



# BAYSIDE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Dear Bayside Community,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year at Bayside Secondary School. I am looking forward to the new school year and all the great accomplishments that it will bring for our students. I also look forward to a healthy school year that gives our students an opportunity to experience Bayside without the many restrictions that we have seen in the past two years. Bayside is a great school and has a school culture that is second to none. We are a vibrant, positive and inclusive school community with high academic standards, a massive extracurricular program and a wide variety of supports available for students.

The 2022-23 school year for some students, will be the beginning of an exciting, new adventure in a new school with new teachers, new courses and an opportunity to make new friends. Welcome to all those families who are new to Bayside! For all of us, it will be a redefining of the "The Bayside Experience", an opportunity for us to continue to grow together and become stronger as we move beyond our remote Learning experiences and public health restrictions. Regardless of whether you are in your first year or your last year, I strongly encourage students to actively participate in the daily life of the school and make the most of their school experience. Bayside is well known for our strong student leadership, positive school culture and high academic standards. I will be counting on our students to bring their best to students each day.

All students will have to work hard to recalibrate their relationship with their social media on their cell phones and the need to feel "connected." While we have relied on technology during the continual pivots to remote learning over these past years, it has also increased our reliance on technology and dependency on instantly connecting to each other. For some, it has resulted in a poor balance between technology and academic engagement. Bayside is committed to helping students regain balance in their lives, and become extraordinarily immersed in their academic and extracurricular school life. We will expect all students to manage their cell phone use and limit it to breaks and lunch time use. Cell phones are not to be used during class time unless a teacher has specifically requested that cell phones are required during instruction. Cell phones will not be permitted to be a distraction in the learning environment. We hope you will support us in our re-engagement plan by only calling or texting your student during their lunchtime, or during breaks. In case of an emergency, please call the Main Office and we can ensure that we reach your student.

Setting goals and proper planning are essential to success at Bayside as there are so many activities students want to get involved in. We strongly encourage parents to look through their student's school work regularly, ask questions and discuss their life at school on a daily basis. We rely on a strong connection between school and home. I am pleased to welcome Vice Principal Mike McKeown to the Bayside Admin Team! Mike, Stacey Dunning, and myself, as well as the whole team at Bayside Secondary, are here to support your student's learning journey. If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please reach out to the school. Get ready, because it's going to be a great year!

Ms. Ruth Ellen Cummings  
Principal,

## **Welcome to Grade 9 Students - Join us for Red Devil Day**

On Wednesday, August 31st, all grade 9 students are invited to the Red Devil Open House from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. The purpose of the open house is to help our new Bayside students to feel welcome and comfortable before the first day of school. Student volunteers will take new students on a tour of the school and tell them about life at Bayside. This event is a great opportunity to meet other new students and form friendships, find and set up your locker, find your classes for the first day of school, and pay your fees. Hope to see everyone there!

## **Football Camp**

Football camp runs on August 31st and September 1st from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for all students in grades 9-12 who are interested in playing football. There is no cost for the camp.

## **Secondary Student Timetables**

The Student Center is excited to welcome students back in just a short time. Ms. Francis will be working with students with last names starting with A-L and Ms. Ford will be working with students with last names starting with M-Z. We also welcome Ms. Richmond in semester one to the Guidance staff and Ms. Spry will be returning in semester two. Returning students can see their timetable online. If you need to review these instructions please click [here](#) for our guide. Grade nine students will receive their timetable on Red Devil Day (Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>). All students will also receive an updated timetable on the first day of school in their home form.

If your timetable is missing a course or you have completed a summer school course, please come into the Student Center during the Registration days for assistance. The Guidance Office staff will be able to work with you on a first come, first serve basis in between new registrations. The Student Center will be open on Tuesday, August 30th from 10:00am – 3:00pm and Wednesday, August 31st from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Changes for all other courses will be made during the first week of school by signing up on the sheets outside the Student Center under your MSIP period on a first come, first serve basis

At the end of September, Guidance staff will be reviewing plans with potential graduates to examine their transcripts, post-secondary plans and to prepare for College and University applications. Students can begin to prepare for this session by reviewing their Individual Pathways Plan on My Blueprint. All graduating students are reminded that they must complete 40 hours of community service for graduation this year.

## **Elementary Class Placements**

All students will learn their class placements on the first day of school.

## **First Day of School**

All students will be greeted by staff as they get off the bus or enter the front of the school. Information tables will be set up in alphabetical order so students can find their assigned classroom. Students will be directed to their classroom and teachers will be available to meet their new students.

## **School Fees**

**Student Activity Fee \$15** - All students will be charged a yearly voluntary student activity fee to help cover the cost of the numerous extracurricular activities at Bayside, guest speaker opportunities, spirit events, student giveaways, to provide you with your Student Photo ID Card.

