

BAYVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Administration

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

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

York Region Public Health

Below are important decision trees regarding COVID safety measures for schools and the community. Families and guardians, please ensure you go over both decision trees that have been provided.

[Should my child attend school?](#)

[Protecting the school from exposures to COVID-19](#)

[COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Tool](#)

Masks with ventilation holes

Parents and guardians, students should not be wearing masks with ventilation holes in them - students in need of a mask can come to the main office for one.

Health & Safety Measures

We continue to utilize health & safety protocols at school which include masks, hand hygiene and physical distancing. Please continue to remind your child(ren) to clean their hands upon entry to classrooms and returning home. Students should be entering the building at the door that is closest to their classrooms and exiting as quickly as possible.

Thank you for using the self-screening tools to determine whether or not your child(ren) should attend school if they are feeling ill and we appreciate your calls to inform us of absences along with the reasons.

Bayview Secondary School Council

Bayview Parent Support Group

The Parent Support Group (PSG) is a volunteer group under Bayview School Council that provides a language base support group to BSS parents. We are looking for Parent volunteers who can speak different languages (such as English, Mandarin, Farsi, Cantonese, Korean etc.) to help us lead and facilitate small discussion groups on a monthly basis during the 2nd term of 2021. We are partnering with School Board approved community agencies for training and relevant discussion topics. If you are interested in becoming a group leader, please send us an email at bayview.ss2@sc.yrdsb.ca, with your name, cell no and language spoken by Fri., Jan 8th 2021. Our orientation and training will be on Thurs. Jan 14 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Our first PSG gathering will be on Thursday, February 18, 2021. We look forward to meeting everyone!

Financial Support for Parents/Guardians

The government is providing financial support to help parents and guardians with additional costs during the 2020-2021 school year during the second wave of COVID-19.

Eligible parents or guardians will receive a one-time payment of:

- \$200 for each child up to age 12
- \$250 for each child or youth up to age 21 years with special needs

This is a new program, and all parents or guardians who are residents of Ontario with eligible children will need to submit a new application for each child.

As of today, eligible parents or guardians can go to Ontario.ca/SupportforLearners for more information and to apply for the one-time financial support. The deadline to apply is January 15, 2021.

Islamic Heritage Month Student Art Call for Entry

YRDSB and the Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students are holding a student artwork contest. Please see this [link](#) for further details.

Tamil Heritage Month 2021

The Tamil Canadian Centre for Civic Action is holding a competition for Tamil Heritage Month. Please see this [link](#) for further details.

Community Kwanzaa & Cultural Celebration

Join BFCN for an end-of-year celebration to learn about Kwanzaa and the importance of cultural traditions on **Friday, December 18** from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Celebrate the start of the holiday break with an evening to remember, hosted by the phenomenal storyteller Sandra Whiting. We are also excited to welcome Kofi Morris of Holistic Foundations who will teach us about the history of Kwanzaa and practicing traditions, Yolanda Marshall who will do a book reading, and Negus Medhin of Holistic Vibrancy who will share some African drumming. There will also be games and prizes to be won!

The online workshop is free but there is limited space available so please register via Eventbrite ASAP. This is mandatory: bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopDecember18.

Scholarship Application Workshop

Black students and their families are invited to join us for another online edition of the BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop on Friday, January 22, 2021 from 7 PM - 9 PM.

The workshop is offered free of charge as the goal is to share our collective knowledge so that Black students and their families can make informed decisions about post-secondary education. Note that the Scholarship Program Coordinator will also be present to answer any questions.

The online workshop is free but there is limited space available so please register via Eventbrite ASAP. This is mandatory: bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopJanuary22

Registration via Eventbrite is mandatory in order to participate for both workshops. A Zoom link and further details will be sent to all those who register. For more information or to share accessibility needs, please contact us at info@bfcn.ca or 416-566-2731.

