

BAYVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Administration

Ms. A. Higgins Wright, Principal

Mr. B. Clayden, 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

Parent Teacher Interviews – Translators

In past parent teacher interviews we've had the ability to offer translators at Bayview SS to assist in interviews. As this year's parent teacher interviews are being held virtually we ask parents to reach out to their child's teachers with a time to call the parent. Parents are asked to arrange for their own translator. Parent teacher interviews are being held on the 29th of October from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. You email your child's teacher using the teacher's firstname.lastname@yrdsb.ca. Please check this [link](#) to verify spelling of the teacher's name.

Fourth Rotation

October 27th – the first day of rotation 4, cohort A

October 28th – the first day of rotation 4, cohort B

School Council Meeting

The next School Council meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, October 27th from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/778622557>

Please see the upcoming [Agenda](#) and [Budget](#) at these links.

Interested in the International Baccalaureate Programme



Class of 2025

Interested in the International Baccalaureate Programme?

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme is student-centred with a focus on developing intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills for students who live, learn and work in a rapidly changing world. The Programme emphasizes critical, compassionate thinking, community involvement and intercultural understanding. It is founded on international standards and assessment. Students who complete the Programme earn both an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and an IB Diploma.

We invite current **Grade 8** students to find their area IB School on the [YRDSB School Locator](#)

IB Application Information will be available on Thursday, October 22, 2020

The 5 York Region District School Board schools offering the IB Diploma Programme will be posting all relevant information about the IB Programme and the application process on the IB page of their school websites.

Registration Window

Registration **BEGINS** Monday, October 26 @ 9:00am Registration **CLOSES** Wednesday, November 11 @ 11:59pm

For more information, please follow the hyperlinks to the IB webpage of your designated IB Home School:

Alexander Mackenzie High School (Richmond Hill)	Bayview Secondary School (Richmond Hill)	Milliken Mills High School (Markham)
Maple High School (Maple)	Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School (Aurora)	

@yrdsb YRDSBMedia For additional information, please visit www.yrdsb.ca/IB

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.

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

Student Council Elections

Congratulations to our newly elected 2020-2021 Student Council. We look forward to supporting students as they demonstrate and develop their leadership skills in service to the student body.

Parents Night

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Halloween Reminders for Families

This year, Halloween will look different for York Region families. In light of COVID-19 precautions, door-to-door trick-or-treating is [not recommended](#) by Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health for modified Stage 2 areas, including York Region.

The health and safety of our students remains a top priority. For students who wish to celebrate Halloween at school, please keep these reminders in mind:

- When planning costumes that no replica weapons of any kind are allowed.

- Costumes should be respectful of others. Symbols or objects representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs should not be worn as a costume.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, please be aware that:

- Students will not be able to use washrooms to change into costumes.
- No Halloween masks are to be worn and students should only use single use make-up (no sharing of make-up).
- Students who are required to wear PPE face masks (Gr. 4 - 12) must continue to do so, and students in younger grade (FDK - Gr. 3) are encouraged to continue to wear their PPE face masks.
- Costumes should be of simple design (to limit personal items being brought to school), and treats cannot be shared.

For more information on how to stay safe this Halloween and for alternate Halloween activities, please visit York Region Public Health's [website](#).

Islamic Heritage Month

In 2007, the Government of Canada declared the month of October as Canadian Islamic History Month. The province of Ontario passed the Islamic Heritage Month Act (2016) to recognize and affirm the important contributions that Muslims make in Ontario as part of the vibrant social, economic, political and cultural fabric of our province. This month affords an opportunity to reflect, celebrate and learn about the rich and longstanding contributions of Muslim Canadians to this nation. Affirming Muslim identity for our students is critical in combating Islamophobia in our schools and further challenging systemic barriers that impede the inclusive climates necessary for student well-being and achievement.

Please visit the [Islamic Heritage Month website](#) to learn more about Islamic heritage, architecture, learning opportunities and more!

The Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students invites students to participate in workshops that center student voice and experience. Students of all ages are invited to participate in [AEMS' Paint Nights](#).

