BAYVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

E-bulletin April 1st, 2021

10077 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4C 2L4 Tel: 905.884.4453 Fax: 905.770.3580

Administration

Ms. A. Higgins Wright, Principal

Vice-Principal; Mr. Seiji Ishiguro, Vice-Principal; Ms. S. Sadacharan, Vice-Principal

Visit the new YRDSB website

YRDSB has refreshed its Board website to make it easier for families to find the important information they are looking for at www.yrdsb.ca.

The new website has been designed to be mobile friendly, translatable, accessible, searchable, easy to navigate and to better reflect York Region District School Board and our community. This includes:

- Built-in translation tool
- Enhanced search capabilities
- Built-in accessibility features to meet accessibility legislation
- Revised navigation based on user testing, website analytics and research
- Quick access to six of our most accessed pages, including school calendars and school transportation information.

The new website also includes:

- A <u>Family Resources</u> that provides quick access to online tools like Edsby, Google Classroom and School Cash
 Online, as well as links to information about translation tools, IT support for families and more. Use the "need
 help" button to access tips and support in using these tools.
- Updated Online Student Tools pages provide quick access to students to online learning platforms and resources
 to help with homework. Use the "need help" button to access tips and support in using these tools.
- An enhanced <u>newsroom</u> with access to the latest news, events and videos so you can find out what's happening around our Board.
- Easy access to information about <u>supports for students</u>, <u>elementary school</u> and <u>secondary school</u> programs, <u>adult</u> <u>learning opportunities</u> and more.

Information about COVID-19 and schools, including update information, screening tools and frequently asked questions can still be found at www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening.

We hope that the website makes it easier for families to find and access the information you are looking for. When you visit the new website, please take the time to share your feedback, so we can continue to ensure our website meets the needs of the community we serve.

Budget Consultation Process for Families and Community Members

Between April 7 and April 29, York Region District School is inviting families and community members to participate in its annual budget consultation process. The Board values public input and encourages public participation in virtual consultation sessions and an online survey. These consultation sessions provide the Board with valuable information about how the community would like to see the school board budget allocated to better support student achievement and well-being. The results will be used to inform the 2021-22 school year budget allocation.

The dates and times of the virtual consultations are:

- Wednesday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
 - Please register for this Public Budget Consultation Session at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3150347517880291084. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.
 - Public, listen only, telephone access to the webinar is via 647-497-9368 and entering Access Code 490-736-992.

- Monday, April 26, 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
 - Please register for this Public Budget Consultation Session at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3227105524126939660 After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.
 - Public, listen only, telephone access to the webinar is via 647-497-9389 and Access Code 149-846-166.

YRDSB has created a survey to gather community feedback into the process. The survey will be available for completion on the Board website April 7 - April 29, 2021.

YRDSB values community input and is working to increase transparency and understanding of its budget process. Questions regarding the budget process may be directed to Budget20212022@yrdsb.ca.

Bayview School Council Parent Support Group

The Parent Support Group (PSG) is a volunteer group under Bayview School Council that provides a language base support group to all BSS parents. We have now trained group leaders speaking English, Mandarin, Farsi, Cantonese, and Urdu/Hindi. We look forward to welcoming returning and new BSS parents to join our 3rd PSG meeting on **Thursday, April 8th, 2021 at 7:30** p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; the topic is "**Time Management**."

If you are interested in joining, please register at https://forms.gle/y9iicvwXeez4H1kn6 by Tuesday April 6 2021. If you have already registered for previous sessions, you don't need to register again. Zoom meeting link will be sent to all registrants on Wed., April 7, 2021

If you have any questions, please contact us directly at bayview.ss2@sc.yrdsb.ca.

<u>Communication Strategies and Healthy Boundaries</u> - Parent Engagement Event: "Communication Strategies and Healthy Boundaries". Participants can choose to attend the sessions in Mandarin, Cantonese or English. The sessions are provided by Hong Fook and Family Services for York Region.

<u>Auto Connect - Opportunities for Black Youth Event</u> - Hear from industry professionals about their journey, explore career opportunities, and learn about post-secondary pathways and scholarships to help you get there.

YRPC APRIL SYMPOSIUMS SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 and Mental Health - Registration form closes on April 7th at 8pm. bit.ly/weekonesymposium

The York Region Presidents' Council would like to invite you to come out to our first April Mental Health Symposium event on April 8th from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. This event is an amazing opportunity to connect with and meet other student leaders all across the YRDSB, open to ALL grade 9-12 students. This symposium will focus on COVID-19 and Mental Health. There will also be valuable workshops, speakers, icebreakers, and student discussions that you don't want to miss! For more information on how to register, contact your student council representatives or visit our instagram at @theyrpc!