University Information Night

The University of Toronto and Queen's University in partnership with the YRDSB Graduation Coaches for Black Students are hosting an information night Monday Dec 14th at 4pm. See this [link](#) for more information.

Secondary GSA Google Classroom

Secondary school students who identify as 2SLGBTQI+ and their allies are invited to join a virtual GSA secondary classroom. The classroom will be moderated by our caring and dedicated GSA advisors, who will make sure the space is following ground rules, safe space guidelines and confidentiality. The classroom is now open and accepting student registrations. Students must [register](#) using their YRDSB GAPPS account.

The GSA Google classroom will bring the social and educational aspects, and fun of a GSA online. It will include discussion boards, community services and resources, group social sessions and various supports as students need.

The first GSA classroom meeting will take place on December 15, 2020 from 3:00- 4:00 p.m. Our first meeting will be an opportunity to meet the moderators, introduce ourselves and to help shape the classroom as a group.

Celebrations in December

As we honour our school communities that continue to reflect the broader Canadian society, we will continue to educate our students, staff and parents/guardians about significant faith days and celebrations throughout the school year. In particular, we wish to acknowledge and reflect on our understanding of the many holidays and celebrations of several faith groups that occur in our schools and workplaces during the month of December.

For the remaining month, the following will be celebrated:

December 16 Las Posadas

One of the most popular Christmas traditions in Mexico is Las Posadas (Spanish for 'lodging' or 'accommodation'), a nine day celebration/observance beginning December 16 and ending on December 24. The ritual has been a tradition in Mexico for over 400 years.

Judaism

December 18 Last day of Hanukkah

Hanukkah (December 11 - 18), the Festival of Lights (and the Feast of Dedication), commemorates the victory of Judah the Maccabee and religious freedom, and the re-dedication of the Temple in 165 BCE. It also celebrates the power of God and the faithfulness of Israel.

December 21 Pancha Ganapati

(December 21 – 25) Pancha Ganapati is a modern Hindu festival held over five days in honor of Lord Ganesha, Patron of Arts and Guardian of Culture.

Wicca

December 21 Yule

This day, which marks the New Year in the Anglo-Saxon and northern traditions of Wicca, is the celebration of the birth of the God as the Winter-born King, symbolized by the rebirth of the life-generating and life-sustaining sun. It is a time for ritually shedding the impurities of the past year, and for contemplating avenues of spiritual development in the year ahead.

Shinto

December 21 Tohji-taisai

The Grand Ceremony of the December (Winter) Solstice celebrates the joy of the ending of the yin period of the sun, when it declines in strength, and the beginning of its growing power or yang period. The sun is of central importance in Japan, expressing the presence of Amaterasu Omikami, the Kami of the Sun.

Christianity

December 25 Christmas (W, E - New Calendar)

Christmas celebrates the anniversary of the birth of Jesus. A Holy Day of Obligation for Roman Catholics.

Jainism

December 25 Maunajiyaras

(Day of Fasting with Vow of Silence) This is a day of fasting, silence and meditation on the five holy beings: monks, teachers, religious leaders, Arihants (Jinas, enlightened masters) and Siddhas (liberated souls).

December 26 Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa (December 26 - January 1) is celebrated by many North Americans of West African descent in recognition of their African heritage. The candles of a seven-branched candelabrum representing attributes such as unity, self-determination, responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith, are successively lit over the seven days of the festival.

Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism)

December 26 Anniversary of the Death of Prophet Zarathustra

The anniversary of the death of Zarathustra (Zoroaster), the founder of the Zoroastrian faith. His dates are uncertain: the ancient Greeks dated him at ca. 6000 BCE. Modern scholarship suggests he lived in the second millennium BCE. Some of his hymns, known as Gathas, are preserved in the Zoroastrian scriptures.

