

BAYSIDE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Message from your Principal



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It is hard to believe that we are already well into the second half of this academic year. We are already busy organizing events for next year. Our Grade Eight Parents' Evening and Student Orientation Day were a big success. In addition, next year's registration for grade eights and returning students is almost complete and looking strong! Our projected enrolment has BSS getting a little bigger next year. Our potential graduates are busy completing their courses and community hours and registering to attend Graduation ceremonies on June 29th.

The report card you receive with this newsletter marks the half way point in the second semester. Student success is a major focus at Bayside and I encourage you to take time to review the information on your student's achievement and to discuss each course. At this point in the semester it is essential that students focus on the final weeks of school in order to complete all required elements in each course and to be well prepared for the final evaluation period in June. Should you have questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to call 966-2922. Your child's classroom teachers or any of the following staff would be happy to help you: Jessica Francis (Head of Guidance) Ext. 2184, Todd Reid (Head of Special Education) Ext. 2187, Jennifer Ford (Student Success Lead Teacher) Ext. 2125, Laura Maclellan (Vice-Principal) Ext. 2119, or me at Ext. 2122.

I would like to recognize Ms. Richmond and the Arts department for all the hard work they have been putting in to prepare for this spring's theatre production. On June 1, 2 & 3, Bayside will be presenting *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. I encourage you to come see the production and support our students. You can purchase tickets by contacting the front office. I would also like to wish "good luck" to the senior Bayside students who will be writing their Advanced Placement (AP) exams this spring. Our students will write over forty AP exams this school year. It is great to see so many students taking advantage of this opportunity. AP is an enrichment program that Bayside offers our students. It provides opportunities for motivated and prepared students to experience university level course material while in high school. Yes, we offer students an opportunity to earn university credits while still at Bayside.

Finally, Bayside halls continue to be full of activity and this newsletter contains many of the exciting activities that have gone on this year at BSS; these are truly impressive and I am extremely proud of staff and students. I strongly encourage you to read the entire newsletter to learn more about the "Bayside Experience".

J. Press

Upcoming Dates

Apr. 28 - School Dance @ 7pm
Apr. 26-30 - Boston Trip
May 1-3 - Tech Competition
May 1-5 - Education Week
May 2 - Ms. Toten Author Visit
May 4 - Coffee House
May 19 - Prom @ 7pm
May 26 - Colour Run
Jun 1&2 - BSS Theatre MSND
Jun 8 - Athletic Banquet
Jun 16 - Year end BBQ
Jun 29 - Graduation

Please call the office to update any contact, health or emergency information.

Kudos and thanks ...

- ◆ To our hard working custodians who maintain our wonderful facility.
- ◆ Mr. Clair for organizing a student trip to Boston.
- ◆ Mr. Reid for running photography club and providing great pictures for school events.
- ◆ The Tech department for supporting students who will be competing in the provincials in May.
- ◆ Ms. Tsarouhas and the student leaders who make up our anti-bullying group: "Beyond The Hurt".



Book Club

Spring is a busy time for Bayside’s book club. We met twice in April to discuss the last of the Forest of Reading’s White Pine books in preparation for voting on April 20th. In order to be eligible to vote students had to have read five of the ten titles. The Forest of Reading is a national competition and is only open to teenaged readers. The winner for each ‘branch’ of the Forest will be announced in May during the Festival of Trees event in Toronto.

Book club members are also looking forward to the May 2nd visit of Governor General Award winning (and White Pine nominee) young adult author Tere-

sa Toten. Ms. Toten will be speaking to Junior book club members about her novels *Shattered Glass* and *The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B* and to Senior book club members about her more mature read, *Beware that Girl*. Bayside’s budding writers will also participate in a writing workshop presented by Ms. Toten. Anyone wanting to learn more about our special guest should check out <http://www.teresatoten.com/>



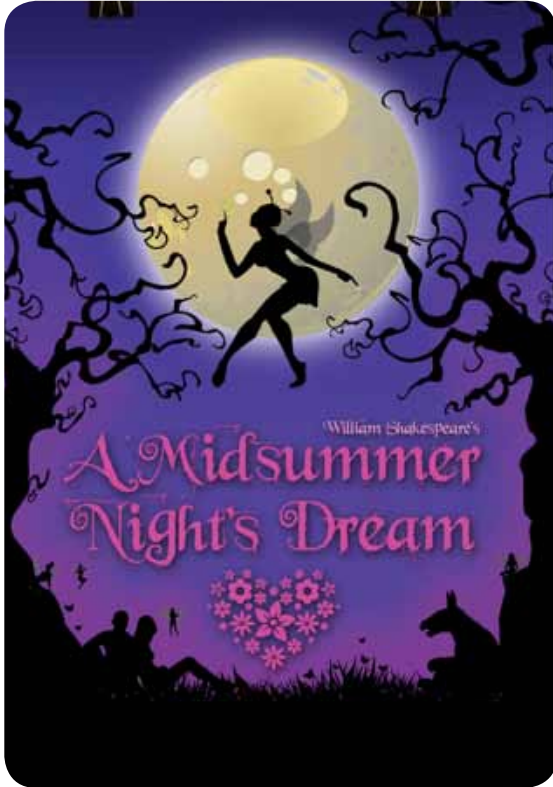
Freedom To Read

During the last week of February and the first week of March, Canadian libraries mark Freedom to Read Week. Freedom to Read week invites all Canadians to stop for a moment to appreciate the fact that we are free to make our own reading choices; this is not the case in many countries around the world. This February and March, Ms. Primeau’s students each signed out a book that had been threatened by censorship at some point in its history. The students’ task was to identify what about the book might have been seen as objectionable by some readers and to complete their own evaluation of the book.



