

# COMMUNITY BENGAL

A Diversity Community Learning Together

**BAYVIEW**  
SECONDARY SCHOOL



CLASS TIMES	
P1	8:45 am - 10:05 am
P2	10:10 am - 11:25 am
P3	11:30 am - 12:45 pm
P4	12:50 pm - 2:05 pm
P5	2:10 pm - 3:25 pm

## FROM THE OFFICE

Students **MUST** be in class at 8:45 am. Thank you

**LAST DAY - FEB 23** to select courses for next year! The Guidance department in January visited students by grade in their classes. The presentations are posted on the Guidance page of the school website. Here is the [link](#). The Guidance department posted a recording of the presentations. Here is the [link](#) to the video recordings. Friendly reminder, once your child submits their course selection, the parent/guardian receives an email asking for approval. Once the parent/guardian approves the course selection, then the course selection is completed.

The school sends attendance emails several times a day. Please notify the school if you know your child will be absent. The email is: [Bayviewss.attendance@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Bayviewss.attendance@yrdsb.ca)

- First and last name
- Date your child will be away from school
- Time of absence (eg. all day, period 3 etc...)
- Reason for absence (eg. illness, appointment etc..)

We look forward to another wonderful semester!

## School Council Fundraising Initiative

The T-shirts are a fundraising initiative brought forward by our parents to help financially support the clubs, teams, music and technology needs of our school. You can purchase a t-shirt on School Cash online.

<https://www.schoolcashonline.com/>

## LOOKING AHEAD @ BAYVIEW

Feb 27	Vaccination Clinic in Small Gym
Feb 29 - Mar 2	School Play
March 8	Student vs. Staff Volleyball Game
Mar 11-15	March Break
March 20 -	Spring OSSLT Window Opens
April 4	Meet the Teacher Evening 6:30pm

## ADMINISTRATION

**Principal** - Aldrin Fernando

**VP** - Angela Cowan (A-J)

**VP** - Katrina Morrison (K-R)

**VP** - Nancy Gymnopoulos (S-Z)

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**Student Council** delivers flowers to students in homerooms for Valentine-o-grams. Staff Hearts and Flowers provided some tasty treats for staff.

**Canadian Computing Competition** - being written by students this week.



**Bayview's Relay for Life** - kicks off in the cafeteria this week. This year the students want to reach a new fundraising goal. So far, the BSS community has raised over \$200,000 for cancer research. Wow!! Please support our students as they pursue their goal.

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## GUIDANCE CORNER

Our guidance department has been extremely busy trying to create timetables for all of our new and returning students. Guidance information can be found on our guidance page at the following link: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/bayview.ss/guidance/Pages/default.aspx>



Last week, all of Bayview Music's bands returned to the Ontario Band Association Provincial Band Festival for the first time since 2019! Everyone performed exceptionally. The grade 9 Concert Band received a Silver Plus rating, the grade 10 Symphonic Winds received a Silver rating, and the grade 11/12 Wind Ensemble received a Gold rating! In addition, every single one of our ensembles received an invitation to perform at MusicFest: Nationals. Lastly, our grade 9 Concert Band received an extra award called the "Rising Star Award", which is only given to a select few ensembles who demonstrated the most potential. We are so proud of all the hard work of our music students!



Bayview SS students competed at a public speaking competition and had a strong showing!



Bayview DECA Team cleans up at DECA Provincials.

112 awards, 44 top tens, 24 International qualifiers for ICDC!! Well done.

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## Message from Our Trustee - February 2024

As we start the second semester and second half of the school year, I want to take this opportunity to share some updates about upcoming dates, events and initiatives taking place across our system with you. I also want to thank everyone who contributes to building a strong educational community in York Region District School Board - the students, families, staff members and community partners who come together in support of student learning, achievement and well-being.

February is **Black History Month**. In addition to a number of [events taking place](#) within the school board and local community, the school board is once again Celebrating Black Excellence through its Black Voices campaign. [Black Voices](#) aims to centre and celebrate the Black members of our YRDSB community and share their voices. For families looking to learn more about school board and community events and programs for Black students and families, you can [subscribe to the Centre for Black Student Excellence mailing list](#) to receive regular updates.

Later this month, we will also recognize the [Lunar New Year](#) and wish all students, staff and community celebrating Lunar New Year a happy and joyful celebration.

While we have seen milder **winter weather** this year, I also want to remind families that we have protocols in place for [severe weather](#) and school transportation cancellation in the case of inclement weather, and want to ensure families are aware. You can find more information on the Board website. We also continue to encourage families to use active school travel all year round, including during the winter months. Early in February, we will be celebrating [Winter Walk Day](#), and be sharing tips as well as the benefits and joys of winter walking.

This month, students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity to vote in the [Student Trustee Elections](#). I want to congratulate and thank all of the students in Grade 10 and 11 who applied for this position. Student Trustees play an important role representing student voice at the Board meetings and we greatly value their voice and contributions. Students who are eligible to vote will receive information in their GAPPS accounts about how to vote. This is a great opportunity to participate in the democratic process and to have their say about who will represent their voice in the next school year.

[Kindergarten](#) and [French Immersion registration](#) opened in January for fall 2024. For students looking at **course selection** in secondary school, there are lots of great resources available at [www.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb](http://www.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb) that let students learn more about courses, programs and opportunities that relate to their interests.

You can also stay up-to-date with what's happening around the Board by visiting our [newsroom](#) - some of the latest stories feature schools in our area - or by listening to the Board's award-winning [podcast Tune In YRDSB](#), including recent and upcoming episodes on what to expect in Kindergarten, how Student Trustees represent student voice, Tamil Heritage Month, Hindu Heritage Month and more.

As the governing body of the York Region District School Board, trustees are required to establish an annual **Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)** to guide system direction for a four year period. The MYSP is a reflection of emergent priorities identified by our educational communities. Over the coming months, we will be conducting extensive consultations with YRDSB students, staff, families and community members to collect input and feedback to develop our revised MYSP. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for all that you do to partner with us in building a strong publicly funded education system that delivers a high-quality education for your children. You can learn more about my role as a school trustee and [how you can reach me](#) on the Board website [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

Cindy Liang, Trustee, Richmond Hill Wards 3, 5 and 6