



Bayview Secondary School

November 2017 Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates

November 24:	PA Day
Nov. 27–Dec. 8:	Grad Photos
Dec. 25–Jan. 5:	Winter Break
January 16–17:	Grade 9 EQAO Math
January 17:	Last day for summative assessments
January 25-31:	Final Examinations
February 1:	Exam Review Day
February 2:	PA Day
February 5:	First Day of Semester 2

Principal's Message

It is difficult to believe that we are already at Midterm of Semester 1 for 2017-18! This has been an excellent school year so far with much more to come.

Midterm reports provide all of us the chance to reflect on where we started, what we have done so far, and where we are going. As a staff, we are constantly working on improving our school. The place where we have the greatest impact is in the classroom. Our learning this year will continue to support improvements in Mathematics, Mental Health, and Modern Learning. We are excited to be focusing on Equitable and Inclusive practices in all of these areas to ensure each student is provided the opportunities to achieve to their full potential. At our PA Day in October, we started to consider our students' social identities and how we as educators can help all students feel part of the school and classroom environment. We will continue to examine School Climate Survey results on November 24 and implement our learning and effective practices as the year continues.

We welcomed our Grade 9 students on our first day, at the Grade 9 Conference at Green Acres Camp, and through many activities to help them transition to Bayview. I thank our Grades 10-12 students for support of our new students and to make them feel welcome.

Students have been engaged in our many teams, clubs, and other activities this semester. We have many more events planned with lots of opportunities for students to get involved.

Parents are encouraged to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. If the concern is related to a course, you should speak with the teacher first. If you are not satisfied with the outcome or need support, please contact your child's Vice-Principal:

Vice-Principal	Students with last name beginning with
Ms. Higgins Wright	A – J
Mr. Lim	K – R
Ms. Essebag	S – Z

It was a pleasure to meet so many parents on Grade 9 Day, on Parents' Night, and at our School Council meetings. I look forward to meeting many more of you as our year continues.

I wish all of our students continued success this semester. Again, if you have any concerns, please speak with your teachers and then administration.

Brian Schouten
Principal

Computer Studies

If you love the challenge of a good problem, working with technology, and learning new things, then come and check out the Computer Studies department at Bayview Secondary School. No experience required. Using industry standard tools, students journey from a beginner programmer to an expert.

As part of the curriculum, students learn: programming, algorithm design, hardware, website design, topics in Computer Science and the impact of computer technology on society. Students at the school are also offered the extra-curricular opportunities to be a part of the Computer Club and Programming Clubs that meet weekly. In the clubs, students learn about: new technologies, web and app development, programming, algorithm design, and programming contests. We also had several former students as guest speakers such as Justin Kim (U of T), Katrina Ma (U of McMaster), Richard Yang (U of Waterloo), Alex Zhang (Sheridan College) and Ioan Tataru (U of Waterloo & Laurier), who shared their experiences and provided information to help our students with their post-secondary application and decision making process.

Upcoming events and dates

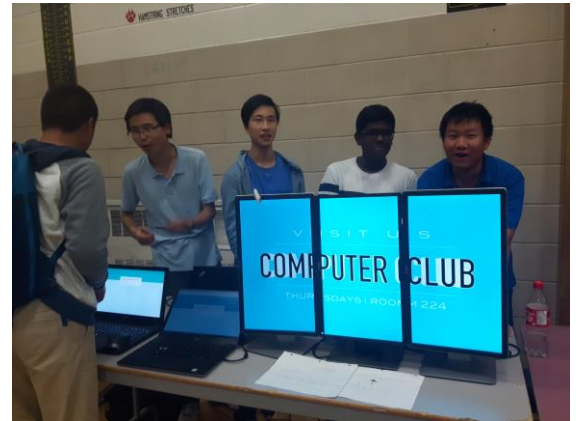
- **Hour of Code:** December 4-8, 2017

Students will be organizing “Hour of Code” events at Bayview and feeder schools.

- **Canadian Computing Contest:** February 14, 2018
- **York Region Programming Contest,** March 23, 2018



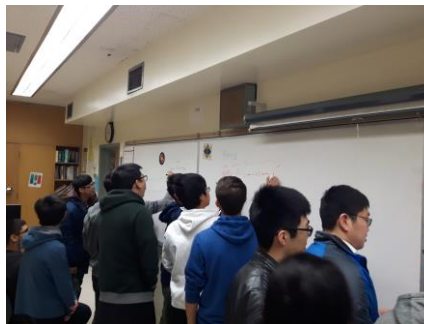
Hour of Code event @ Richmond Rose P. S.



Computer Club @ Grade 9 Club Fair



Students exploring strategy games



Students creating algorithms



Guest speaker Ioan Tataru

Community-Based Education

Welcome to Bayview's Community-Based Education Department. Students have been fortunate to be placed in 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, and Day Care Centres. What will they try in their grade 11 or 12 year? It is a great way to try out a dream career!