Bayside's Theatre Production Presents

*William Shakespeare's
A Midsummer Night's Dream*
(Translated by D. McClure)



In June, the theatre production class will be putting on a performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Shows will run on June 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Doors open at 6:30 and the show starts at 7:00. Tickets will be available to students in the front foyer during periods 3 and 4 and will be going on sale during the first week of May. They will also be available at the door. Tickets for students and children will be \$8 and tickets for everyone else will be \$12.

The play tells a story of love and enchantment through three different story lines, which include fairies, a love potion, young lovers and a donkey. While this is a comedy, originally written by William Shakespeare, the script has been adapted to assure that an audience of all ages will be able to understand and enjoy the plot and dialogue. The audience will also be able to enjoy a wonderful set design that displays both Athens and a magical forest, as well as entrancing music. Directed by Mrs. Richmond, the play is guaranteed to provide family-friendly fun that is perfect for a spring evening.

The production class has been working diligently since the beginning of the semester to ensure that the performances will be stellar. They promise to put on a show that will not only entertain the audience but transport them into a world of magic and dreams.

Improv Team

Bayside's Improv team travelled to Kingston on March 30-April 1st to compete in the Canadian Improv Games Kingston Regional Tournament. The team was very successful in their night of play, which placed them in the finals on Saturday night. The team did an excellent job representing Bayside in their first ever finals. With some tough competition and some great improv. Bayside ranked 5th overall in the region. A great result being that only four of the twelve members have ever performed in the competition before. Bayside Improv runs from late September to the beginning of April, rehearsing and practising the skills of improv. We look forward to next year's tryouts and season! Way to go BAYSIDE! AND... SCENE!



Tech News

The BSS students in Technology are really measuring up this spring in local and regional Skills Competitions. Many students from Bayside competed at Loyalist College in the regional division with some moving directly on to the Ontario Skills Competition while others moved to St. Lawrence College for the regional competition. Between the two, BSS was successful in securing eight spots for the Ontario Skills Competition in May. While there are many successful projects being completed this year, the growing number of female students involved in the Technology classes has paid off as there are three competing at the Provincial level this year. The entire Technology Department is proud of all our competitors this spring. We are looking forward to taking our field trip to the OTSC in Mississauga to show support for the BSS competitors. Good Luck to all!!



Competitors:

- Jessica Courneyea – Precision Machining
- Laurence Roy – Welding
- Wyatt & Dawson Craig – Team Carpentry
- Michael Terpstra – Individual Carpentry
- Logan Triemstra – Individual Carpentry
- Kurtis Wright - Individual Carpentry
- Alexis Porter – Photography

Tech Donation

The BSS Construction class would like to say, “Thank You” to our local ALF CURTIS Home Improvements Inc., Castle Building Centre. The employees are always helpful and knowledgeable and have now shown their support for our program. Shown (below) with a tool donation is Preston Collins (store manager) and Doug Holland (construction teacher). These tools will be used by some of the eight students heading to the Ontario Technological Skills Competition in Mississauga on May 2nd.



Global Awareness

The Global Awareness Committee is a group of motivated students who meet every Tuesday to discuss world issues and to make a positive impact on the world. This year, through bake sales and coffee houses, the group has raised enough money to make a \$750.00 donation to Doctors Without Borders Canada and a \$500.00 donation to the World Wildlife Fund Canada.



Co-op News

Students in the Co-op program are enjoying a wide variety of work experiences in our local communities this semester! The nature of student experiences ranges from our OYAP Chefs, and Child and Youth Workers, to students in the Construction Industry and those who are learning about being an Electrician, or working in the R/M shop at CFB Trenton. The wide range of employable skills the students are gaining this semester has been impressive.

Most students are enrolled in a four credit Co-op package that allows full day experiences with an employer. The students return to school multiple times throughout the semester to share their experiences, participate in training sessions, and reflect on their new knowledge.

This semester has been particularly exciting. Ten Co-op students attended the Taste of the Science and Trades day at Loyalist College. Cassidy is learning about health care professions at CFB as she rotates through radiology, the medical labs, and most recently, the Base pharmacy. We have started new partnerships with the construction crews working on the new subdivision next to the school for Ben. A number of biomedical partners have created placement experiences in their field for Madalynn. Finally, our SHSM partnerships continue to support our students who have specialized in manufacturing.

Co-op gives each student a unique opportunity to explore a career of interest. They learn new skills and gain knowledge that will help them make good decisions about future career paths and education. We are proud of them and the good working relationships they maintain in our community. As the semester progresses, we know they will continue to be excellent ambassadors of Bayside!



