



Bayview Secondary School

June 2021 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear Students and Families,

At the end of this school year, it's hard to imagine that the pandemic would still be part of our reality. Your patience, suggestions and inquiries have been appreciated over this last year. Thank you for efforts you have made to engage to the best of your ability.

Administration Team

We are excited to welcome a new Vice-Principal to our administrative team. Ms. Kirsty Irvine will be joining us from Maple HS and will return our team to four members. We wish Mr. Brad Clayden well as he moves to Newmarket HS.

Graduating Class of 2021

Congratulations to our Class of 2021. The drive-through graduation event was a huge success and we were so happy to see our students before they leave us. Thank you for your support with this. Despite our inability to celebrate this milestone with a prom and formal ceremony, we are proud of our 380 graduating students.

After so many years in school, graduation represents the closing of one chapter and the opening of another. We wish all of our graduates much excitement and success as they embark on their next adventure. We created a **video** to pay tribute to our students and it will be available through student GAPPs account and parent emails on Monday, July 5th.

Staff Appreciation

I would like to thank our staff members who have worked diligently to look after students through school openings and school closures. With several new protocols in place this year, work has included cleaning and maintaining our school grounds, responding to numerous questions, processing student information, problem-solving, sharing resources, facilitating learning and supporting extra-curricular activities.

Thank you to our Caretakers, Educational Assistants, Field Technology Analyst, Regulated Health Professionals, Library Technician, Secretaries, Settlement Workers, Social Workers, Teachers and Vice-Principals.

Staff Farewells

Every year brings changes to our staff complement and we must say farewell to our retirees, Long Term Occasional teachers and those transitioning to other opportunities. We thank them and wish each success and fulfillment as they move on.

- Ms. Buzaglo, Ms. Graves, Ms. Sukerman, Ms. Thomas, Mr. Tryphonopoulos
- Mr. Deng, Ms. Iadipalo, Ms. Lorimer, Mr. Capogna; Ms. Chu, Ms. Cormpilas, Ms. Georgie, Mr. Jones, Mr. Huang, Mr. Shukrullah, Ms. Alexopoulos, Ms. Balley, Ms. Tafader, Mr. Tillman, Mr. Siu, Ms. Rojko, Ms. Liu
- Ms. Fong, Ms. Rodney, Ms. Carere, Ms. Tulloch, Ms. Fraser, Ms. Gardner, Mr. Vallier

Moving into the summer, it is my hope for you and your family that time can be carved out to relax, rejuvenate and reconnect as restrictions open up. We look forward to seeing and partnering with you in September. Have a safe, healthy and happy break.

Take care.

Arlene Higgins Wright

Principal

School Council Message

School Council – A Glance of the 2020/21 School Year

It's hard to believe that the 2020-2021 school year is coming to an end. On behalf of Bayview School Council, we would like to thank you for your support to the school council activities in the past year. With your participation, we were able to run 5 monthly Parent Support Group gatherings. Topics like "Work & Life Balance", "Managing Expectations", and "Dating" were discussed. In total, 60 parents participated in one of these support groups. We would like to thank our Parent Support Group chair, Jennifer Hsieh-Chung, for her coordination and management. We also thank all the group leaders who made time to lead groups in English, Cantonese, Farsi, and Mandarin.

Many thanks also to our Engagement Chair, Lida Moradkhani, for organizing two seminars. One in March on “Mental Health and Substance Abuse” and another one in June on “Communicating with Teens.” Both workshops were attended by about 20 parents.

In addition to the above parent engagement activities, the school council received donations from generous parents to support school activities and well-being - \$4500 were approved in the council budget to support the school in purchasing a wireless document camera for Geography department, courtyard furniture, plants and planters, healthy breakfast for 2021/22 fall term and special round tables for the reading program. This year, we have also increased the scholarship amount to the top three Grade 12 students and ordered souvenirs for all graduates. A special thanks to our Ward 3 City Councilor, Castro Liu. Even though there was no Ward 3 BBQ in June 2020 due to the pandemic, he was able to donate \$5,000 to the school. His annual major financial supports in the past many years are greatly valued and appreciated.

You can also make a difference in the BSS Community! There are many more financial requests from the school for the coming fall term than we are unable to support currently. These requests include, but not limited to:

Healthy Breakfast	\$2,400
Leadership, Engagement, and Participation (Mentorship) Program	\$1,000
Supporting Students in Need	\$1,200
3 Student Achievement Awards	\$ 600
Total	\$ 5,200

The School Council Executives challenge all parents to donate to the school via School Cash Online. We hope to raise \$5,000 by September 30, 2021. We trust that we can count on you. Your generosity and support will greatly benefit and encourage our administrators, staff, teachers and students. Let us all do our part as parents to uphold the good traditions, to ensure the high standard and academic reputation of BSS! Thank you and have a safe and healthy summer!

Rev. Philip Der + & Ben Schu
Co-Chairs, Bayview School Council

Report Cards

Semester 2 Final Report Cards will be distributed electronically within the upcoming weeks.

Student Materials

If returning students were unable to return or pick up items left at the school, they can do so once school begins. Students who are **not** returning to Bayview are asked to return them over the summer. Please contact the school at 905 884-4453 and leave a message in the general mailbox or email bayview.ss@yrdsb.ca to arrange the drop-off.

Summer School Update

Here is the [link](#) to the summer school information for the start dates and times. If you have questions about your summer school course, you must email the summer school teacher. If you have not received information by the start date, please email continuing.education@yrdsb.ca as these courses are not Bayview courses. If you want to drop a summer school course, you also need to email Continuing Education.

Volunteer Forms Update

If you are volunteering during the summer and have not yet received guidance approval, please make sure the organization is a registered non-profit and/or charity in Ontario. Household chores and tutoring your siblings all count. We will **not be** collecting the community involvement forms until late September. Here is a [link](#) to the form. There is also a link to volunteer opportunities listed on the [Guidance webpage](#).

Timetable Distribution

Timetables for the 2021-2022 school year will be shared with students via their GAPPS accounts during the last week of August.

Course Change Requests

Please avoid emailing your Guidance Counsellor over the summer regarding timetables or a timetable change. Guidance will not respond to any emails regarding course changes.

Be aware that there is very limited movement with courses. Information regarding requests for a timetable change will be in the email with your timetable.

School Start-Up

As you are aware, the Ministry of Education has noted that Ontario schools will reopen in September. YRDSB will implement a Hybrid Model as previously communicated. 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

If you are in need of assistance throughout the summer, please email bayview.ss@yrdsb.ca