

Bayview Secondary School

July 2019 Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates

Sept. 3: Grade 9 Orientation Day Sept 4: Grade 10-12 First Day of School Sept 5: Grade Assemblies Sept. 6: Photo Day Sept. 12: Club Fair Sept 19: School Council Meeting Sept. 23: PA Day Sept 26: Pathways Night October 3: Grade 9 Conference

Message from the Principal

As we end another school year, we'd like to congratulate our students and staff for the dedication and commitment they have demonstrated. At our commencement ceremony, we recognized the accomplishments of 472 students who received their Ontario Secondary School Diplomas and noted that the hard work they engaged in varied in nature. During their time at Bayview, the strides that our students have made academically, socially and/or emotionally are worthy of celebration. We wish all of our graduates much success as they move on to the next chapter of their lives. We are excited to continue engaging with our new and remaining students in the upcoming year.

I would like to thank all of our staff members who have worked tirelessly to take care of our students in so many ways. This includes maintaining the school facilities, answering questions, managing student information, engaging in conversations, locating appropriate resources and providing programming. Thank you to our educational assistants, cafeteria staff, caretakers, field technology analyst, library technician, secretaries, settlement workers, social workers, teachers and vice-principals.

Each year end brings changes in our staffing. As the following staff members move on from Bayview Secondary School, we wish them all the best: Ms. Altorio, Mr. Armstrong, Ms. Balley, Ms. Blackett, Ms. Brown, Ms. Chung, Mr. Cuda, Ms. Dampf, Ms. Guirguis, Ms. Kearsey, Ms. Kumar, Mr. Lao, Ms. Leroy, Mr. Meldazy, Ms. Mazzaferro, Mr. Rose, Ms. S. Singh, Mr. Schouten, Ms. Tafader, Ms. Wong and Mr. Yeung.

Though the time that they have been with us has varied in length, each has had an impact on our school community and will be missed. Thank you for your commitment to our students.

During the summer, you are encouraged to find moments to recharge. I wish you well and look forward to collaborating with you in the pursuit of our students' achievement and well-being.

Take care.

Arlene Higgins Wright Acting Principal



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Dear families,

As the school year comes to a close, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your partnership and the essential role you play in our education system. We understand what an important responsibility we have to provide a safe, inclusive and welcoming learning environment for our students to thrive and grow. We take that responsibility seriously and value the opportunity to work alongside you in supporting student success.

Our students are at the centre of everything we do. We make decisions in their best interests, guided by the priorities identified in the Trustees' Multi-Year Strategic Plan: well-being and mental health, equity and inclusivity, collaborative relationships and ethical leadership. We want to ensure that every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential, and will continue to work tirelessly to achieve that.

We hope you will find opportunities to continue supporting your child's learning over the summer. For those who are interested, the Board offers a number of summer learning programs and opportunities. However you are spending your summer, we hope that you relax, rejuvenate and enjoy time with family and friends.

Congratulations to all of our 2019 graduates, and we look forward to welcoming back our returning students and families in the 2019-2020 school year. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

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Louise Sirisko Director of Education

Corrie McBain Chair of the Board

Business Studies



The Bayview 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.

DECA

It was another amazing year for Bayview's DECA Chapter led by President Nicholas Chung-Hun and his team of Execs. Students were diligently prepared for competition through weekly training sessions and team-based activities.

DECA provides students with an opportunity to sharpen their presentation skills and business acumen as they are challenged by case studies in the areas of marketing, finance, entrepreneurship, accounting and economics and through various written event categories.

Our students did an amazing job at the Ontario Provincial Competition held downtown Toronto at the Sheraton Center in February where there were several thousand DECA students competing from across southern Ontario. From their success at this event, close to 40 Bayview students qualified to attend the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) which took place in Orlando, Florida in late April.

With over 16,000 American student competitors, the ICDC is the ultimate high school Business Competition! Special recognition goes to Amey Dhamgunde, Andy Zhu, Sharon He and Bonnie Lu for winning 1st place in their categories, and to Anish Agnihotri and Grace Li for winning 2nd place in their categories.

2018-19 was truly a remarkable year for Bayview DECA and we're looking to continue building on what we've learned this Fall 2019!!

Computer Studies



It has been a pleasure to work with the students in the computer science courses, computer club and programming teams. We would like to wish our grade 12 graduates the very best

as they pursue their post-secondary goals. We will miss their presence and contributions to the school life. A special thanks goes to the members of the computer club executive team, and several members of Bayview's programming teams who are graduating. We would like to wish all the graduates the very best in all their future endeavors.

As part of the curriculum, students learnt: Programming, Algorithm Design, Hardware, Website Design, topics in Computer Science, how to create media rich presentations and the impact of computer technology on society. Students at the school were offered the extra-curricular opportunities to be part of the Computer Club, and Programming Club that met weekly, where they learnt: new programming languages, web and app development, algorithm design, and also prepared for programming contests. Students were also provided with the opportunity to participate in a variety of programming contests such as: Beaver Computing Contest (grades 9-10), Canadian Computing Competition (individual - grades 9-12) and on the contests administered by our board and the Educational Computing Organization of Ontario (ECOO).

