly e-mails from me with the latest information about the Bates and reminders about upcoming events. As we work to increase our communication and interaction with families, this is one of the many new strategies you'll see this year. These weekly e-mails will also be posted [on our website](#) every week.

Welcome Back Letters

By now, you should have received a mailing that included a letter from your child's teachers. Please contact the school or e-mail me directly if you did not receive a letter. We are in the office from 9am to 3pm next week if you would like to stop by or call.

Upcoming Events

It was so wonderful meeting so many new students and families at the popsicle event on Saturday! Thank you for joining us!

Our **Back-to-School BBQ** will take place before school starts this year. Please join us on **September 6th from 5-7pm**. For the first time, all classrooms will be open from 6:00-6:30pm so you can meet teachers and students can see their classrooms prior to the first day of school. **We are currently asking for volunteers to help with cooking and serving food. Please let me know if you are willing to do so. Additionally, we are asking that all families bring a side dish to share.**

Our **School Site and Parent Council** elections will take place on Wednesday September 14th with the first meeting headed by the new officers on Wednesday September 28th. Both meetings are from 5:30-7:00pm with free food and childcare provided. If you have questions, please contact one of our co-chairs: Heather McCormick (hlmccormick@gmail.com) or Courtney Barth (barth@rogerson.org)

Bates Attire Online Ordering

We are pleased to debut our online ordering form for official Bates attire. [this website](#) to order Bates gear, which will arrive in late September/early October. Please write your child's name in the text box above the "place order" button upon checking out so we can make sure the right student receives the attire.

Bates attire is NOT a mandatory component of the uniform, so please don't feel the need to purchase. Any khaki or navy bottom with any white, navy, or light blue top is acceptable.

Online/Social Media Presence

We are stepping up our game with our online and media presence this year!

Our new website is <https://thephineasbates.org/>. I would like to publicly thank Somy Kim and Robert Vitalli, two fabulous parents, for all of their hard work in

building us beautiful new website! On the website, you can find the dates for all School Parent Council meetings as well as the dates of our new event—Coffee with the Principal.

We'll continue to use social media as another way to share our news. You can follow us on [Twitter](#) at @BatesSchoolBPS and "Like" our OFFICIAL [Facebook Page](#) to get the latest news and information about events.

One of our major goals this year is to streamline and improve our communication with parents. It is through collaboration with our community that we can make the Bates a truly amazing place to learn and grow!

Best,
Andrew