December 29 Sanghamitta Day

Anniversary of the arrival of Sanghamitta, daughter of King Asoka, who started the Order of Nuns in Sri Lanka and brought a branch of the Bodhi Tree (which still survives in the ancient capital of Anuradhapura). (Theravāda) (Sri Lanka)

Bahá'í Faith

December 30 Sharaf

Sharaf (Honour) is the 16th month of the Bahá'í year.

Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism)

December 31 Ghambar Maidyarem begins

This period (December 31 - January 4) celebrates the creation of animals. It is also the time for equitable sharing of food.

Guidance Message – Dec 11th

Note: All guidance messages can be found on the [Guidance page](#) of the Bayview SS website.

Guidance Counsellor Update

Please note from December 15 to January 31 Ms. Jarrett will not be available. Review below the new contact information.

Guidance Counsellor	Student <u>last name</u> starts with:	Extensions	Email
Ms. Garito	A to F	412	Maureen.Garito@yrdsb.ca
Ms. Shah	G to Li	410	Sheila.Shah@yrdsb.ca
Ms. Graves/Ms. Klein	Lia to SK	413	Athena.Graves@yrdsb.ca Lorrie.klein@yrdsb.ca
Ms. Won	SL to Z	411	Joon.Won@yrdsb.ca

Night School e-Learning Registration for Grades 11 & 12 only

Registration for Night School eLearning opens December 7.

- Review the [Course Catalog](#), [Important Dates Calendar](#), [FAQs](#), [Policies & Procedures](#), [System Requirements](#), [Student Profile](#)
- Applicants who are enrolled in less than 4 credits in a semester at the day school, may be eligible to take Night School e-Learning at YRDSB.
- Check with your Guidance Counselor before applying.
- **Note:** Night School e-Learning + Day School credits cannot exceed a total of 8 credits in a school year.

Graduating Students

Students applying to both university and college, please review your courses and grades on OUAC or OCAS. If you find an error, please email your alpha counsellor. Reminder, students taking courses in private school, the private school must add the course and grade to your application. Once the course is complete, have the private school send the official report card to iris.chen@yrdsb.ca.

Students applying to college, make sure you have applied as offerings begin to come out February 1st. The colleges need the time to evaluate your application. Please review the presentation in the Gr12 Guidance Google Classroom on how to apply. The information is also posted on the [Guidance webpage](#). If you still need support, please email your guidance counsellor.

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Schulich Leader Scholarships

Graduating students wishing to be nominated for the Schulich Leader Scholarship. Details of eligibility, application and due date has been posted in the Gr12 Guidance Google Classroom. Students can invite Parent/Guidance to have access.

Western National Scholarship

Bayview is able to nominate up to 4 students. Details of eligibility, application and due date has been posted in the Gr12 Guidance Google Classroom. Students can invite Parent/Guidance to have access.

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Pathways Planning

Reminder that there are several ways to research post-secondary pathways. Students can do much of their research on [My PATHWAY PLANNER](#) (link embedded). Students should be completing the 'Who Am I' surveys and reviewing the pathway matches. Students can also research direct programs, apprenticeships, colleges and universities through My Pathway Planner. If you need help navigating the program, book an appointment with your guidance counsellor.

Students can also visit the [Guidance page](#) (link embedded) and review the Post-Secondary tab. There are useful links to continue your research. Grade 12 students, please review the information in the Gr12 Guidance Google Classroom to also support your research.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

1. www.volunteermatch.org
2. www.sparkontario.ca
3. www.neighbourhoodnetwork.org

Semester 2 Course Changes

At this time, there are **no** course changes for semester 2. Students had since September to request a timetable change. Please understand during these challenging times, all schools have to re-timetable semester 2 as there is considerable movement between the 2 platforms. This will impact course offerings at Bayview and Virtual School. All timetables for semester 2 are tentative and subject to change. Please **DO NOT** call or email guidance regarding semester 2 timetables. ***Guidance is still working on the semester 2 waitlist.***

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
- other serious medical conditions