Below is a summary of key events that our students participated and excelled in:

Bayview Students Excel in Computing Competitions



We organized and administered several internal and external Computing competitions and challenges. We are pleased to share that more than 150 students participated in these contests and challenges.

Several students received certificates of distinction for placing in the top 25% of contestants, which is an excellent accomplishment for our students. (If a student has not received their certificates yet, they can be picked up in the main office or see Mr. Anandarajan).

Beaver Computing Contest (gr's 9 and 10), Nov. 2018

Congratulations goes to all the students who participated in the Beaver Computing contest. Seventeen students received certificates of distinction for placing in the top 25% of contestants, and they are:

Rebecca Lai, Olivia Liu, Tiger Luo, Kelly Chen, Samantha Cheng, Tina Lin, Samantha Ouyang, Paopao Yan, Eric Yang, Erick Huang, Simon Lin, Padena Rasouli-Baghban, Justin Wang, Christopher, Yu, Emily Zhang, Alexander Wang, Angela Yang.



Canadian Computing Competition, Feb. 2019

We are pleased to share that 33 students received certificates of distinction for placing in the top 25% of contestants, which is an excellent accomplishment for our students.

Junior level (10 students):

Kelly Chan, Welna He, Jessica Su, James Su, David Tuck, Alexander Wang, Richard Wei, Samson Wu, Tian Yu, Shayaan Ziaiedana.

Senior level (23 students):

Peter Lin, Simon Ou, Dickson Li, Raymon Li, Oustan Ding, Leon Dong, Adam Lam, Alex Qiu, Andy Sun, Jesse Yao, Angel Yuan, Richard Zhu, Devin Zhihan Lin, Derrick Cui, Amey Dhamgunde, Lakshy Gupta, Ahmad Islah, Matthew Jiao, John Li, Guan Xiong Qiao, Peter Wang, Derek Yang, Glenn Ye.

Educational Computing Organization of Ontario (ECOO) Contests (March and April)

Field Trips and Enrichment Opportunities:

Our students had the opportunity to attend full day workshop sessions on Cybersecurity (April 24th) and Artificial Intelligence – Boot Camp (May 14).

Thanks!

We would like to express our thanks and our farewell wishes to our Principal Mr. Schouten who supported the endeavors of the computer department and would like to wish him the very best



as he continues to serve the board. We would like to thank all the students, parents, administrators, teachers, and past graduates for their keen interest to encourage students to learn and develop an appreciation for this very intriguing discipline of computer science, and to help those wishing to pursue computer science beyond high school.

Teachers: Jey Anandarajan (Subject Head), Rita Andrighetti & Lorie Leung

Community-Based Education



Welcome to Bayview Secondary School Co-op Department.

Here are some highlights of the remarkable students that came through our program this 2018-2019 year.

Co-op Students have earned **unique placements** in the community:

Mackenzie Health Hospital; Shoppers Drug Mart Pharmacies;

Technology Firms; Accounting Firms; Restaurants; Richmond Hill Board of Trade; Vet Clinics; Retail locations; local YRDSB Elementary Schools; local Fitness Facilities; Toyota, Hyundai, and Honda; Makerwiz; Sheraton Hotel; Varley Art Gallery; and our latest exciting partnership with YSpace Markham in Marketing and Design, Social Media Marketing, and Graphic Design.

What will you try in your Gr.11 or Gr.12 year? It is a great way to test-drive your dream career!

SHSM – Specialist High Skills Major

This is our 6th year of SHSM – Specialist High Skills Major – We currently have **Business**, **Non-Profit** and **Health and Wellness** Sectors. This program is for students interested in getting an indepth look into their future choice of career. Students take a bundle of sector courses in grades 11 and 12 and gain experience by taking Co-op in a business, non-profit or health and wellness related placement.

Students are busy working in establishments such as: High Tech Court, IT placements and Caribbean North Charities as well as Dental, and Health Clinics and Hospitals.

SHSM students have also been taking their additional qualifications in Standard First Aid, CPR, WHMIS, Customer Service, Leadership, Ethical Considerations, Ergonomics and Infection Control.



OYAP – Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

We have students who are participants

in OYAP as Automotive Service Technicians at Hyundai and Honda and in the Culinary Arts at Café Bon Bon and Sheraton Hotel Kitchens. We also have an Electrician in Construction and Maintenance, and an HVAC/Sheet Metal Worker.

See us if interested in the trades! There are open houses every October that you can attend at Centennial, Seneca, Humber, and George Brown College.

More exciting times ahead for this year! See you in Co-op. Visit us in the office beside the library.

Sincerely, Ms. Sanderson and Mrs. Tan



Dramatic Arts



The 2018/19 school-year has been a busy one for Bayview's Drama Department. We are proud of our on-going commitment to making the drama room an inclusive space for students to explore their creativity.