LGBTQ+ Month

The month of October commemorates the impact that Two Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual transgender, queer, questioning, and individuals with related identities have had in our local communities, nationally and internationally. It is an opportunity to build awareness of the contributions the 2SLGBTQ+ community has made in Canada and abroad. The affirmation of sexual and gender diversity in our learning and working environments means that we recognize the diversity within our 2SLGBTQ+ communities and acknowledge the presence of Indigenous, racialized, disabled and other diverse identities among our students and staff. Likewise, knowledge about 2SLGBTQ+ history helps to address the systemic barriers that contribute to heterosexism and cissexism. As we continue to support the development of learning environments to engage inclusive programming, we know that this contributes to the well-being and achievement of our 2SLGBTQ+ students.

On October 15th, we participated in Spirit Day. It is an annual day in October when millions of North Americans wear purple to show their support for 2SLGBTQ+ youth and to take a stand against bullying. Students, schools, organizations, corporations, media professionals, celebrities and parents wear purple to send a message that 2SLGBTQ+ youth are to be celebrated and respected for who they are. Thank you to all of those who participated to show their support!

Links that may be of interest appear below:

[CICS Immigrant Youth Centre Schedule](#)

[The Sankofa Mentoring Program](#)

[Renewed Computer Technology \(Farsi Translation\)](#)

[Renewed Computer Technology \(Simplified Chinese Translation\)](#)

Guidance Message – Oct 23rd

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

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

Guidance on Social Media

Instagram: @bss.guidance

Twitter: @BayviewGuidance

Community Involvement – Update from Ministry

A letter from YRDSB has been sent to parents regarding changes for this school year regarding community involvement. Here is a summary of the main points of the letter:

- **Students Graduating in the 2020-2021 School Year:** The community involvement graduation requirement will be reduced to a minimum of 20 hours of community involvement activities.
- **All Secondary Students in the 2020-2021 School Year:** The following opportunities will be considered eligible for the school year; at the principal's discretion, schools may waive the restrictions that do not allow students to earn hours:
 - During the time allotted for the instructional program on a school day; or
 - For duties normally performed in the home (e.g., walking a younger child to and from school, helping younger siblings with school work).
- Students aged 14 years and older can count up to a maximum of 10 hours from paid employment towards their earned hours at the discretion of the principal.
 - Students counting paid employment towards their graduation requirement will be required to complete a reflection exercise indicating how their work contributed to the service for others.

Guidance is **only** collecting up to the required 40 hours. Please continue to email your Guidance Counsellor your forms. Review past Guidance Messages for volunteer opportunities and visit www.neighbourhoodnetwork.org and www.sparkontario.ca for lists of opportunities.

Applying to Ontario Universities Presentation

Guidance is offering **TWO** workshops on how to apply to Ontario universities using OUAC. The purpose of this presentation is to go through the slides that were posted on the Guidance page of the school website and in the Gr12 Google Classroom. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions in the chat feature during the presentation. The presentation will be on **Wednesday, October 27 and Thursday, October 28 from 11:40 am to 12:20 pm**. The presentations are the same so you only need to attend one. Students in Bayview's adaptive program, please attend the presentation on the day you are **NOT** at school. The Zoom link will be posted in the Gr12 Google Classroom 20 minutes before the presentation begins. We hope to see you all there. *Graduating students were sent a message to their GAPPS on October 19 with the code to sign up to the Grade 12 Guidance Google Classroom.*

Ontario College Fair

The Ontario College fair has gone virtual – November 4 from 4pm to 8pm & November 5 from 9am to 1pm. Students must register at www.ontariocollegefair.ca.

Mental Health Support

John Howard Society of York Region

Youth Counselling Program Serves ages 11-29

The [Youth Counselling Program](#) is designed to build strength, resilience and coping skills among youth. Through individualized one-on-one support, this service provides free weekly sessions for youth to discuss issues affecting their lives. The counsellor will work collaboratively with the youth to enhance their understanding, overcome their challenges and meet their goals. Counselling is currently being offered virtually and free of charge.

Referrals can be made for youth experiencing the following:

- Mental health
- Substance use
- Relationship Conflict
- Bullying
- Stress
- Criminal Justice Involvement

Girls Inc.

Girls Inc. of York Region recognizes that girls face more pressure today than they ever have before. It is important to provide a safe space where they can slow down their world without judgment and stereotypes. Girls Inc. provides programs to enhance confidence and self-esteem in girls. Here is a [link](#) to their programs and to register.

