

BAYVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Administration

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Hello everyone,

We would like to take a moment to thank our families, students, staff and community supports for the patience and understanding shown while we navigate through the reality of our current circumstances. The Board has kept us regularly updated about our Learning and Caring Plan that is designed to support student learning online. Where we recognize that all of our students do not yet have access to technology, they will be provided with it and able to join their peers online by the end of this week.

In usual times, we know that spring can be a stressful period for our graduating students and families. We are still available to answer questions and to help navigate next steps. While some families have additional stressors related to an inability to be with loved ones who are unwell or alone and/or employment uncertainty, know that our thoughts are with you. We encourage you to access the resources that are available on the YRDSB's [COVID-19 Community Supports](#) site should you require assistance.

In an effort to re-establish some routines in our virtual school environment, we look forward to connecting with you to share school-specific updates through our e-bulletin. Though the building is closed, we are still working remotely. Please continue to reach out to us if you have questions, concerns and/or suggestions. We are thinking of you. Take care.

Arlene Higgins Wright
Principal

Brad Clayden
Vice-Principal

Seiji Ishiguro
Vice-Principal

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Mental Health & Well-Being Resources

We understand that these are challenging times for us all. Learning at home and physical distancing during this Covid-19 pandemic can impact us in many different ways. It is important to take care of your mental health and well-being at all times. The key thing is to practice self-care: get enough rest, eat healthy, try to exercise regularly and engage in enjoyable activities. Please reach out to your teachers, guidance counsellor, family and friends for support. Below are some links to provide additional support, as needed.

Listing of Covid-19 Community Supports:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/Repository/NewsEvents/Pages/BoardNews/Coronavirus-Community-Supports.aspx>.

Youth Assisting Youth

Phone: 416.932.1919 | Fax: 416.932.1924 Toll Free: 1.877.932.1919

www.youthassistingyouth.com

School Mental Health Ontario

<https://smho-smso.ca/covid-19/students/>

Additional Support for our ELL Students

All of our students are encouraged to ask their teachers for help or clarification, when needed. ELLs should connect with their ESL teacher if they require further support. If you are not currently in an ESL course, please contact Ms. Kirshenblat (adina.kirshenblat@yrdsb.ca) if you need any additional support.

Online Tools and Resources for Students

Please see Ontario's Ministry of Education [Learn at Home](#) resources during [Board closure](#).

A list of [Online Learning Resources for Parents, Families and Students](#) by subject and grades is also available.

[Learn at home](#)

Find supplementary resources for elementary and secondary students to practice math and literacy skills and learn at home.

Information Items and Important Reminders

Staff Contact Information

Staff names and voicemail extensions can be found on our school website under the "School Information" tab and "Our Staff" link. Staff email addresses are firstname.lastname@yrdsb.ca

Important Information for Students Turning 18

Under the Education Act, parents/guardians have a right to access their child's Ontario Student Record if the child is under 18.

If the student is 18 or over, the Board/school must follow the privacy provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act regarding the disclosure of personal information about the student to their parents/guardians.

Students 18 or over must provide written permission by signing the [Consent for Information Sharing](#) form to allow parents/guardians to continue to access school-related information about the student. This includes academic progress, attendance and behaviour.