Mr. Rose's and Mr. Tirone's grade 10 drama students voiced their concerns about a number of social issues during their Drama Nights. Family

and friends were treated to many of the highlights of the grade 10 courses. Mr. Tirone's grade 11 students presented a powerful rendition of Aristophanes' *The Persians*, while his grade 12 students produced their original creations, *Disconnected* and *Benevolenza*. Audiences were treated to three sophisticated plays that explored the theme of regret.

Mary Zimmerman's *The White Snake* was this year's extracurricular school production. Audiences were transported to Ancient China as students brought to life the ancient tale about Lady Bai and her undying love for Xiu Xian. Under the direction of Mr. Tirone, students offered a magical experience that weaved music, magic and a beautiful story.

Finally, 2019 marks the end of an era; our beloved Paul Rose is retiring. Along with 22 extra- curricular productions, two of which he wrote, and a slew of curricular productions and Drama Nights, Mr. Rose's impact on the department, school and it's students is unmeasurable. We wish him all the best as he moves on to his well-deserved retirement.

Health & Physical Education

The Health and Physical Education Department had an engaging and productive year! Thank you for supporting your kids with their various responsibilities, whether it was training for the beep test or getting those PE uniforms prepped and ready through-out the week. All of our students enjoyed a robust and varied program and can hopefully reflect on some key messages about the relationship between physical activity and increased cognitive ability. The entire HPE staff want to wish you and your families a safe and active summer! Get outside and enjoy the many bike trails, hiking paths, outdoor tennis, volleyball and basketball courts that are available in our community.

Go Bengals!

Relay for Life



On May 30th Bayview held it's 6th Relay for Life event to support the Canadian Cancer Society. The event was a great success - over \$26,000 was raised for the Canadian Cancer society by the 450 student participants and volunteers. Thanks to everyone who contributed to making this year's Relay run so well and to those who participated so enthusiastically!

International Baccalaureate



We would like to congratulate the IB Diploma Candidate Class of 2019! It has been a pleasure working with our students and we wish all of you lots of luck in your future academic endeavours.

All of our students have undertaken challenging course work and balanced it with a wide variety of rewarding Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) experiences. We are proud of the many experiences in which our students participate and the opportunities they help to make available for others in the community. Their work reflects the diverse skills and interests of our IB cohorts and often demonstrate how our students are mastering the attributes of the IB Learner Profile. We really enjoy reading their reflections and wish to extend a thank you to them for their sound efforts!

The Grade 11 IB students are working very hard and are well on their way to earning their Diplomas next spring. To stay on track, we strongly encourage them to continue working on their Extended Essays over the summer months. We are looking forward to seeing their progress and learning from their research. We would also like to remind students to continue their "CAS" experiential learning and strongly encourage them to reflect and post their learning outcomes through the summer.

All IB students may check their May 2019 examination results beginning Saturday, July 6, 2019 at: <u>https://candidates.ibo.org/</u> Please remember that your login credentials are case sensitive.

We wish you all a happy and safe summer!

Science

This has been a great year for Bayview Science students with some amazing science contest results!

Chemistry

Cecilia Xia and Eric Shen attended the provincial finals for the Canadian Chemistry Olympiad (approx. 20 students in Ontario). Eric Shen achieved an amazing first for Bayview by earning one of the 4 places nationally to represent Canada at the International Chemistry Olympiad in Paris, France this July. Eric was also the top school finisher on the University of Waterloo Chem 13 News contest – finishing 15th in the world out of 2137 students. In the University of Waterloo Avogadro Chemistry contest Bill Xiao had an excellent result as our highest school finisher, finishing 370th in the world and in the top 200 in Canada and the US out of 4900 participants.

<u>Biology</u>

Bayview as a school placed in the top 5 nationally in the UofT National Biology Contest. Bayview was led by Parsa Babaei Zadeh who finished in the top 1% out of over 3000 contestants. Rachel Chen used her top 50 performance in the contest and a strong portfolio to be 1 of 4 winning students from across Canada for the Canadian Biology Olympiad. As a result, Rachel is the first Bayview student to be selected for one of the 4 places on the International Biology Olympiad team competing in Szeged, Hungary this July.

HOSA

In 2018-2019, Bayview's HOSA chapter used meetings on the Tuesday and Wednesday of every week to prepare for the Spring Leadership Conference in late March. Each day held the meetings of different events. Each week would consist of trainers preparing a lesson for their peers based on their competition event's outline. These lessons were typically planned prior to the school year and trainers were given the freedom to relay their information in whichever method they chose. Leading up to the competition, members were expected to be studying both independently and with their trainers to prepare to compete. Ultimately, 94 Bayview students attended SLC and Bayview finished with three teams placing in the top 10; two of the three placings being a first and second place medal. Those who placed in the top 3 qualified for the International Leadership Conference which will be held June 19-23 in Orlando, Florida.

Bayview sent 19 students in grades 9-12 to the year's Science Olympics, held at Seneca @York University. Students competed in hands-on challenges in the fields of Physics, Chemistry and Biology, including topics such as DNA analysis, chemical reactions and aerodynamics. Both our junior and senior teams received 2nd and 3rd place medals in the chemistry and physics challenges and our senior team placed 1st overall, bringing home the coveted Science Olympics trophy!