



# Bayview Secondary School

## June 2020 Newsletter

### Principal's Message

As another school year has come to an end, we could never have imagined that we would be living through a global pandemic. I recognize that this year has been challenging in so many ways and that there has been tremendous impact on students, staff and families. Thank you for your patience, understanding, recommendations and questions. Thank you for supporting your children and the efforts of all of our staff to keep Bayview Secondary School's engine running.

Though we were not able to celebrate our graduates' amazing accomplishment in typical fashion with a prom and formal graduation ceremony, we are so proud of our 440 students who make up the Class of 2020. This year represents the end of a portion of their formal education and the beginning of new adventures ahead in the world of work, post-secondary pursuits and time off to rejuvenate. We wish all of our graduates success moving forward and are excited about seeing them again to learn about the opportunities they have found and created. We created a **video** to pay tribute to our students and made it available through your child's GAPPs account. If you have not had the opportunity to see it, please ask your child to share it with you.

I would like to thank all of our staff members who have worked tirelessly to take care of our students in various ways throughout the course of the year. These efforts have included the maintenance of school grounds and facilities, answering questions, managing student records, engaging in solution-focused conversations, identifying appropriate resources and delivering programs. Thank you to our Educational Assistants, Cafeteria Staff, Caretakers, Field Technology Analyst, Library Technician, Secretaries, Settlement Workers, Social Workers, Teachers and Vice-Principals.

As we transition from one year to another, there have been some changes in our staff makeup. I would like to take the opportunity to say farewell to our retirees, Long Term Occasional teachers and those transitioning to other opportunities.

- Mr. Fraser, Ms. Berish, Ms. Hoffman, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Marr, Ms. Mooney
- Ms. Bandlei, Mr. Copanga, Ms. Ho, Ms. Howitt, Ms. Kassam, Mr. McGilvray, Ms. Mo, Ms. Mogilevskaya, Ms. Tavangar and Mr. Yeung
- Mr. Anandarajan, Ms. Argiropoulos, Mr. Masciello

Even though the length of time that each has been at the school differs, their impact will live on and they will be missed. We wish them well and greatly appreciate their commitment to our students.

Recognizing that each of us has been impacted in different ways during the last 4 months – financially, physically, emotionally, socially - my wish is that all of us will have opportunities to get more rest, find more peace and to experience greater connection with loved ones. We look forward to seeing you as soon as is possible.

Take care.

**Arlene Higgins Wright**

Principal

### Student Materials

Thank you for your patience during our material retrieval process. If your child was unable to return or pick up items left at the school (e.g. textbooks, clothing), they will be able to access them once school begins.

### Timetable Distributions

Timetables for the 2020-2021 school year will be shared with students via their GAPPs accounts during the last week of August.

### School Start-Up

As you are aware, the Ministry of Education has noted that Ontario schools will reopen for the 2020-2021 school year, using one of three possible [scenarios](#):

- Normal school day routine with enhanced public health protocols
- Modified school day routine
- At-home learning

Relying on advice from public health, YRDSB expects plans to be finalized over the summer and will share details with families. Information will be available on school and board websites as well as on YRDSB Twitter and Instagram accounts.

### Summer Office Access

As schools remain closed, if you are in need of assistance throughout the summer, please email [bayview.ss@yrdsb.ca](mailto:bayview.ss@yrdsb.ca)