BSS Travels

Bayside has taken trips to New York and Boston in the last two years. The bulletin board in the main foyer has information about four different excursions. Anyone interested in travelling to Europe needs to see Mr Clair (pclair@hpedsb.on.ca) about which trip they would like to go on. Next year, for March Break 2018, we are planning a European trip and we need student input. The decision about which trip we will pursue will be made at the end of the first week of May. Follow us @bss_travels.



Student Council News

The Student Council's ice cream fundraiser was a sweet spring success, raising \$500 to donate to our in-school Food for Learning program.

On behalf of BSS students, Student Council was happy to accept the challenge of Food Fight 2017. In April, local secondary schools competed to bring in the most non-perishable food items for the local food bank. Bayside spirit was strong as home forms were assigned a food type and encouraged to bring in at least one food item per student. By the end of the week, we had far surpassed our goal, with well over two thousand food items donated! BSS was crowned Food Fight champion for this year, in a contest where each school and their community are real winners.



Baysiders enjoy a 'chill' treat to celebrate their "FoodFight2017" victory!

GETit!

Seventeen Bayside students had the opportunity to participate in the Girls Exploring Trades Conference that was sponsored by the East Central Ontario Training Board and CFB Trenton. The event was organised to provide girls in grades nine through eleven an opportunity to explore non-traditional skilled trades with professional women at CFB Trenton.



Food For Learning

Food for Learning is accessed daily through the Learning Commons. Before school and at break it's the popular place to be for bagels, yoghurt and cereal. Students may also access sandwiches at lunch time and apples are available throughout the day. In fact, did you know that Bayside is the biggest consumer of apples out of all the schools who have Food for Learning programmes? We buy our apples from Grills Orchards and students love their cold, satisfying crunch. We invite you to support this local business by paying them a visit.

Food for Learning programmes require a lot of financial support. We would like to thank Bayside's Student Council for holding a Reid's Sundae Day to raise money for Food for Learning. Their efforts resulted in a \$500 donation to our nutrition programmes. Our programmes rely on significant support from the Learning Foundation. On May 11th, the Learning Foundation will be hosting a Silent Auction at the Greek Hall. Why not go and enjoy some great student created appetizers and bid on some amazing auction items? It's a great way to support a worthy cause.



Coffee House

Upcoming Coffee House - Thursday, May 4, 2017
 The Global Awareness Committee is holding a coffee house in the cafeteria on Thursday, May 4, 2017 from 7-9pm. We will showcase Bayside's talent in all areas of the arts. Tickets are \$5.00 each or \$15.00 per family, which includes food and beverages at the event. Proceeds will be donated to the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund. This organization is devoted to reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples.

* Reduce waste: bring your own mug *



Beyond the Hurt

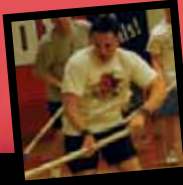
Members of Bayside's Beyond the Hurt Anti-Bullying Group attended a special Red Cross training session in April. The workshop focussed on Healthy Youth Relationships, discussions on body image, consent, relationships in the media and self esteem. Students practised preparing lessons for future group presentations. This is the second time Red Cross Facilitator Nestor Shartun has visited Bayside to train students on key topics relevant to youth. Group members look forward to developing their skills within the school and community.



EWC Writing Buddies

The grade twelve Writer's Craft Course (EWC4U/4C) is currently involved in a special writing project with Mrs. McPherson's SK/Grade 1 class at Bayside Public School. Each "big buddy" is paired with a "little buddy" to encourage a love for reading and creative writing. Students are meeting once a week for a month to "share the pen" with their buddies. The grade twelve students will be creating an individualized children's book for their writing buddy at the end of the project.





Graduation Update

This year's graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2017, at 7 p.m. The location this year will be Calvary Community Church at 679 Dundas Street West. Graduates are asked to do the following to prepare for the ceremony:

- Pay their \$25.00 grad fee and get measured for their gown in guidance by May 5th.
- Fill out (or update) their "I've Been Busy" forms on the Guidance Google classroom
- Attend the graduation preparation assembly - June 5, 2016 - Period 2
- Ensure that they have submitted their forty hours of community service form to Guidance
- Pay all outstanding school fees

More information:

- Each student will receive four guest tickets for graduation; if you require more, you can sign up on a wait list. Please see Ms. Ray in Guidance.
- The doors open at 6 pm on graduation night
- If financial assistance is needed, please see Mr. Press.

This year we will be having a photographer taking pictures of all graduates and award winners on stage. Photos will be made available after graduation. Please sign the photo-release waiver in Guidance when getting measured.



Our Pride is Bayside

Photography Club

Bayside's Photography Club is back and with the nicer weather, we are heading outside more often. With team sports photography and some trick photography, we are still having fun and sharing a wealth of knowledge about photos on the camera and in post-process. We will focus on camera settings in manual and software to make your good photos great photos! Bring your cameras, questions and awesome photos on Tuesdays after school in English Central! See Mr. Reid for details.



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