



Dear Bayside Community,

We hope that everyone has enjoyed a restful March Break and you are ready to welcome in Springtime! There are many things going on at Bayside and we are excited to share them with you.

### **Early Progress Reports**

- Early Progress Reports were sent home just prior to March Break for all students in Grades 9-12. These reports are an early indicator of how your student is doing at school. Early Progress Reports do not include percentage grades, but rather, are an opportunity for teachers to share information on your child's learning skills and work habits, attendance, progress and assignment completion to date. We hope you will review this progress report with your child and be involved in their learning journey at BSS.

### **Family - Teacher Interview Night Grades 9-12**

- Family- Teacher Interviews are scheduled for **April 11, 2024 from 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Family - Teacher Interviews are an excellent opportunity for parents/guardians to meet your student's classroom teachers, to see the learning spaces, and learn more about how your student is progressing in school. To avoid wait times, we encourage you to pre-schedule your appointment directly with the teacher, using the forms that were sent home.

### **Special Presentation - Raising Healthy & Happy Teens in the Digital World**

- Join us at 6:30 pm on Thursday April 11, for a special presentation to our Bayside Community. We are pleased to welcome Matt Richardson, Director of Intelligence, Anti-Human Trafficking Intelligence Initiative. His presentation will talk about Social Media, Online Safety and Mental Health. Families are invited to join us for this special presentation. Farmer's Daughters Subs are available for pre-order and we will have a canteen available to sell snacks.

### **Grade 8 to 9 Transition - Red Devil for a Day**

- Our grade 8 students coming to BSS in the fall are all invited to participate in Red Devil for a Day on **April 9th!** Students will meet other future Red Devils, tour the school and participate in two workshops of their choice. Students can play organized games in the gym , sing karaoke in our music room, hang out in the library with games and many more exciting activities.

### **Grade 12 Graduation Photos - Last Chance**

- The final opportunity for Graduation photos will be March 26 & 27. Any students who have not yet had their Grad Photos taken should plan to book a sitting for that day. Graduation Photo Sessions can be scheduled at [bookmygrad.ca](http://bookmygrad.ca). Our school code is BEO

### **Intermediate News**

- We are excited to welcome a new teacher in Grade 8P - French Immersion. Ms. Chancy-Lloyd is joining us until the end of the school year.
- Grade 7,8 and 9 Spring Fling Dance at BSS on Friday May 6th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm- Get ready for some fun with new and old friends!
- Bayside School Group Chess tournament in the Learning Commons on Friday April 12
- Come Soon - Canadian Author Eric Walters to visit with BSS Intermediate students.

### **Spring Fling Dance**

- Join us for a fantastic night of fun at the Spring Fling dance! Bayside Secondary School is hosting a dance for students in grades 7, 8 and 9 on May 3, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased through school cash online. There will be a cash canteen stocked with tasty treats including pizza, chips, and pop. Don't miss out on the excitement - mark your calendars and get ready for some fun with friends new and old!

### **Spring Season Sports and Spring Athletic Fee - fix**

- As we move into Spring, we can look forward to many Spring sports beginning for secondary students, including Boys' Rugby, Track and Field, Baseball, Badminton, Ultimate Frisbee, Softball. Please note that all previous season fees must be paid before students can participate in Spring Season.. It is payable on School Cash Online, or in person at the Front Office.
- Our Intermediate Students can look forward to Relay, Track and Field and 3 Pitch Softball.

### **April PA and Eclipse Day**

- Monday, April 8, 2024 is our next PA Day. It is also the day for a total solar eclipse. Parts of Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board will be in the path of totality, which means that these areas, including Belleville, Picton and Trenton, will experience complete darkness at approximately 3:20 PM.

### **OSSLT Update**

- The spring OSSLT writing block has opened. All Grade 10 students taking English this semester will write the OSSLT between **Tuesday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 25**. A detailed schedule outlining the two writing days will be shared with each student very soon.
- Grade 10 students who were unsuccessful in Semester 1 will have an opportunity to write again. The successful completion of the OSSLT remains a graduation requirement.
- Preparation for the OSSLT will include an introduction session where students will have access to an orientation video, and be given opportunities to complete a practice test to familiarize themselves with the overall appearance and accessibility tools. Students may also choose to practice the online test at home by visiting the website: <https://www.eqao.com/the-assessments/osslt/>

### **June Final Culminating Activity Schedule**

- Secondary Final Culminating Activities are scheduled to take place between **Wednesday, June 14 to Thursday, June 20**. Students in grade 9 - 12 will have a Final Culminating Activity taking place during the scheduled FCA days. **There is no FCA for MSIP**. Please note that all students are required to complete a Final Culminating Activity. Students must be present, unless approved for exceptional circumstances by the Principal/Vice Principal or a medical note is presented to us.

### **Lunch Period Expectations**

- As the weather warms up, many of our students like to go for a walk off campus. We ask for your cooperation as we remind students that the Quarry, the Bay as well as the Stonecrest Subdivision next to us are *off limits* to students within the school day unless they are on a curricular excursion with their classroom teachers. Please note that students will be assigned consequences if they do not follow this expectation.

### **Yearbook**

- "Hello Bayside! This spring, our Yearbook committee members will be in the Foyer every Wednesday and Thursday until April 11th to sell yearbooks! Bring \$40.00 to the table, or buy it using school cash online. Our committee is working on some neat ideas for the next couple months. Come on over and buy the memories you are making this year!"

### **Prom**

- Graduating Students! Get ready to make memories at the Bayside Secondary School Prom 2024! Join us at Occasions By The Bay on Friday, May 31st, for an unforgettable evening. Doors open at 5pm, followed by a delicious dinner at 6pm. Dance the night away until 10pm. We are looking forward to seeing our students dressed up and ready to celebrate their graduating year with their classmates. Tickets are \$90 and can be purchased from our cash online system from Monday April 15-Friday April 26, 2024. Tickets will not be sold after that and are not available at the door.

### **Wellness Action Team**

- The March focus for the Wellness Action Team is Healthy Eating. They will be hosting a healthy snack during both lunch periods on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Families can support their teens with a new HPEPH resource - [A Healthy Relationship with Food: What it Means for your Teen](#).

### **Eastern Regional College Panel**

- The Eastern Regional Panel featuring Loyalist College, Algonquin College, Durham College, St Lawrence College and Fleming College will be running a session for students from 1:30-2:30pm and then they will host a parent session from 2:30-3:30pm in the Bayside school cafeteria. Please consider attending to learn more information about these schools and what they have to offer students. This session is for students and their parents in ALL grades but particularly meaningful for students in grade 11.

### **Upcoming Dates**

- March 21 - School Council meeting
- March 22 - IEP's received by families
- April 9 - Red Devil Day
- April 11 - Grade 9-12 Family Interview Night
- April 11 - Human Trafficking Presentation
- April 12 - Eastern Regional College Panel
- April 18 - Term 2 start date for new half credit courses
- April 25 - Semester 2 Mid-Term Reports sent home/available in Aspen
- May 3 - Spring Fling - Grade 7-9, 6:00-8:30
- May 6-8 - Ontario Skills Competition
- May 21 - Semester 2 Credit alerts sent home
- May 31 - PA Day
- May 31 - Prom
- June 25 - Grade 8 Graduation
- June 27 - Grade 12 Graduation