

# **Bayview Secondary School**

# June 2022 Newsletter

### **Principal's Message**

Dear Students and Families,

We hope that your well-deserved summer holiday is going well. Compliments to our students and staff for the dedication and commitment they have demonstrated this past year.

#### Graduating Class of 2022

Congratulations to our Class of 2022. Our in-person event was a huge success and we were delighted to be able to celebrate this milestone with students and families face to face. Not only were we able to honour students' accomplishments at the ceremony, Prom 2022 gave students another opportunity to celebrate. We are proud of our 391 graduating students and wish them all success as they move on to life's next chapter.

#### **Administration Team**

As previously communicated, the return to school will reflect changes to our administration team. Bayview Secondary School will welcome two new administrators, Mr. Aldrin Fernando (Principal) and Mr. Shawn Perry (Vice-Principal). Both are excited to join the Bayview SS community.

I will be moving to Middlefield C.I. and Vice Principal Ishiguro will be moving to Alexander Mackenzie H.S. It has been our pleasure to be part of such an awesome community of educators, supportive families as well as passionate and engaged students.

#### Staff Appreciation

We would like to thank our staff who have worked persistently to look after students this year in the midst of changing protocols and learning models. Thank you to our Caretakers, Educational Assistants, Field Technology Analyst, Regulated Health Professionals, Library Technician, Secretaries, Settlement Workers, Social Workers, Teachers and Administrators.

#### **Staff Farewells**

Each year there are changes to our staff complement and we must say farewell to our retirees, Long Term Occasional teachers and those transitioning to other opportunities. Their commitment has been appreciated and we wish them each success and fulfillment as they move on to other opportunities. This year's list includes:

- Ms. Haramis, Ms. Dowlut, Ms. Vallier, Ms. Leitch
- Ms. Buckman Kalechstein, Ms. Chen, Ms. Connor, Ms. He, Ms. Kay, Ms. Lu, Mr. Redman, Mr. Troy, Mr. Vervaeke, Mr. Yuen
- Ms. Berlana, Mr. Mak, Ms. Monavvarian, Mr. Adodo, Ms. Recine

It is my hope for you and your family to relax and refresh this summer. It has been my absolute pleasure serving as an administrator at Bayview SS for the last 9 years. I wish you all the best in September. Have a safe, healthy and happy break.

Take care.

#### **Arlene Higgins Wright**

Principal

## **School Council Message**

It is with a great sense of achievement when we concluded this year's BSS School Council activities.

With ongoing guidance and partnership from BSS School Management Team, and dedication from all School Council colleagues, we were able to raise \$8,042 this year alone via various sponsorship and fund raising events. We were then able to turn around and making the best use of these funds to support highly achieved students, Grade 12 students who are graduating, healthy breakfast programs, and other school approved initiatives (i.e. BYOD, departmental requests). We also managed to launch a seminar to facilitate topic(s) that our parents would benefit the most from by quality speaker(s). Meanwhile, we were able to connect parents of various language backgrounds, to enable them to share notes so as to better assist their children, our BSS students in more efficiently managing their day-to-day study and family activities.

In conclusion, we want to say, that the School Council had accomplished a great deal. These would never be made feasible without the joint efforts of our supportive BSS School Management Team, and a lot of sacrifice from all our School Council members. Let us take this opportunity to say thank you for all

your kind support. We look forward to another productive year starting in Fall 2022.

#### **Report Cards**

Semester 2 Final Report Cards have been distributed electronically.

#### **Graduation Diploma Pick-Up**

Graduation package pickup begins on July 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday to Thursday from 9-3pm.

#### **Student Materials**

Students who are **not** returning to Bayview are asked to return them over the summer. Summer office hours are Monday to Thursday 8:00-4:00.

#### **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. Guidance will **not be** collecting the community involvement forms until late September. Here is a <u>link</u> to the form. There is also a link to volunteer opportunities listed on the <u>Guidance webpage</u>.

#### **Timetable Distribution**

Timetables for the 2022-2023 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.

#### **Summer Office Access**

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

#### **Community Resources and Mental Health**

Students and families looking for Mental Health resources, here is the <u>link</u> to School Mental Health Ontario. Visit the Guidance webpage for a list of Mental Health and Community resources for both students and families. Here is the <u>link</u>.

