

# BENGAL BULLETIN

A Diversity Community Learning Together

**BAYVIEW**  
SECONDARY SCHOOL



## CLASS TIMES

<b>P1</b>	8:45 am - 10:05 am
<b>P2</b>	10:10 am - 11:25 am
<b>P3</b>	11:30 am - 12:45 pm
<b>P4</b>	12:50 pm - 2:05 pm
<b>P5</b>	2:10 pm - 3:25 pm

## ADMINISTRATION

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## FROM THE OFFICE



*Dear Parents and Guardians,*  
As we approach the holiday season, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families. This is a wonderful time to rest, regroup, and enjoy the company of loved ones. I hope you find moments of peace and joy, and return refreshed and ready for the remainder of the school year. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Have a safe and happy holiday!

*Sincerely, the BSS Admin Team*

Course Selection for 2025-2026 school year starts in the new year. Here is the [link](#) to the tab where information will be posted. Stay tuned.

## LOOKING AHEAD @ BAYVIEW

<b>Dec 20th-Jan 3rd</b>	<b>HOLIDAY BREAK</b>
<b>January 16-17</b>	<b>EQAO Math</b>
<b>January 22-28</b>	<b>Semester 1 Final Exams</b>
<b>January 31st</b>	<b>PD Day</b>
<b>February 3rd</b>	<b>Semester 2 Begins</b>

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## Support Over the Holiday

We know that at times you require support over the holidays to take care of loved ones. Here are a few resources to help navigate any difficult situations that may arise.

	<b>KIDS HELP PHONE</b> 1-800-668-6868 686868 KIDSHELPPHONE.CA
	<b>YOUR SUPPORT SERVICES NETWORK</b> 1-855-310-COPE (2673)
	<b>Suicide Prevention Canada</b> Call 988 Text 988
	<b>Black Youth Helpline</b> 1-833-294-8650
	<b>youthline</b> 25 YEARS OF YOUTH RESILIENCE 647-694-4275

## MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS



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
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## TRUSTEE MESSAGE:

Dear families,

As we head towards the winter break, we want to thank you for your continued partnership and support as we work together to provide your children with a positive and successful school experience.

It matters to us that every child has access to the learning, environment and support they need to be successful in school. That drives our work every day.

Since the start of the school year, we have:

- **Launched the [Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#).** The plan sets out the priorities that guide our work and was heavily informed by feedback from families, staff, students and community partners.
- **Introduced a [Family Dashboard](#)** to give you easier one-stop access to tools and resources that support your child's education.
- **[Celebrated](#) some of the outstanding individuals in our system**, including students earning provincial recognition, a teacher at Milliken Mills HS who received the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence, and the staff at our Museum and Archives who received a Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming.
- Provided regular **professional development opportunities** for educators and other school board staff, because we know how important this ongoing learning is for staff and for students.
- Co-developed a [mental health symposium](#) with student advisors that equips student leaders to inspire change and champion mental health in their schools. Students across our board are transforming conversations about mental health.
- Held a series of regional [school council forums](#), bringing together school council representatives for an evening of shared learning and discussion.
- Had the privilege of [providing space for the Georgina Island First Nation Pow Wow](#) at Sutton District HS, an opportunity for attendees to come together to celebrate and learn about Indigenous culture.

These are just a few examples of the amazing things that happen in our schools daily, thanks to the dedication, collaboration and innovation shown by students, staff and families. Thank you for all that you do to support this work in our schools and at home. We greatly value the partnership we have with families.

We know that many members of our community will be recognizing significant dates and holidays throughout this season. We wish you all the very best for a safe, joyous and relaxing celebration, and a restful and recharging winter break.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school in 2025.

Ron Lynn, Chair

Bill Cober, Director

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## Semester 2 Final Exams-IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

All students have received their semester 2 final exam schedule.

