

BAYVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

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If you are interested in joining, please register at: this [link](#) by Friday March 19th. The Zoom meeting link will be sent to all registrants on Fri, March 19th.



COVID-19 Screening Tool Reminders

Thank you for ensuring that your children are using the **updated** York Region Public Health [Screening Tool](#) 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.

Bayview School Council Parent Support Group

Please note the upcoming presentation sponsored by our School Council.

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Parent's Night - March 25

Parent-teacher interviews will be held virtually from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on March 25th. We will be using Edsby to organize our parent-teacher interview schedules. You should have received an invitation to set up an Edsby account. Instructions on how to set-up an Edsby account are included in the email. Teachers will book appointments with their students until March 17th and parents/guardians will have access to book interviews from March 18 - 25. More details will be sent out shortly about how to book interviews in Edsby.

2020-2021 Secondary Exams – Semester 2

In order to prioritize classroom instruction time, and to align with Semester 1 assessment practices, exams will not be conducted this semester.

Graduation

For graduating students and parents/guardians of graduating students, please reach out to the main office if you have any financial support questions regarding graduation items e.g., cap/gown purchase. As a reminder, graduation caps and gowns are available for purchase on School Cash Online until March 17th.

Graduation photos will take place starting on Monday, April 19th. Further details to follow.

Guidance Message – Mar 12th

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

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	Iris.chen@yrdsb.ca

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 (in-person) students, make appointments on days you don't have a face-to-face class.

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.

Ontario College & University Offers

Students that have applied to college must accept an offer by May 1, 2021. Students that have applied to university must accept an offer by June 1, 2021. See the Gr12 Google Classroom for OUAC info and support.

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

Graduating students visit the Gr12 Google Classroom for new scholarship opportunities.

Course Verifications for 2021-2022 School Year

The courses you chose determine what courses run the following school year. Please review your choices and if you need to make an adjustment, fill out the Google form provided in the verification email. **This will be the last chance to make a change until September.** Please do not email Guidance to make a course change. It must be done through verification only. Final day, Friday March 19 at 3pm.

Volunteer Opportunities

Here is a link to opportunities listed on the [Guidance webpage](#). See attachments for new opportunities.

Graduating students: you ONLY have to complete 20 hours of community involvement. Please submit your hours now as you are in jeopardy of not graduating.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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APPLY AT JOTFORM

For More Info
cree-uarr.nationbuilder.com
form.jotform.com/210543718448256

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APPLY BY MARCH 28TH, 2021

Black Community: <https://bit.ly/3e93jc9>
Chinese Community: <https://bit.ly/30d4KrE>
Muslim Community: <https://bit.ly/30bbGFR>
Tamil Community: <https://bit.ly/3sOlodD>

<https://cree-uarr.nationbuilder.com/>

Community Resources and Mental Health

Students and families looking for Mental Health resources, School Mental Health Ontario has launched a new website with resources. Here is the [link](#).

Visit the Guidance webpage for a list of Mental Health and Community resources for both students and families. Here is the [link](#).

Summer Jobs

The Ontario Public Service (OPS) has provided info regarding the 2021 Summer Employment Opportunities Program. The [Summer Employment Opportunities \(SEO\)](#) 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.

Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association Rightsline Computer Science 2021 Scholarship - [link](#)

Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association Scholarship Award - [link](#)

Parents for Children's Mental Health Support Group - [link](#)

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:


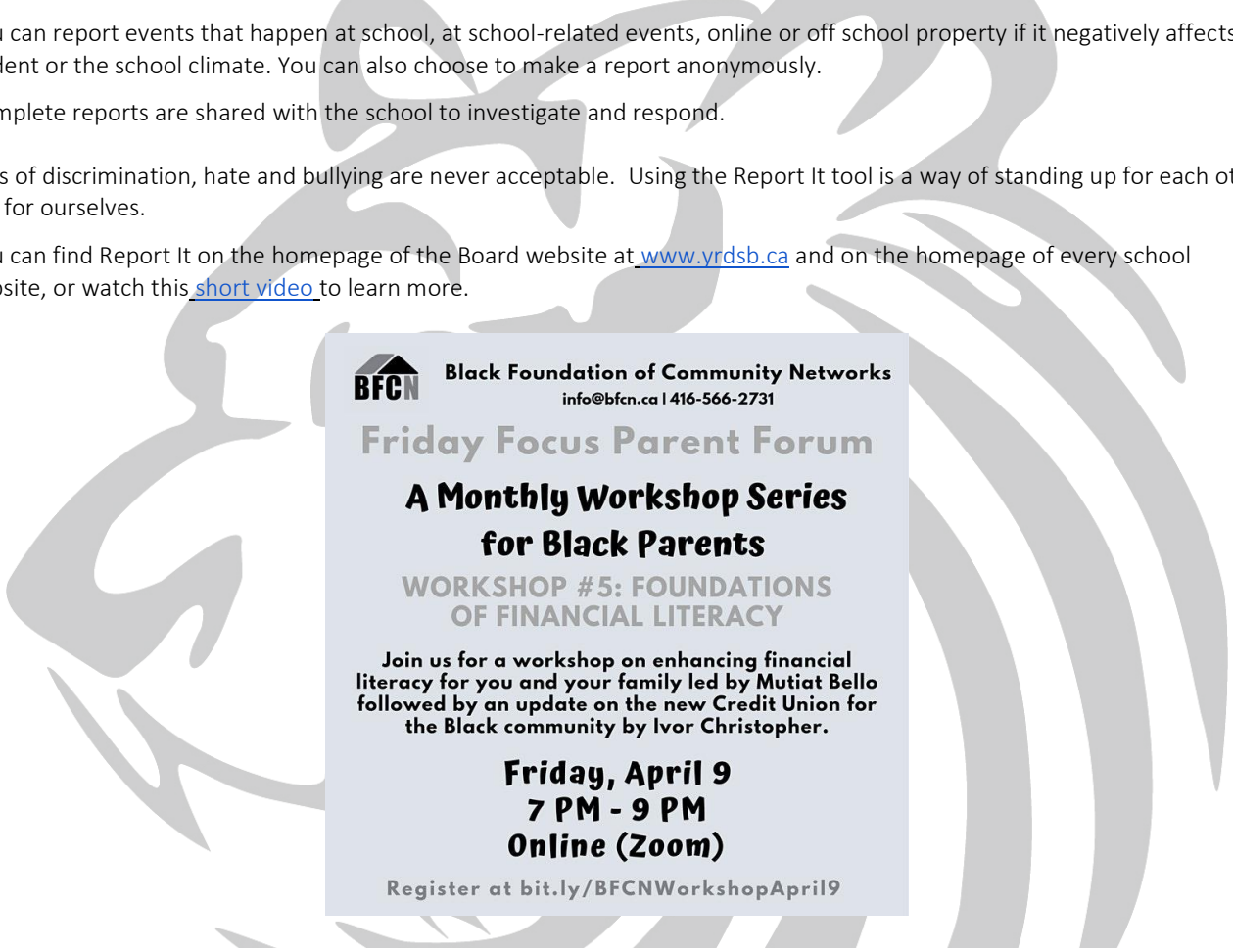
- bullying, drugs, cheating, vandalism, harassment, violence or any other inappropriate behaviour
- incidents of discrimination or hate, including anti-Indigenous racism, ableism, anti-Asian racism, anti-Black racism, antisemitism, classism, homophobia, Islamophobia, sexism, transphobia or other forms 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 www.yrdsb.ca and on the homepage of every school website, or watch this [short video](#) 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

Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy Launch Event

The York Region District School Board is committed to championing equity and inclusivity. In response to continued evidence of anti-Black racism in Canadian institutions, including in education, the Board has co-developed an [anti-Black racism strategy](#).

The *Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy: Creating anti-racist and Black-affirming learning and working environments* was co-developed by York Region Black community leaders, YRDSB staff and in consultation with students. The launch of the strategy marks a coordinated effort to address anti-Black racism at the Board.

On March 8, 2021 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. students, staff and families are invited to the virtual [Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy launch event](#) featuring guest presenter [Robyn Maynard](#).

The program will examine anti-Black racism in educational institutions and unveil the Board's strategy. The strategy is designed to dismantle anti-Black racism in all its forms in our schools and workplaces.

The systemic nature of anti-Black racism requires that school boards act proactively to support equitable access to quality education and opportunities for all students, and to challenge the marginalization of Black students, staff and families.

Please visit www.yrdsb.ca for more details and [to register](#) for the event.

Supporting Students

If you are looking for mental health resources to help your child, please see [York Region Mental Health Resource List](#). 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 [link](#) 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.

[Play. Talk. Think. Feel: A User-Friendly Guide for Building Social Skills in Children](#) 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.

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