**Athletic Fee \$25 per season** - All students are required to pay a seasonal fee (Fall, Winters, Spring) upon joining their first sport in each season. This fee helps offset the cost of referees and transportation to events, etc. Some sports may require an additional team fee, as well.

**Print Services \$5** - If students plan to print from the school printers they must have a print account. The minimum balance on the print account is \$5

**Master Lock Fee - \$2** - Master locks are required for all lockers and will be assigned to all students. Students may not bring personal locks from home.

**Payment of Fees** - Fees can be paid through School Cash Online: <https://hpedsb.schoolcashonline.com/> Although we prefer online payments, if needed, fees can be paid by cash or cheque in the Main Office.

### **School Council**

All parents are invited to attend Bayside's School Council meetings. The first meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, September 22nd at 5:30 p.m. in the Staff Room. The remainder of the meeting schedule will be developed throughout the year.

### **Student Drivers**

Students who drive a vehicle to school may park in the upper or lower parking lot. The middle parking lot is reserved for staff and visitor parking. For the safety of all students and staff, safe driving behaviours are essential. OPP Community partners will support Admin if there are concerns with unsafe driving in our parking areas.

### **Locks and Locker Assignment**

Locker assignments will be listed on the timetable students receive in their home room. All students must use their assigned locker. Students will be assigned a Master school lock that is to stay with their assigned locker. Other locks are not permitted and will be removed. Students are strongly encouraged not to share their locker combination with other students and to keep their lockers locked at all times.

### **Student Attendance**

Attendance is directly tied to academic success. We work closely with students and parents to ensure students are regularly attending school. It is a parent's responsibility to ensure student absences are reported. There are three options for parents to report an absence:

- Leave a message in the attendance voice mailbox (966- 2922, option 3). Voice mail messages can be left at any time of the day or night, or you may speak to a school secretary directly during school hours.
- Email our attendance secretary - [bss@hpedsb.on.ca](mailto:bss@hpedsb.on.ca) to report your child's absence.
- Send a signed note with your child to take to the Main Office.

Text messages cannot be used for attendance purposes. Each evening, our automated attendance reporting system will call homes of students who miss a class. Parents are expected to contact the school to excuse absences. All unexcused absences will result in a detention being assigned to students.

### **A Smoke Free Campus**

Bayside is a 'smoke-free' environment. Smoking cessation programs are available to students through the Youth Health Clinic sponsored by the Hastings & Prince Edward Health Unit. The clinic is open for students on Tuesday. More information regarding smoking cessation programs can be found in the Student Center.

### **Sexual Health Nurse**

A Public Health Nurse visits Bayside each Tuesday for the Sexual Health Clinic. Visits are confidential. Visit the Student Center for more Information

## Late Bus

This service will begin in the second week of school and will run throughout the school year (Monday to Thursday) when there are enough students signed up. Students must sign up daily in the main office before the end of period 4. The late bus travels major roads only so pick-ups may need to be arranged. The general route stops at Loyalist College and runs through Stirling and Frankford with stops as requested along the way. If there are any questions, students should consult with Mr. Dewar in the Phys. Ed. office or with staff at the Main Office.

## Daily Schedule

**Period 1:** 8:10 - 9:10

**Break:** 9:10 - 9:20

**Period 2:** 9:20 - 10:20

**Period 3:** 10:23 - 11:23 (Junior Lunch)

**Period 4:** 11:23 - 12:23 (Intermediate and Senior Lunch)

**Period 5:** 12:26 - 1:26

**Period 6:** 1:30 - 2:30

## Upcoming Dates

Sept. 6	First Day of School
Sept. 12	Picture Day
Sept. 15	Welcome Back BBQ and Open House
Sept. 22	School Council Meeting
Sept. 26	PA Day
Oct 7	Secondary Semester 1 Early Progress Reports Available
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving
Oct. 18	Photo Retake Day
Oct. 24	Pa Day
Oct. 27	Academic Awards Night
Nov. 1	PA day
Nov. 18	Elementary Progress Reports Available
Nov 21	Secondary Semester 1 Mid-Term Report Cards Available
Nov. 25	PA Day
Dec 19	Secondary Semester 1 Credit Alerts Sent Home
Dec. 23	Winter Break Begins (Return to School Jan 9th)
Feb 3	PA Day
Feb 13	Secondary Semester 1 Final Report Cards Available
Feb 17	Elementary Term 1 Report Cards Available
Mar 8	Secondary Semester 2 Early Progress Reports Available
Apr 24	Secondary Semester 2 Mid-Term Report Cards Available
May 15	Secondary Semester 2 Credit Alerts Sent Home
Jun 2	PA Day
Jun 28	Elementary Term 2 Report Cards Available
Jul 5	Secondary Semester 2 Final Report Cards Available

I hope this information helps you to get the school year off to a good start. Communication with our students, parents and community is very important to us. I encourage you to regularly check-in with our school's website: [Bayside Secondary School - Home](#) and follow us on Twitter @bssnews, Instagram, and Facebook.