

BAYVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Administration

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents

Welcome back! And to parents new to Bayview a very special welcome.

We have had a very busy week welcoming students and their families, many who are new to Canada and our education system. Although there have been a few concerns raised, our start-up has been relatively smooth.

Thank you to all of our staff. Our office staff, guidance counsellors and caretakers have done an excellent job in getting the school ready and in responding to problems. Teachers and Educational Assistants have been introducing their courses and ensuring students have an excellent start to the semester. Our Vice-Principals, Ms. Essebag, Ms. Higgins-Wright, Mr. Lim, and I spoke with all students at our Welcome / Safe Schools Assemblies. During this time, we reviewed York Region District School Board Caring and Safe Schools Information and School Expectations. Below are some excerpts of my words to the student body:

"There have been many events in our world recently that have been divisive, unkind, and go totally against who we are as a school, as the York Region District School Board, and as Canadians. Whether it be:

- anti-black and anti-Jewish racism and hate we saw in Charlottesville*
- the hateful graffiti that defaced playgrounds at York Region Schools*
- the striking down of tourists in Barcelona, London, and elsewhere*
- the murders of worshippers at an Islamic Mosque in Quebec City.*
- the call of the President of the USA to ban transgendered individuals from joining the military, or*
- the increase of racist and hurtful messages on social media*

These deliberate actions of hate must not be tolerated. They cannot be accepted on the world stage and will certainly not be accepted within Bayview Secondary School.

Bayview is a safe school. Everyone must feel welcome and included - not only in the building but as full participants in the life of our school. There must be no put downs, bullying or harassment of any kind. There is enough danger, intolerance and fear in the world without any of us bringing it into our school. You have heard this enough in the past to know. Yet, each year, we have several students getting themselves into trouble and others being hurt by negative messages and unsafe behaviour. The reasons and the excuses are irrelevant. You will be held to a high standard – not only by me and the administration but by each other. We will pull each other up and keep each other safe."

"I want to recognize that the land we are on was once the area of First Nations and Métis people. Most recently, this land was part of the lives of the Anishnaabe peoples. This land is treaty land and our ancestors sign agreements including the Williams Treaty and the Toronto Purchase and all of us as residents of Canada must uphold our promise to care for the land and to walk on it in a good way. Walking in a good way means respecting the environment and community, respecting our fellow citizens, and being responsible to ourselves. These are all actions we will continue each and every day."

Finally, I want to share a few words about the Student Activity Fee.

The student activity or engagement fee is an important part of community. This \$50 goes to making our school a better place. It helps us provide the many activities that are available to our students. School council, clubs, athletics, the arts, all of these student activities and many more benefit from your payment. The microwaves in our cafeteria, the sound systems and television monitors throughout the school and many other of our enhancements are here because of student advocacy and support. All of our activities for grade 9 welcome are supported through these fees as they help form a stronger community. All students benefit, even if they do not participate in any clubs or sports, they are all part of what makes Bayview a great place and help to maintain our reputation of excellence. If you have not done so, please consider paying the activity fee through School Cash Online.

Please contact the school administration if you have any concerns.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year.

Sincerely,
Brian Schouten
Principal

Student Safety – ATTENTION NEEDED

Thank you to all drivers for your patience in the parking lot as we start a new year.

Our focus is (and must always be) on the safety of students.

We are thrilled to see so many more students walking, riding bikes and taking public transit to and from school. Well done!!!

Please speak with your children to remind them of traffic safety and being aware of their surroundings. They must look both ways when crossing a road or driveway and must not walk along the traffic flow areas.

Drivers must not:

- × use the front driveway for pick up and drop off.
- × use parking spaces at the front of the school to drop off, wait for, or pick up students
- × drive behind the school to drop students.

Drop off and pick up must only occur at the SOUTH end of the school – near Cassata Drive.



Markham Expo 150 - Fri Sept 8th to Sun Sept 10th

On behalf of Mayor Frank Scarpitti of the City of Markham, we are extending an invite to the elementary and secondary students, teachers, family and friends to join us at this free weekend of events being celebrated September 8th to 10th in honour of Canada's and Ontario's 150th Birthday at [Markham Expo 150](#).

Grade 9 Curriculum Night

We invite you to join us on **Tuesday, September 19th** for our Grade 9 Curriculum Night. The evening will commence at **6:30 p.m.** in the Large Gym and end by 8:30 p.m. The intent of this event is to provide you with information about our Grade 9 courses as well as programs that may be of interest to students in the years to come. Teachers will discuss the curriculum, assessment and evaluation procedures, course structure, pathways and other facets related to the Ontario secondary school curriculum. Please bring a copy of your child's timetable so that you are able to visit your son/daughter's subject areas.

School Council Election 2017-2018

Bayview Secondary School Council Election will be held Tues., Sept. 26th at 7 p.m. in the Library. Please see the [Member Profile 2017](#) and [Nomination Form](#)

Clubs at Bayview

Our Annual Club Fair is Thursday, September 14 after school in the large gym.

Clubs are an important part of the life of Bayview Secondary School. They provide opportunities for experiences that students will remember for their lifetime.

As of noon September 8, we had 56 clubs registered. More information is available at the club fair or on posters throughout the school.

New Clubs for 2017-18 (pending final approval)

Chinese Calligraphy Club	K-Pop Dance Club	Robotics Club
ComTech Club	Physics club	Well Being Club

Returning Clubs

A Mile A Miracle	Drama Club	Mosaic
AIDE Committee	Eco-Team	Music Council
Art Club	Engineering Club	Music Tutors
Astronomy Club	Entrepreneurship club	Psychology Club
Athletic Council	ESP	Reach for the Top
Best Buddies	Flash Photography Club	Relay for Life
Brain Bee	Free the Children	School Play
Brazilian JiuJitsu	Gay Straight Alliance	Science Olympics
CAP (Child Adoption Program)	Healthy School Network	Science Tutors
CAS Committee	History Club	Technovation
Chemistry Contest Club	HOSA Bayview	Toastmasters / Gavel Club
Chess Club	Interact Bayview	Ukulele Club
Computer Club	Investors	Writer's Guild
Concert Choir	Las Americas	Yarn Club
DECA	Law Club	Yearbook Committee
Digital Media Club	Math Club	Youth Alive
Dragon Boat	Model UN	

Accelerated OYAP Programs Open House Information Sessions

Please see [Open House Information Session Dates](#) for Program and Location information.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 14 th	Club Fair
Sept. 18 th	Grade 9 Conference
Sept. 19 th	Grade 9 Curriculum Night
Sept. 25 th	PA Day
Sept. 26 th	School Council Election, 7:00 in the Library
Oct. 3 rd	Photo Retake Day

Bayview Student Events Calendar

[Bayview Student Events Calendar link here](#)