### Exam Dates Please be aware of the following:

- January 22nd: Period 5 Exams
- January 23rd: Period 4 Exams
- January 24th: Period 1 Exams
- January 27th: Period 2 Exams
- January 28th: Period 3 Exams

Each student has received an exam schedule (see above). Students should check with their teachers to confirm all exam information (e.g. room and room changes, course code), particularly if students are enrolled in any course(s) listed under the “Exams during the exam block with special circumstances”.

The room schedule for examinations will be posted each exam day. Students are responsible for arriving at the proper time and place for each examination. Be prepared to enter the examination room at least ten minutes prior to the beginning of the examination.

**All exams listed above begin at 9:00 a.m.**

Students are expected to leave the school quickly and quietly at the end of their exam.

**Please review the examination schedule and important information that was sent to your child for all other details.**

### Attendance during exams:

- Students who arrive late for an examination must report to the Main Office attendance secretary immediately.
- Students who are late will ONLY be given the time remaining on the examination in progress. Should a situation arise as a result of an emergency, an administrator may give special consideration for the student to write the exam for the allotted time.
- Students missing an examination due to illness, bereavement or a court appearance must notify the school immediately (905-884-4453). Students must provide verification from the appropriate authority (i.e. illness requires a doctor's note indicating that the student is not able to write the exam on the respective day). Medical notes and other verification must be given to Ms. Cowan (VP) in the Main Office.
- **Vacation time, extra curricular activities, employment and appointments must not be planned during the scheduled exam period. All exams must be written at the scheduled time and place.**
- **Students who are NOT legitimately absent for an examination will be given a mark of zero for the exam portion of the course.**



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Schedule session

**Prestige**  
Photography by Lifetouch

**GRADUATION  
PORTRAIT INFO!**

## Bayview Secondary School

**Grad Photos Starting January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Schedule Your Portrait Session Online!**

<https://schedule.prestigeportraits.ca>

### General Information

- Schedule your photo appointment online! You can book an appointment on the dates provided for your school by selecting your school's name in the drop-down menu, and then entering the first and last name that the school has on file for you. (You do not need to enter an 8-digit code.)
- You have the option to prepay your \$35 session fee online. If you have not prepaid online, then your session fee must be paid to your photographer at the time of your photo session. Debit or credit is preferred, but cash and cheques made payable to Lifetouch Canada will also be accepted.
- **Photos will be taken on the Gym Stage**
- **Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time!**
- **NOTE: ONLY GRADUATES PHOTOGRAPHED AT THE SCHOOL ARE GUARANTEED TO BE ON THE COMPOSITE**

### Getting Ready!

- If you are wearing a mask, you will be asked to remove it just prior to the start of your session.
- Hair and makeup must be done before your photo session starts.
- If you are bringing in a prop, please ensure you have it ready at the time of your session.
- Lifetouch will provide the traditional grad gown, hat, tassel and a v-stole in your school colours.
- **You are welcome to wear your own dress shirt (of any colour) with or without a tie. Please ensure your tie is pre-tied before your appointment or use a clip-on tie.**
- **Graduates who prefer to not wear a dress shirt with or without a tie, we suggest wearing a V-neck or scoop neck shirt. Please come prepared for your session already dressed in this attire.**

### Contemporary Poses

Contemporary poses can be included in your session. This is of the individual graduate only and is done in casual dress. Your portrait session is about capturing your true personality, so we encourage you to bring in a prop such as a musical instrument, sporting equipment, etc.

***\*\*Please note: due to allergies, animals are not permitted during any grad photo sessions\*\****

### A Word about Your Proofs

Two to three weeks after your photo session, you will receive a set of proofs by Canada Post and an email with a link so you can view your graduation proofs online. Keep in mind that your proofs are not retouched, but your finished portrait order will include basic retouching at no charge to eliminate blemishes & soften lines. Premium retouching is available at an additional cost.

*If you have questions about Prestige packages, or need help booking an appointment, please call Lifetouch Prestige Customer Service at 1.888.676.1647*

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