## BAYVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

# E-bulletin for the week of Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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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

#### Welcome from YRDSB Director of Education & Chair of Board

Please see the <u>Welcome Letter</u> to the School Community from the York Region District School Board Director, Louise Sirisko and the Chair of the Board, Corrie McBain.

## **Message from Our Trustee**

I am so pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families to another school year. As your school board trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The <u>Board of Trustees</u> makes <u>policy</u> and <u>budget</u> decisions, and communicates with the public, among other responsibilities.

We are also responsible for setting direction for the school board, through our <u>Multi-Year Strategic Plan</u>. This plan sets out four priorities: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Build Collaborative Relationships, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, and Empower Ethical Leadership.

As we start the new school year, I want to highlight the importance of relationships. We want to build and maintain relationships with our families that are built on trust, respect and responsive communication. To support that, I will continue to keep you informed of our work and priorities, and I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. You can also find the message from the Chair of the Board on the Board's website.

In addition, I invite you to share your feedback on our Board policies. Policies govern everything from field trips, school volunteers, equity and inclusive education, student discipline and much more, and we greatly value input from families on these important matters. We regularly post on our website the <u>policies that are under review</u> and available for comment as well as information about how to share your feedback. I hope you will take a look.

I know school staff are excited to welcome back students, and I look forward to meeting more of our families throughout the upcoming school year. I encourage you to build a relationship with the staff members and community at your school. There are so many <u>different ways to get involved</u> and support your child's education. I hope you have a great start to the school year and wish you a happy, safe and successful year ahead.

Cindy Liang

Trustee, Richmond Hill Wards 3, 5 and 6

#### Message from Administration

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! It is so exciting to connect with our returning staff and students and equally thrilling to usher in our incoming Grade 9 class and students who are new to Bayview S.S. We are also pleased to welcome our new Vice-Principals, Mr. Seiji Ishiguro and Ms. Stacey Sadacharan, who have joined our Administration Team.

During the upcoming weeks, we look forward to connecting with students and families as we work to support student learning and well-being. Feel free to reach out to us if you have questions, concerns or suggestions.

#### **School Council**

The School Council will have their first meeting and election on Tues. Sept 25 at 7 p.m. in the library. We welcome new members with bright ideas to join us. Please fill in the <u>Member's Profile</u> 2018 and <u>Nomination Form</u> by Sun. Sept 23.

#### **Newcomer Orientation Week**

At Bayview, before the start of our school year, new students to Canada and the YRDSB were treated to a Newcomer Orientation Week where the students experienced a variety of activities and interactions.









A big thank you goes out to Mr. Mondal and STUCO for helping to support our grade assemblies, where school expectations and norms were presented.

## **Guidance Message**

## **Request for a Timetable Change**

Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> by 9:00am is the LAST day to submit the Request for a Timetable Change form. Guidance will continue to work through the forms until they are completed. We ask for your patience. Thank you.

#### Night E-Learning Fall 2019 Grade 11 & 12 Students Only

Here is the information regarding the fall session for Night School e-Learning:

- Registration period starts now and ends September 27, 2019
- Available to YRDSB students who are enrolled in courses worth less than 4 credits in a given semester. Note: Night School e-Learning + Day School credits cannot exceed a total of 8 credits in a school year.
- Students may apply online by visiting the e-Learning website, after receiving permission from their home school. Please come to guidance you do not need to make an appointment.
- Course dates: September 23, 2019 January 22, 2020

## Night School In-Class Fall 2019 for Grade 11 & 12 Students

Students can now register for Night School.

Start & End Date: Classes begin September 24 to January 30<sup>th</sup>

**Evenings:** Tuesdays and Thursdays

**Time:** 6:30-9:45pm

**Location:** Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning

**Who can register?** Students with three or less courses on their timetable can register. Guidance will approve

registration.

**How to Register?** To register please use **myPathwayPlanner**. For a list of courses here is the link.

#### **Guidance Important Dates for SEPTEMBER**

12 Club Fair

19 IB Retreat Grades 11 and 12

24-25 Grade 9 Class Visit26 Pathways Night

27 Grades 12 applying to the US for EA or ED deadline to inform a Guidance Counsellor

27-29 Ontario Universities' Fair @ Metro Toronto Convention Centre

## **Aquatic Leadership Program Fall 2019**

Be certified as a lifeguard ready for employment. For further information see link HERE

#### **Newcomer Youth Club**

Tuesdays, October 8th - November 26th 7 - 8:30pm. Are you a teen who is new to Canada? See link HERE for more details.

#### **Volunteer Fair September 2019**

Linking local organizations with volunteers: Interact with local non-profit organizations Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10am – 1pm. For more details see link HERE.

## **Pathways Night**

Please remember to save the date for Pathways Night which is on **Thursday, Sept. 26**<sup>th</sup> **from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.** This is an evening where students and parents will have an opportunity to learn about the following:

- > Grade pathway presentations conducted by Guidance and the IB department
- Information carousels where the following topics will be covered: Guidance and IB Q & A; SHSM/Co-op; Essential Skills; Student Council; Community supports for parents and students
- Department Showcases where electives will be promoted and core course requirements/prerequisites will be explained

#### International Languages (IL) Program- Credit Courses

Students can earn credits while learning a language. International Languages offers over 15 languages for students in Grades 9 to 12. Level 3 language credit courses can even be counted towards college and university acceptance.