SHSM – Specialist High Skills Major

This is our 5th year of SHSM – Specialist High Skills Major. We currently have Business and Non-Profit Sectors. This program is for students interested in getting an in-depth program in 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 or non-profit related placement.

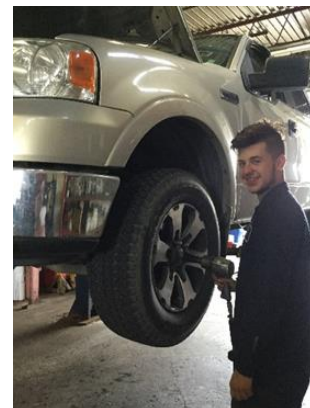
Students are busy working in establishments such as: The Sheraton Hotel in Human Resources and Accounting, Sales and Marketing Firms, High Tech Court and Small Claims Court, and Caribbean North Charities to name a few. SHSM students have also been taking their additional qualifications in Standard First Aid, CPR, WHMIS, Customer Service, Leadership, Ethical Considerations and Ergonomics.

OYAP – Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

We have some students signed as apprentices with the College of Trades as Automotive Service Technicians, in the Culinary Arts, as Child Development Practitioners, and an Arborist. We also will have a student in the Accelerated Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program working as a mechanic at his Co-op Placement now who will be taking his Level One Apprenticeship Training for 8 weeks this upcoming April to June 2018 at Centennial College – Ashtonbee Campus. Please see Ms. Sanderson or Ms. Rice-Tan if interested in the Trades! There are open houses that you can attend at Centennial, Seneca, Humber, George Brown and Carpenter's Union Local 27.

Dual Credit

We have students who take Co-op and then take a credit once a week for 15 weeks at one of the following colleges: Seneca (Markham, Newnham, King, Jane or York Campus), George Brown, Centennial, or Georgian. Students receive two credits: one college course credit (from the college) and one Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) elective credit. There is no tuition cost for this program. Books and transportation are included.



Guidance and Career Education

This fall, Guidance has facilitated visits from post-secondary institutions for senior students. Respective colleges and universities have been at Bayview to inform students of programs, scholarships, and living away from home. Guidance has also provided senior students with workshops regarding applying to college and university as well as a workshop on Financing Post-Secondary Education. All of these presentations can be found on the Bayview Secondary School website in the Guidance section. In October, Guidance and Student Success departments brought students to the College Fair for the day. In November, Bayview Guidance teamed up with four other YRDSB schools to host a Pathways Fair at Alexander Mackenzie High School. Students applying to college must do so no later than **February 1, 2018**. Students applying to Ontario universities must do so no later than **January 17, 2018**.

In the coming months, Guidance will be visiting all students to prepare for course selections. Students choose their courses using Career Cruising. Students can also use Career Cruising as a tool to provide them with possible career matches, inform them of their learning skills, and provide suggestive career pathways and programs in the areas of apprenticeships, colleges and universities. Career Cruising also provides descriptions for jobs, the education needed, the working environment, and salary.

In March, Guidance will be hosting its third annual College Degree Programs presentation for all Grade 10 students. A panel of colleges will present to students how to receive a university degree through their institutions.

Students are always welcome to book an appointment with their guidance counsellor. This fall, Guidance bookings are now done through Teach Assist – no more paper appointments! Students can also come to the guidance office to use one of our iPads to book an appointment. We look forward to continuing to support our students!

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

French & International Languages

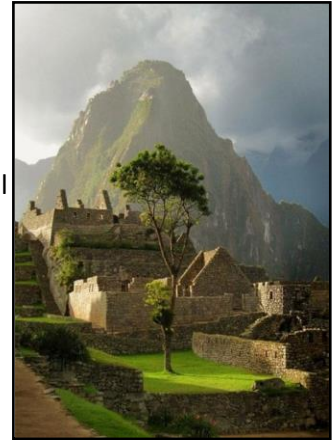
Welcome to an extraordinary world of language and culture!

On behalf of the Modern Languages Department, welcome to our **French** and **Spanish** Language Programs that promote Intercultural Understanding, International-Mindedness, and prepare our students for careers around the globe.



Some of the highlights of our programs include:

- **Field trips** including the [Aga Khan Museum](#), [Art Gallery of Ontario](#), the [Royal Ontario Museum](#), the [McMichael Gallery](#), the [Canadian Opera](#), [Cinéfranco](#), [Ski trips to Québec](#), [Tours to Europe](#), and **Service Tours to Peru**;
- **Intercultural activities** such as the **BIFF**, the **Bayview International Film Festival**, and the [MOSAIC Festival](#) where students develop intercultural understanding and learn about social and environmental issues through the life experiences shared by artists, musicians, poets and story-tellers from around the world;
- [Speech](#), [Dictation](#), and [Poetry Contests](#) all year long! These contests take place across Canada;
- **Immersion and Exchanges** such as [EXPLORE](#), a fun-filled summer immersion program in different locations in Quebec and other French-speaking regions of Canada. Most expenses such as transportation, lodging and food are covered by the Canadian government;
- Choose a work placement with the [YMCA Work Experience Program](#) in Québec, also funded by the government. Students live with a family, work in an area of interest, earn a student wage over the summer, and return bilingual!;
- There are also programs in Europe offered through **ISE**, [International Student Exchange](#).