Guidance Message - Apr 1st

Semester 2 Guidance Counsellors:

Guidance Counsellor	Student <u>last</u> name starts with:	Extensions	Email
Ms. Garito	A to F	412	Maureen.Garito@yrdsb.ca
Ms. Jarrett	G to Lim	410	Keri.jarrett@yrdsb.ca
Ms. Shah	Lin to Sh	413	Sheila, Shah@yrdsb.ca
Ms. Won	Si to Z	411	Joon.Won@yrdsb.ca
Ms. Chen	Guidance Secretary	409	<u>Iris.chen@yrdsb.ca</u>

Please use Teach Assist to book an appointment with your alpha guidance counsellor. Appointments will be done over the phone. Email your counsellor ahead of time if you want them to call you on a personal cell number. For Adaptive (inperson) students, make appointments on days you don't have a face-to-face class.

Summer School Update

Students planning to take summer school, a separate email regarding registration information will be sent to your GAPPS account by April 6, 2021.

Valedictorian Voting

Grads – the nominations are in for who you want to be your Valedictorian. Voting will take place on Tuesday, April 6th. An email will be sent to your GAPPS on Tuesday with the google form.

Please consider the following criteria when nominating a person for valedictorian:

- Must be a graduating student in 2020-21
- Actively participates in extracurricular activities over their years at Bayview
- Contributes positively to Bayview life
- Strives for academic excellence
- Displays characteristics consistent with Character Education (Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Empathy, Fairness, Initiative, Courage, Integrity, Perseverance, and Optimism)
- Be comfortable with public speaking

Applying to the US/UK

Grade 10 and 11 students interested in applying to the US/UK, Guidance will be hosting lunch presentations April 7 and 8. If you are planning on applying next year, you <u>MUST</u> be in attendance on one of those days.

Time: Apr 7, 2021 11:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

https://yrdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/94914403150?pwd=VDE4ZzV2NDBZdWtBQlE1enJ1R2l0QT09

Meeting ID: 949 1440 3150

Passcode: 685375

Time: Apr 8, 2021 11:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://yrdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/93717283461?pwd=aUt5WFIPOTdzUnJoUlcvV2ZjQmFwUT09

Meeting ID: 937 1728 3461 Passcode: 313318

OCAD Portfolio Clinic at Home

Are you thinking of applying to OCAD? Join their virtual portfolio clinic. Your portfolio is a visual representation of who you are, and a collection of work that showcases your individual creative and technical experiences. The Portfolio Clinics at Home is designed for learners between the ages of 15-19 interested in pursuing a creative pathway towards postsecondary education.

Between April 10th and 28th, you can register for one or more 3-hour long workshops. For more info visit: https://apply.ocadu.ca/portal/portfolioclinicsathome



Black Youth Opportunities

Black youth interested in the automotive industry. See <u>Auto</u> <u>Connect</u>.

Black youth join the <u>Design Your</u>
<u>Future Conference</u> April 17 at 11am.



OUAC & OCAS Next Submission

Guidance will be sending mid-term marks by April 22. The deadline for students to drop a course prior to the upload is April 20th. Only students with four YRDSB courses can drop a course.

Full Disclosure

Senior students with 23 completed credits that wish to drop a course, the full disclosure date is June 3. Speak to your Guidance Counsellor if you want more specific information.

Scholarships

Grads if you haven't filled out the Grad Awards form to be considered for Bayview Awards, please do so ASAP. Here is the link.

Student Council (StuCo)

Hey Bengals, have you checked out StuCo's webpage? Lots of great resources and updates you don't want to miss. Here is the link.

Summer Jobs

The Ontario Public Service (OPS) has provided info regarding the 2021 Summer Employment Opportunities Program. The <u>Summer Employment Opportunities (SEO)</u> Program provides up to 5,000 students with the opportunity to gain valuable work experience through supervised summer employment in the OPS. To be eligible to participate in the program, students must be currently enrolled in a secondary or post-secondary institution, be at least 15 years old, be living in Ontario during the summer and be legally entitled to work in Canada.

Positions for the summer of 2021 will be posted on **February 25, 2021** with different **closing dates** between **March 10** and **June 1, 2021**. The 2021 employment period for students is from May to September. To participate, students must apply online at www.ontario.ca/careers.

Partnering with Parent/Guardians - Responding to Questions & Concerns

Should you have any questions and/or concerns regarding your child, academic programming or extracurricular activities, please contact the school right away as the first step in working toward a resolution.

In the case of classroom questions, please speak with your child's teacher. Where required, we can work in collaboration with other staff including (e.g. Guidance Counselors, SERTs, Administration, ESL/ELL). If translation is needed, please contact the school for support.

Report It

Our schools should be safe, welcoming and inclusive places for everyone. It is important that students know what to do if they witness or experience inappropriate behaviour or incidents of hate or discrimination.

- There may be situations when you can safely step in and intervene and help.
- Talk to an adult at school, family member or other trusted adult.
- Report the event without the person involved knowing using our online reporting tool, Report It.