Please see our credit course offerings on our website: IIL Credit Program

### **Registration for YRDSB Students**

The course offerings and sites are available on My Pathway Planner login page. Students can register through My Pathway Planner up until September 11<sup>th</sup>. For assistance, view the My Pathway Planner Tip Sheet. Print a copy of the sign-off sheet and obtain parent/guardian signature before submitting the registration form on the first day of classes at the selected language site.

If you do not have the opportunity to register through 'My Pathway Planner' before September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, please download a registration form from this website: (http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Documents/FOR-

#### nonYRRegistration.pdf).

Please complete the registration form and submit it to the selected language site on the day of registration. Dates are available in the Credit Program Flyer: IIL Credit Program

**Interested in getting volunteer hours**? Students can earn up to 40 hours of community service in our program towards graduation requirements. Please send us an e-mail to request information about student volunteer opportunities: <a href="international.languages@yrdsb.ca">international.languages@yrdsb.ca</a>

Please do not hesitate to e-mail international.languages@yrdsb.ca if you have any questions.

#### Guide to the School Year 2019-2020

The <u>Guide to the School Year 2019–2020</u> provides important information about the York Region District School Board. It will be distributed in homerooms Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Threat Assessment and Intervention**

Schools continue to be among the safest places in our community. The well-being and safety of members of the school community are a shared responsibility. This includes preventing and responding to the risk of violence. Please see this link **Student Threat Assessment and Intervention: Fair Notice and Process** for further information.

#### **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 <u>Consent for Information Sharing</u> form to allow parents/guardians to continue to access school-related information about the student. This includes academic progress, attendance and behaviour.

Students can also obtain the form from the school office.

#### **Important Reminders**

#### **Respect for Community**

- Students are expected to behave in a respectful manner during the entire school day
- This includes during lunch time when students are on and/or off school property (e.g. stores and restaurants by the school)
- Student must clean up their garbage, pay for all items, treat other customers with respect and follow the direction of the employee

#### **Dress Code**

Dressing in an appropriate manner dignifies the student, their family, and their school. Dress that is **not permitted** includes:

- headwear except for religious reasons (e.g. baseball hats, hoodies, toques)
- bare midriffs e.g. crop tops (all tops must meet the bottom clothing)

#### **Punctuality**

- School starts at 8:45 and students are expected to be in class at that time
- Students who are less than 15 minutes late for class must go directly to class
- Students who are more than 15 minutes late for class must go to Attendance Office to sign in

## **Student Parking**

- Students who drive to school must have a valid parking pass that can be obtained in the Main Office
- Student parking is ONLY along the fence on the EAST SIDE of the stop sign and the parking pass must be visible
- Cars that are not parked in the designated spots are at risk of being ticketed and/or towed
- Students who continue to park in the incorrect spots will face school consequences

## **Student Drop-Off**

- Parents/guardians who drive their children to school, must not park or stop at the front of the school -this is a
  fire route and where school busses drop off and pick up students
- <u>Do not pull in to the specified parking spots at the front of the school</u>
- Students must be dropped off and picked up at the south end of the school in a way that will not obstruct traffic around the school

## **Student Safety – ATTENTION NEEDED**

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



#### Important Information for Parents/Guardians Regarding Extraordinary Absences Exceeding 3 days:

- Students are expected to be in full attendance every regular school day except in the case of illness. Extraordinary absence may occur under certain circumstances. Parents should keep in mind that a very close relationship exists between regular daily attendance and success in school. Some families plan trips during the school year due to scheduling of vacations from work or to take advantage of low travel costs. When this occurs, students miss valuable learning which can impact on their success. Even brief absences can have a negative impact. Family trips can be a wonderful learning experience, but should be saved for school vacation time, such as March Break.
- Before withdrawal for any vacation not in the school calendar, check with your child's teacher to find out what effect a long vacation may have on your child's progress.
- Complete the **Extraordinary Absence Form** found in the main office.
- You will be responsible for the continuity of your child's learning when they are absent from school.
- Students must consult with their teacher before the planned absence in order to determine their standing in each
  of their courses and obtain any assignments that will come due during or immediately following the absence, if
  available from the teacher.

#### It must be noted that:

- a. It may not be possible for a student to learn all of the material or complete all of the work that was done in class during their absence.
- b. Assignments must be submitted on time to be eligible for grading. Tests missed MAY receive a mark of zero ("0").

#### **Community Involvement**

It is important for students to get pre-approval of the community involvement from guidance. Once the volunteer experience is complete, students submit the form to guidance. It takes 2-3 weeks for the hours to be updated. Students who are completing more than 50 hours at one place must submit with the form itemizing what they did.

## **Upcoming Events**

Date	Event
Sept 11th	Student agreement forms to be returned to Home Room Teachers
Sept 12th	Club Fair (after school)
Sept 19th	Grade 11 and 12 IB trip to Green Acres
Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Meeting, Library at 7pm
Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup>	PA Day
Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pathways Night, 6:30pm – 9pm

## **Bayview Student Events Calendar**

Bayview Student Events Calendar link here