



Bayview Secondary School

February 2018 Newsletter

Principal's Message

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Upcoming Dates

February 12: Grade 12 Grad Assembly
February 14: Photo Day
February 19: Family Day
February 22-24: Dramatic Arts
Presentation "Open House"
March 8: Semester 2 Interim Report
March 12-16: Mid-Winter Break
March 22: Parents' Night
March 27: School Council Meeting
March 30: Good Friday (no school)
April 2: Easter Monday (no school)
April 10: Ontario Secondary School
Literacy Test
April 12: Music Spring Showcase, 7pm
April 26: Mid-Semester 2 Report Card

The end of semester 1 and start of semester 2 is an important milestone for 2 groups of students. Our Grade 9s have completed their first semester. The newness of the school, understanding the routines, facing the challenges of exams for the first time, and most importantly, figuring out where to eat lunch are now a thing of the past. I was very impressed at how quickly everyone felt at home. That is a tribute to our staff and the students in grades 10-12 who mentored all of our new students. After all we are all Bengals.

For most of our Grade 12 students, semester 2 will be the final semester of high school. The last 3 or 4 courses. These students are setting their sights on the next big adventure – Travel, College, Work, University, all of the above... We have been reminding all of our Grade 12s of the need to "Finish Strong!" Those who let attendance and work habits slide in their final semester risk losing acceptance offers to post-secondary institutions and are not setting themselves up with momentum to start to next phase of life. Our staff work with all of our students to make semester 2 another great block of learning.

As always there is much happening in the next few months. Please read our weekly ebulletin for updates. I would like to draw special attention to a few items / events:

Course selection is the priority now. We emphasize that students must choose their courses with **care**. Our school receives staffing (the number of teachers) based on enrollment and the types of courses chosen. We then decide how many sections of each course will be in the schedule for next year so we can best meet these selections. **Changes** after the timetable is created are **not always possible**. Students are encouraged to speak with subject teachers and guidance teachers if they need help in deciding which courses to select.

On **March 1, 2018** School Council brings back the very popular [Joe Rich](#). Last year we had a good crowd and excellent feedback. We hope that you will join us on March 1 for this informative, practical, and humorous presentation about **effectively communicating with teens**. Please see the [flyer](#) for the link to register. Another event to mark in your calendar is **Parents' Night** on **March 22**. School Council will once again sponsor a **"Meet and Greet"** where you can speak with members of **Council** or **Administration** about the school and Parent Engagement. Light **refreshments** will be provided. I thank School Council for their **dedication** in supporting our school community and especially the parents through their **Parent Support Group**, guest speakers such as **Joe Rich**, and the **Meet and Greet** that will bring school and parents together.

Finally, I am pleased to welcome new staff to Bayview Secondary School. As previously announced, Ms. Lau is our new Vice-Principal. Although she has been here for only a week, Ms. Lau has fit in nicely and is getting to know many students and staff. The students with last names starting with S-Z would speak to Ms. Lau as the initial administration contact.

As well, the following teachers are back after a leave or are new to us this semester:

Ms. Gupta- Science
Mr. Ho – Math and Computer Studies
Mr. Hu - Science
Mr. Lam – English and Family Studies
Ms. Lancia – Science
Welcome or Welcome back!

I wish all of our staff, students and parents an excellent start to semester 2!

Brian Schouten,
Principal

Business Studies Department

[Our Business department](#) offers students the opportunity to explore a specific area of career interest and to acquire the skills and experience that will assist them in their post-secondary pathway. We emphasize the competencies of decision making, critical thinking, human relations, digital and financial literacy, care for the environment, and most importantly, care for self and others.

As a department, we embrace and advocate for:

- Authentic learning experiences;
- Strengthening career awareness;
- Participation in the School Community (SHSM program, DECA, The Law Club, The Interact Club, The Fitness Club, Future Business Leaders Association, and much more);
- Modern learning, Mental health, and Mathematics.

Our Semester in Review

1. **Funny Money Presentation** on December 6 - [The Funny Money Organization](#) came to Bayview. The Funny Money Organization is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to bringing financial literacy to the student population.
2. **Field trips:**
 - The [Toyota Plant](#) in Cambridge, ON - grade 12 Economics, Accounting and Finance students;
 - The [Pur Gum Headquarters](#) in Toronto, grade 11 Economics & grade 12 International Business students;
 - [Earthbound Kids](#) in Stouffville, grade 10 business students;
 - Old City Hall Courthouse, grades 11 & 12 Law students;
 - [No Limits Conference](#), grade 11 Accounting students.
3. **DECA regionals** at The Ted Rogers School of Business, Ryerson University.
4. **In-school Venture Project**
5. Identifying of [KIVA](#) projects by our grade 10 and grade 12 business students, and subsequent disbursement of loans.
6. Student alumni visited as **guest speakers**, sharing their university experiences.



