

BAYVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

E-bulletin for the week of March 4th 2019

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Message From Our Trustee

I hope everyone has had a great start to the second half of the school year. Over the past few months, I have had an opportunity to connect with families, students, staff members and with our broader community. I have seen a lot of exciting opportunities for students to explore their interests, celebrate their identities, and develop skills and knowledge that will benefit them in the future.

Many students are participating in [skills competitions](#) or other events where they problem-solve, innovate, collaborate and further develop their technical skills. Students compete in robotics, construction, hairdressing, transportation, 3D animation and much more. These events are among the many options available to help students explore different careers and [pathways](#), and gain valuable experience. We are grateful for the support of community partners in helping to provide these great learning opportunities to our students.

I also want to express my appreciation to our broader school community. One of the priorities in our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) is to build collaborative relationships. The relationships that our schools have with families is so important. There are many different ways you can be involved - talking to your child's teacher, asking your child about homework, or volunteering on a field trip or the school council. Your contributions make a difference to your child's success and to the success of our schools.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable March Break.

Cindy Liang
Trustee

Online Safety

Dear Families,

As you may be aware, there has been recent media attention on an Internet challenge that may cause concern for families. The Internet provides access to many engaging learning opportunities, but requires responsible use and digital citizenship. Parents play an important role in ensuring their child's safety, including on the Internet. It's important for parents to talk to children about the importance of being safe, protecting their personal information and stressing that they should never disclose personal details that would allow someone online to contact them in real life.

Here are 12 tips to promote safe online behaviour:

- Children should never give anyone their name, address, telephone number, computer password, or any other personal information on the Internet without parental or guardian consent.
- Children should only use social media and websites approved by their parent or guardian.
- Internet use should be encouraged in a central place in your home where you can supervise children's online activities.
- Don't allow a webcam in a child's bedroom.
- Watch for children quickly minimizing sites when you enter the room.
- Reinforce that people online may not be who they say they are.
- Consider using parental controls like Internet filters or blocking software.
- Remind children that everything said online stays in cyberspace forever, whether or not it is deleted.

- Talk to your children about Internet safety and clearly define your rules.
- Never respond to messages that make them feel confused or uncomfortable.
- Pay attention to the games your children may download or copy.
- Never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone they meet online.

Reinforce a sense of safety. Some Internet content can evoke a sense of fear or lack of safety in your child. It can be difficult for some children to discern fact / fiction online. Try to offer reassurance that your child is safe. Children and youth take their emotional cues from the significant adults in their lives. Your reactions can help to model calmness to your child. Recognize that some children may be concerned about something bad happening to themselves, family or friends. Explain to them the safety measures in place and reassure them that you and other adults will take care of them.

Be a good listener and observer. Let children guide you to learn how concerned they are or how much information they need. If they are not focused on the issue, do not dwell on it. However, be available to answer their questions to the best of your ability. Young children may not be able to express themselves verbally. Pay attention to changes in their behaviour or social interactions.

Reach out. Reach out to the school if you feel that your child may be showing a significant reaction to online material. We may be able to offer some classroom strategies that could help reduce stress. It may also be important to seek additional support from a school mental health professional (i.e., social worker or psychologist) to cope with overwhelming feelings experienced by children and youth.

Sincerely,

The Administration,
Bayview Secondary School

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

On March 1st, a letter was sent to parents' emails regarding the Modified School Day, March 27th. Please see this [link](#) for letter.

Graduation Ceremony – June 25th

If your child is graduating this school year and is planning to attend Bayview's graduation ceremony, payment must be made for graduation on School CashOnline. This must be completed, if not already done by March 5th.

Guidance Message

OSAP, Scholarships & Financing Your Education

There will be an information session for students only **Tuesday, March 5** regarding how to pay for Post-Secondary Education. We are offering two sessions in the **library periods 3 and 4**. A sign in sheet will be available if a student does not have a period 3 or 4 lunch. Students must inform their teacher ahead of time if they are missing a class. Students were also emailed the latest Scholarship Report.