Report It lets you share information about inappropriate student behaviour or incidents of hate or discrimination. You can use the online form to report:

- bullying, drugs, cheating, vandalism, harassment, violence or any other inappropriate behaviour
- incidents of discrimination or hate, including anti-Indigenous racism, ableism, anti-Asian racism, anti-Black racism, antisemitism, classism, homophobia, Islamaphobia, sexism, transphobia or other forms of hate

You can report events that happen at school, at school-related events, online or off school property if it negatively affects a student or the school climate. You can also choose to make a report anonymously.

Complete reports are shared with the school to investigate and respond.

Acts of discrimination, hate and bullying are never acceptable. Using the Report It tool is a way of standing up for each other and for ourselves.

You can find Report It on the homepage of the Board website at <u>www.yrdsb.ca</u> and on the homepage of every school website, or watch this <u>short video</u> to learn more.



Black Foundation of Community Networks info@bfcn.ca | 416-566-2731

Friday Focus Parent Forum

A Monthly Workshop Series for Black Parents

WORKSHOP #5: FOUNDATIONS
OF FINANCIAL LITERACY

Join us for a workshop on enhancing financial literacy for you and your family led by Mutiat Bello followed by an update on the new Credit Union for the Black community by Ivor Christopher.

Friday, April 9 7 PM - 9 PM Online (Zoom)

Register at bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopApril9

Supporting Students

If you are looking for mental health resources to help your child, please see <u>York Region Mental Health Resource</u> <u>List</u>. Community services include supports for abuse, addictions, bereavement, employment, housing, financial and food banks.

IGNITE TECHNOLOGY GRANT

For students with SEA Technology

The Ignite Technology Grant is designed to create leadership opportunities, hone communication skills, and increase self-esteem for students with SEA equipment within their school community.

The goal is to bring awareness to the effective and successful use of technology for modern learning.

IGNITE your school and community now! Go to www.yrdsb.ca/ignite now to learn how!

Community Resources and Mental Health

Visit the Guidance webpage for a list of Mental Health and Wellness resources for both students and families. Here is the link.

211 - Services for Families

What is 211. See this <u>link</u> for details.

York Region Opens COVID-19 Voluntary Isolation Centre

On January 25, 2021, the Regional Municipality of York opened a Voluntary Isolation Centre to make self-isolation easier for residents who may be facing complex barriers. By providing residents with a free and comfortable place to voluntarily and safely self-isolate, the risk of spreading COVID-19 is reduced. Please see this link for more information.

Building Social Skills Guide

Social skills like taking turns, decision making, greeting, self-regulation and more, can help prepare students for success in many areas of their lives. There are many ways children can learn these skills, and many ways adults can help to develop and nurture them.

York Region District School Board has developed a user-friendly guide full of tips, resources and ideas to help caregivers and other adults:

- Determine what social skills to teach
- How to teach them
- How to support any child who many benefit from direct instruction and practice in learning social skills.

<u>Play. Talk. Think. Feel: A User-Friendly Guide for Building Social Skills in Children</u> covers a wide variety of skills and includes a number of activities, games, resources and more that can be used by family members, caregivers, educators and others to support social skill development.



Volunteer Opportunity

Here are some search engines you can use to find volunteer opportunities

- 1. www.volunteermatch.org
- 2. www.sparkontario.ca
- 3. www.neighbourhoodnetwork.org
- 4. Write Cards to the Elderly

Online Start-up Forms

One completed form is required for each student attending Bayview Secondary School.

For parents and students who have not yet filled out the start-up forms that were sent out at the beginning of the school year, please ensure you fill out the forms here:

- Families and Students 18 and Over: https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/.
- Secondary school students (Under 18): https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/students..

Serious Student Medical Concerns

As a reminder, if your child does not have a health care plan at school and has a serious medical condition, please contact the office. The different categories for medical consideration include: Anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and other serious medical conditions.

COVID-19 Screening Tool Reminders

Thank you for ensuring that your children are using the **updated** York Region Public Health <u>Screening Tool</u> prior to coming to school. If your child answers "Yes" to any of the questions, you must be aware of the expectations outlined at the bottom of the tool which include staying home and isolating.

Visitors to Bayview S.S.

All visitors will be entered into our electronic Visitor Log This includes, but is not limited to:

- Parents/Guardians and other caregivers
- Students who are not expected to be in attendance (e.g. Cohort A coming on the wrong day)
- New Registrations (by appointment only)
- School authorized service providers
- Contractors
- Delivery and mail service workers
- Board couriers
- Virtual School Teachers who need to access materials

Parents and students are reminded to not walk into the building without an appointment. Please call the school at 905-884-4453 to make an appointment.

All permitted visitors must:

- 1. self-screen
- 2. sanitize their hands
- 3. wear a face covering at all times
- 4. maintain a two-metre physical distance as they enter, move through and exit the building.

If a visitor does not have a mask, they will be provided with one from the main office