Upcoming events

1. **DECA Provincials** at the Sheraton Centre on February 9-10.
2. **DECA Internationals** in Atlanta, Georgia during the last week of April.
3. **RBC – It All Adds Up!** Financial Literacy Workshops dates in March and April.
4. **Mock Trial Competitions** across [the regional, provincial](#) and [international](#) levels, beginning mid-April.

Guidance and Career Education Department

Course Selection

Course selection for the 2018-2019 school year has begun. Students select their courses using *Career Cruising*. Students can begin locking in their course selection on February 7. Deadline to submit and hand in the signed copy to your homeroom teacher is **Thursday, February 15**. Grade 12s must complete the course selection and indicate if they are returning or graduating. Students who need support in completing their course selection can come to Guidance.

Community Involvement

Students are encouraged to continue to work on their 40 hours of community involvement. Information regarding volunteer opportunities have been sent to students' GAPPs e-mail, posted in guidance, and tweeted @BayviewGuidance. It is important for students to get their community involvement form pre-approved to ensure the placement is a non-profit organization.

Graduation Assembly

On February 12, there will be an assembly for students who are graduating. Students will learn about graduation awards, gowns, location and time of graduation. In order to participate in graduation, students must pay for graduation no later than February 26.

College Degree Panel

Grade 10 students will learn about degree programs that are offered through Ontario Colleges on March 22, during period 5 in the cafeteria. Many of the programs are highly competitive especially in the fields of animation, aviation, nursing, and graphic design. Students will learn about the university level prerequisite courses they will need in their senior high school years in order to apply to these programs.

College and University Open Houses

Colleges and universities have Open Houses during March Break. It is a great opportunity to visit campuses and learn about programs. Visit www.ontariocolleges.ca and www.electronicinfo.ca for further information.

Students are always welcome to book an appointment, via Teach Assist, with their guidance counsellor:

Counsellor	Student <u>last</u> name starts with
Ms. Garito (Subject Head)	A to E
Ms. Jarrett	F to J
Mr. Masciello	K to L
Mr. Mondal	M to S
Ms. Won	T to Z

International Baccalaureate

The IB Coordination team would like to congratulate the grades 11 and 12 IB students on their work over a challenging first semester. Our students have been involved in a variety of Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) experiences and extracurricular activities. These include, but are not limited to, our IB Student Conference at Camp Green Acres, the CN Tower Climb for the United Way, the Snakes and Lattes game night, and the Bayview Secondary School IB Alumni Student Conference.

We are proud of our grade 12 students who are well on their way to completing their IB Core requirements. Most of our students are regularly logging CAS experiences and taking the time to reflect on their learning; we encourage them to keep up the excellent work. The grade 12 cohort has produced a great range of Extended Essays and it has been a pleasure working with them to reach this achievement.

We encourage our grade 11 students to continue their efforts to meet their CAS requirements and to log their activities regularly. We will be introducing the Extended Essay project in February. Grade 11s will be attending and participating in the Annual World Affairs

Conference at the beginning of this month. At the beginning of March all of our IB students will be invited to attend Winterlude – a CAS experience hosted at Horseshoe Valley and we look forward to seeing them there!

We wish all of our students the best as they start second semester and look forward to supporting their endeavours.



Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

What is the OSSLT?

The OSSLT measures whether or not students are meeting the minimum standard for literacy across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9. Successful completion of the literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

Who writes the test?

Students will receive a letter notifying them that they are to write the test by the end of February.

When is the test?

This year the test is on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. All students in the province of Ontario write on the same day.

Questions?

Literacy Contact: Ralph Masciello ralph-anthony.masciello@yrdsb.ca

In order to support students who are preparing for the OSSLT, Bayview offers an *After School Literacy Program*. **Registration is required.** Forms are available in the Main Office and are due February 15, 2018 to Guidance.

This semester’s after school programming will be offered in two blocks starting on the week of February 26 and ending on April 5th:

Block 1
Monday, February 26
Wednesday, February 28
Tuesday, March 6
Wednesday, March 7
Monday, March 19
Wednesday, March 21
Monday, March 26
Wednesday, March 28
Wednesday, April 4
Thursday, April 5

Block 2
Tuesday, February 27
Thursday, March 1
Tuesday, March 6
Thursday, March 8
Tuesday, March 20
Thursday, March 22
Tuesday, March 27
Thursday, March 29
Wednesday, April 4
Thursday, April 5