Dennis Waldman Foundation for Jewish Education Scholarship

Applications for this scholarship is due May 3, 2019. Visit www.waldmanfoundation.org.

Summer School

Only summer coop is open for registration. Students were sent an email on the details. The deadline is fast approaching.

Summer Job Posting

Richmond Hill Canoe Club (RHCC) is located on the shore of Lake Wilcox in the Oak Ridges community of Richmond Hill, Ontario. Summer Camp Counsellor 2019 7 weeks – Full-time 8:30 am to 4:30 pm - June 31 to August 23rd. An email was sent to students.

Aquatic Job

PPL Aquatic, Fitness & SPA Group are looking for lifeguards. Apply online: www.pplgroup.com or email resume to: tborn@pplgroup.com.

Job Fair

Students looking for work? On March 13 from 10:00-1:00pm meet your future employer – various opportunities available. Bring a resume: on-site interviews. Details were emailed to students.

Volunteer Fair

Looking for volunteer opportunities? Connect and interact with various not-for-profit organizations on March 12 from 10:00-1:00pm. An email was sent to students.

Volunteer During March Break or Springtime

Reena organization is looking for volunteers. An email was sent to students.

University & College Open Houses

A list of open house schedules for universities and colleges was emailed to students.

Study Abroad

The Study and Go Abroad Fair in Toronto on March 3rd. This free student expo is a great opportunity for students to start planning their next step in education. Admission to the fair is free, and universities from around the world will be attending the fair, so it's a great opportunity to learn about admission requirements, scholarships, program choices etc. As well, there will be a Travel Zone with volunteering, language travel, internships and work abroad options. Visit www.studyandgoabroad.com for details.

US College Expo

US College Expo April 13th from 10:00-2:00pm at Roy Thomson Hall. To RSVP www.uscollegeexpo.com.

Student Parking

If your child has received a yellow Parking Pass, please remind them that students are ONLY allowed to park in the reserved Student Parking Lot (east of the stop sign). Only students who have received passes for this semester may park on school property.

Safety on Walkways

Please stay to the cleared paths when entering and exiting the school. Please stay away from any hazardous areas where there is a greater potential to slip or fall, wear appropriate footwear and be attentive when walking or playing outdoors.

Allergies and Food at Bayview S.S.

Dear Bayview parents. We have various life threatening allergies at Bayview SS. Please ensure that your son/daughter refrains from bringing peanut butter, and egg based products in their packed lunches. Can you also please urge your children to eat in the cafeteria or the overflow lunch rooms. We have a significant amount of students eating in the halls – which we actively discourage.

Email Addresses

If you have any change(s) in your email address(es), please submit the changes to bayview.ss@yrdsb.ca. Please include your child's name and student number.

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

Upcoming Events

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| March 4 | School Council Meeting, 7:00 pm in the Library |
| March 11 – 15 | Mid-Winter Break |
| March 21 | Interim Reports distributed |

Bayview Student Events Calendar

[Bayview Student Events Calendar link here](#)

ATTENTION NEEDED Please see below:

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 Reminders

We want to remind students that the use of electronic products such as vaping, electronic cigarettes and cigars as well as cartridges of nicotine solutions and related products are not permitted on or within 20 metres of school property. This means 20 metres *beyond* the school boundaries as opposed to simply off of school property. [Health Canada](#) reports health risks associated with vaping particularly for young people.

This is in compliance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which is enforced locally by York Region Community and Health Services and the [Tobacco and Smoke-Free Environment Policy and Procedure](#). A progressive form of discipline, including potential suspension from school and [fines](#) (up to \$5,000), is in place for students who break the law.

For more information visit Health Canada or the Board website. [Partnership for Drug Free Kids](#) also provides a resource on how to talk to your kids about vaping.

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
- Do not pull in to the specified parking spots at the front of the school
- 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

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")