PROGRAM: Girls GROUP | Ages 13-16

DATE + TIME: Thursdays | 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Girls will enjoy this program as a safe space to share about social challenges, goals, discover strengths, and discuss important topics in their lives. Some activities will cover advocacy, relationships, mind+body, communication, sports, and more.

PROGRAM: LIT Program | Ages 13-18

DATE + TIME: Mondays | 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

This is a social group for girls who want to build on their leadership, communication, and advocacy skills. This programming puts the tools for empowerment in girls' hands, encouraging female leadership. This program is also an opportunity for girls to earn their community hours for high school, and receive hands-on experience working in the helping field.

Virtual Homework Help for Newcomers

Newcomers needing homework support? The Welcome Centre has joined with students from University of Guelph to provide tutoring and mentorship every Thursday from 4:30pm to 6:00pm. For inquiries and registration, please contact amanda.chi@welcomecentre.ca or 416-899-9839.

What is the United Parents Project? How does the UP project work?

"It takes a whole village to raise a child." *Igbo and Yoruba Proverb*

See the attached [poster](#) for more information.

Emergency Contacts

Please be sure to provide the school with an emergency contact who will be able to pick up your child if needed and that this contact is aware of all COVID-19 measures in the school (e.g. signing in at the office, mandatory wearing of mask).

Online Start-up Forms

Parents and guardians who have not filled out the online start-up forms, please do so by following this link:

<https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>

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



Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program ([Accelerated OYAP](#)) Information Session

Hello Parents/Guardians and Students,

If your son/daughter is interested in pursuing a career in the Skilled Trades, we invite you to have a look at the [Accelerated OYAP Information website](#) and our [YRDSB OYAP Video](#) to find out more information about the exciting apprenticeship opportunities available through YRDSB and our College and Training Center

partners. The Skilled Trades offer excellent employment opportunities, training in state of the art facilities and higher than average career satisfaction. We hope to hear from you.

[Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship College Information Night](#), Thursday October 29th @ 7pm.

Accelerated OYAP – [Quick Reference Guide](#)

Ongoing Open Registration for 2020-2021 Adult English as a Second Language Programs

For details please see Registration Information at the following links [English](#), [Farsi](#) and [Simplified Chinese](#).

Student Absence Emails - Language Clarification

When you receive an email regarding your child(ren)'s absence, please note that the following information is how the contents of the email corresponds to Bayview's new 4 Period schedule:

School Schedule	PREVIOUS 5 Period		NEW 4 Period	Time of Day/Location
Language Change	Period 1	→	Block 1	Morning/At school
	Period 2	→	Block 2	Afternoon/Online
	Period 3		N/A	N/A
	Period 4	→	Block 3	Afternoon/Online
	Period 5	→	Block 4	Afternoon/Online

If the YRDSB iNFORM Student Absence Telephone System email states: "Absent for period 5" . This means that the student was absent for their last period (Block 4 class)

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

Ongoing Open Registration for 2020-2021 Adult ESL, LINC & LBS Programs

English as a Second Language (ESL); Language Instruction for Newcomers (LINC); and Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) Classes

YRDSB offers Adult English as a Second Language (ESL) programs for those who want to develop effective language skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing for daily life in Canada. We also offer specialized classes in *Citizenship* and *Conversation*.

Adult ESL Program Registration – In person and online options available!

1. Email uplands@yrdsb.ca or call 905-731-9557 with the following information:
 - your first and last name
 - your telephone number
 - CLARS identification number (those without a CLARS number will require an assessment, please contact us for further assistance).
2. Our office will contact you if additional documentation is required.
3. Visitors to Canada may also register and attend for a fee of \$10 per day, per class.

For an assessment or to register, please call: 905-731-9557

If you are interested in improving your digital skills, want to work on your resume or interview skills, or prepare to take your GED exam, our Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) program is for you!

Literacy and Basic Skill Assessment – In person and online options available!

1. Email uplands@yrdsb.ca or call 905-731-9557 Ext. 307 with the following information:

- your first and last name
- your telephone number
- tell us that you are “interested in the LBS program”

NOTE: Due to the high volume of inquiries, it may take a few days to receive a reply communication from our office. We appreciate your patience.

Thank you for your interest in our programs. We look forward to serving you.

Students exiting the building - As a continued reminder, please encourage your child to exit the building, after class is completed, at the nearest exit in relation to the classroom

York Region Public Health

Below are two 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.