Learning about Indigenous Cultures through Modern Languages

Canada is a dynamic work in progress anchored by strong Indigenous voices and a complexity of cultures and identities. Learning other languages will help our students to think critically about the issues we face today and how we might respond in creative, meaningful and compassionate ways.



Students learn about First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives through their studies in French and Spanish and participate in forums and workshops led by Indigenous speakers. Last year, students also took an active role in making baby moccasins for the **Moccasin Project** and workshops on the **Truth & Reconciliation Process** to learn about our role and responsibility in response to the history and effects of the Residential school system.

Multilingualism is good for you!

Language-learning activates the grey cells in the brain. This not only improves general intelligence and memory, but it can also reduce the effects of brain ageing. Multilingualism also develops the following transferable skills highly sought after by employers in today's global market:

1. Decision-making
2. Observation
3. A sophisticated cultural awareness
4. Critical thinking
5. Effective oral and written communication in English and your other language(s)
6. Open-mindedness
7. Independence
8. Resilient problem-solving
9. Prioritizing
10. Willingness to accept new challenges



The French & Spanish Tutoring Club

**Tuesday & Thursday
After school in Room 121.**

LANGUAGE STUDIES LEAD TO MANY CAREERS:

**International Law
International Development
International Business
Medical Fields
Government Service
Tourism & Transportation
Marketing
Diplomatic Service
Journalist
Interpreter/Translator**

Sports Teams

Here is a summary of our sports teams' successes and upcoming seasons:



Junior Girls Basketball

The Junior team under Ms. Sankey and Ms. Chu finished their season with two strong outings in a very competitive Tier 1 league. The girls showed tremendous spirit and the team has built a strong foundation for next year.

Tennis Team

Ms. Brown and Mr. Singh had the team playing their best tennis at the right time. A number of players have moved on to the OFSSA Championships next spring.

Senior Boys Volleyball

Mr. Chan had the senior boys off to a flying start this year. The team finished a respectable 8 wins and 4 losses and qualified for the playoffs. With some key injuries to the squad, Bayview lost in the playoffs. A great effort all round!

Varsity Soccer

Under the guidance of coaches Ms. Smith and Ms. Jarrett, the Varsity team finished 2 wins and 5 losses. However, every game was close and the team looks promising for next year with a majority of the team returning.

Girls Field Hockey

Under the tutelage of Ms. Morphy, the Girls Field Hockey Team, in only their second year, were competitive and doubled their wins total from their inaugural year. Well done, girls!

Cross Country Running

Braving howling winds and pouring rain, the cross country team continually strives to better their results. Special thanks to Ms. Magee and Mr. Sopman for enduring the elements throughout a very wet and cool season. The Midget Girls narrowly missed qualifying for OFSSA.

Junior Boys Volleyball

After a very successful season, with a record of 10 wins and 2 losses, the Junior Boys moved into the Area qualifications. The team swept their two playoff games and are seeded second in the YRAA Junior Volleyball Championships held at Markville Secondary School on November 15.

Bayview's Swim Team

After one swim meet, the Bayview Swim Team has qualified 28 swimmers for the YRAA Championships to be held at the Pan Am Pool on December 13. The girls finished first overall at the first prep meet out of eight schools. Overall, Bayview finished third. With a team of 52 swimmers, we are hopeful to add to the list of qualifiers in the second Prep meet on November 14. The team already has four or five swimmers with OFSSA qualifying times.

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

Ontario has designated the week of November 19-25 as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week. The Empowered Student Partnerships chapter of Bayview has planned many activities and workshops to raise awareness in our students and staff around bullying and to provide strategies to confront bullying. York Region Police Constable Natalie Chan is scheduled to present workshops to students on the topic of Cyberbullying.

Staff Updates

We welcome the following new staff members to Bayview Secondary School:

- **Mr. Becker** – Student Services
- **Mr. Bowman** – Science
- **Mr. Chu** – Computer/Technology/Mathematics
- **Ms. Cosentino** – Student Services
- **Ms. Dampf** – English/Business
- **Mr. Fraser** – Caretaker
- **Mr. Hass** – Caretaker
- **Ms. Hills** – History
- **Ms. Houshmand** - Secretary
- **Mr. Idris** – Technology Support Technician
- **Ms. Jassal** – English/ELL
- **Mr. Kelso** – Science
- **Mr. Lam** - History
- **Mr. Lee** – Mathematics
- **Ms. Mandel** – Educational Assistant
- **Ms. Pistore** - Caretaker
- **Ms. Tafader** – English
- **Ms. Tremblay** – Secretary

