

BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Greetings- Home reports for Term 3 will be issued soon; virtual Parent-Teacher interviews will be conducted later this month, and students are now in their Term 3 specialties. We are now down to the last few months of school and teachers are maximizing classroom time in order to cover remaining curriculum outcomes. During this stretch, we will need the cooperation of students and families in supporting our expectations that all students be focused on academics. Please help us by making sure your children are completing assignments and behaving to the best of their abilities.

Important Dates

- April 4th- School Heritage Fair
- April 6th- Consent Forms for HPV Clinic Returned
- April 7th- Fund Raiser for Ukrainian Red Cross
- April 11th- Home Reports Distributed
- April 12th- HPV Clinic for Eligible Students
- April 13th- Robinson and Graham's classes to Elmhurst
- April 13th- Grade 8 Pancake Breakfast
- April 13th- Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences from 4:00- 7:00pm. Link to book a meeting is outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/VirtualParentTeacherMeetings@nbed.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/
- April 14th (am) - Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences from 9:00-11:00 am.
- April 14th (pm) - Teachers are involved in Professional Learning. **No school for students today!**
- April 15th- Good Friday- **School Holiday**
- April 18th- Easter Monday- **School Holiday**
- April 19th- Full School Assembly- Kick off for \$1000.00 Raffle
- April 20th- Raffle Tickets Distributed to Students Having Parental Consent
- April 20th- Provincial Assessments Begin
- April 22nd- Manuel's Class to Irving Nature Park
- April 29th (pm)- Grade 8 Assembly- Movie
- May 5th (pm)- Assembly- Raffle Draw
- May 6th -Subject Council; - **No School for Students**
- May 9th- NBTA Branch Meeting - **No School for Students**

Heritage Fair- Congratulations to the following students on being named winners of our annual Heritage Fair: Finn Sweigard (6 Logue), Nate Estey (6 Ricketts), Sophia Del Valle (7 Hickey), and Aiseemaa Gogoi (8 Hickey). These students received \$20 for their efforts and will have a chance to compete at the Regional Heritage Fair in May.

Safety Poster Contest- The following students were winners in this year's Safety Poster Contest: Alyse Roy (First Place \$50.00), Bea Beza (Second Place \$25.00), and Taylor Buchanan (Third Place \$10.00)

Social Media- Please be reminded that the Province of New Brunswick has very strict regulations when it comes to social media and student privacy. Some students feel these rules don't apply to them and will take photos at the school

and post them on Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram and other outlets. Please speak to your children about how this is a violation of privacy and that consequences will be issued. The Saint John City Police will be meeting with our Grade 6s later this month to discuss the legal ramifications of on-line behavior.

Dress Code- With nicer weather approaching (Hopefully!!), it is expected that all of our students dress appropriately for middle school. Any child wearing an article of clothing that is not considered appropriate for the learning environment will be removed from class and parents will be contacted until the situation is resolved. Thanks for your attention to this.

Alternate Bus Requests- Please be advised that permission to take an alternate school bus will only be issued in legitimate, one-time, emergency situations only. Requests for school projects, sleepovers, etc., will no longer be honored. Students and parents will have to make other arrangements. Sorry for any inconvenience, but these requests have become excessive.

Fundraising Campaign- On April 19th, an assembly will be held to promote the annual \$1000.00 bill fundraising campaign. The lucky winner will be awarded \$1000.00 on May 5th, and the top three sellers will win \$100.00, \$50.00, and \$25.00 respectively for their efforts. All of our sellers will be entered in a draw for some awesome prizes, and the top 10 sellers will participate in a cash grab. All proceeds from this draw will support the many activities and programs offered to our students. We appreciate your support.

Autism Awareness- April is Autism Awareness Month. In recognition of this, here are five common myths and facts about children diagnosed with autism:

1. Myth- *Autism is caused by mutations in only one gene.*
Fact- Autism is caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors. To date, variations in close to 300 genes have been associated with Autism.
2. Myth- *Vaccinations can cause Autism.*
Fact- There is no link between vaccinations and Autism.
3. Myth- *The brain of a person with Autism is dramatically different from the brain of a neurotypical person.*
Fact- It takes experts carefully measuring small changes to find even the most remote differences.
4. Myth- *Autism can be diagnosed in blood and urine samples.*
Fact- Autism is diagnosed using an established set of behaviour evaluations.
5. Myth- *Autism is a rare disease affecting very few individuals.*
Fact- Autism is the second most prevalent neuro development disorder among children... "Based on 2015 data, it is estimated that 1 in 66 Canadian children and youth ages 5-17 have been diagnosed with ASD." (For more information about ASD in Canada, visit Canada.ca and search "autism" or "ASD")

Notes from the Gym

- Bayside co-ed flag football tryouts are April 11th, April 25th, May 2nd, and May 16th at Bayview Elementary School 6-8pm and April 24th, May 1st, May 8th, May 15th, and May 22nd in the Bayside Gym from 11am- 1 pm. The team will participate in the Regional Championship in late May at Shamrock Park.
- Bayside's Running Club meets every Friday from 3:15- 4:15 pm.
- We have 54 volleyball players representing our school this spring. This is amazing as most schools only have 24 players. Teams are varsity boys, varsity girls, JV boys, and a JV Girls team. All teams began competition in late March and have been successful. Thanks to all our coaches and faculty advisors.
- Our cheerleaders continue to practice on Thursday and Friday afternoons in preparation for the upcoming competition season.
- Although Covid restrictions knocked out our basketball season, our three teams are hosting a Jamboree on Saturday, April 9th and Sunday, April 10th. Good luck to our JV and Varsity Boys and Varsity Girls Teams.

HPV Clinic- After several postponements, Public Health plans to host an HPV Clinic for our Grade 7s on April 12th. In addition to this, Grade 7s are also eligible to receive 12-year booster shots. Also, any Grade 8 student eligible to receive the second HPV dosage will be invited to attend (Public Health would have a record of this) Finally, eligible students in Grade 7 and 8 may also receive their first or second Covid vaccination at this clinic. Grade 7s need to hand in their consent forms before Wednesday, April 6th.

Provincial Assessments- Bayside students will be participating in Provincial Assessments from April 20th until May 2nd. Students will be assigned the following virtual assessments:

Grade 6- **English Language Arts (Reading)** and **Science**

Grade 7- **French Second Language Reading** and **Math**

Grade 8- **Science**

Final Note- In late March, Public Health lifted masking and isolation restrictions as they relate to schools. Despite these freedoms, we continue to struggle with the amount of positive Covid cases our students and staff are experiencing. Parents are asked to continue to make sound decisions regarding sending children to school if they are showing symptoms of Covid. We appreciate your attention to this.