

BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Bayside Bulletin- October 2021

Greetings- Welcome to October! The first month of school has certainly flown by, and students are now aware of the established routines and procedures. Students have been introduced to the expectations for academic and behavioral success. It is evident that they know the importance of following the rules and regulations as they pertain to stopping the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We can't let our guards down!! Please be aware that policies can change very quickly so it is critical that families follow any instructions and announcements sent from Public Health, the District, and the school. Also, it is extremely important to ensure the school has your most up to date contact information and an email on file as School Messenger will be used to deliver critical information impacting Bayside.

Twitter- Please follow us on Twitter @bayside_broncos for the latest and up-to-date news. This is the quickest way to send important information to parents and students. If you don't have a twitter account, you can still check for updates by visiting www.twitter.com/bayside_broncos

Safe Arrival Program- Bayside is one of many schools in ASD-S using Safe Arrivals. Families are invited to use this system to report children's absences by one of these easy methods:

- Call toll-free: 1-833-219-9065
- Website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>
- Mobile app: School Messenger

Electronics Policy- Thanks to all our families for their continuing support with our Electronics Policy. There are many reasons, grounded in sound research, as to why we have this policy in place. According to the Canadian Pediatric Association:

Studies indicate that the average screen use of 5-18-year olds is at least 2.2 and as high as 7 hours per day during leisure hours. This is already more than the 2 hours of daily screen use recommended. There are many reasons to limit screen time of children:

- **Increased weight-** associated with more snacking, making unhealthy food choices and being less active.
- **Impaired learning-** lower reading scores and has a negative effect on language development.
- **Disrupted sleep-** lights and activities from screens near bedtime are associated with an increase in sleep problems.
- **Affected mental health-** associated with attention problems, anxiety, and depression.
- **Interferes with relationships-** you disconnect from your surroundings and it takes away from face-to-face time.

STOMP: Bayside is now in year 7 of its PBIS plan (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports). Our PBIS model is called STOMP- Success, Team Player, Own It, Motivated, and Prepared. Students will take part in meaningful lessons which will help them be aware of positive behaviors in classrooms, hallways, outdoors, and other public areas. STOMP will look different this year due to students being physically distanced as much as possible. But they will be able to work in class teams to earn points for positive behaviour. For example, each class has been

challenged to demonstrate teamwork by participating in an event to support Children's Wish/Make A Wish occurring in October and November. Each class has been challenged to plan a fundraising event and earn points for their teams based on how many classmates participate. Teams that earn the most points will win classroom based rewards! Please note our large- scale fundraising for Children's Wish will not be occurring due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Reminder- Due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Monday, October 11th, students do not have school on this day. Classes resume on Tuesday, October 12th.

Bayside PSSC for 2020-21 – The following parents are your Parent School Support Committee for this school year. We thank them for taking on this role:

Heather Gillis- DEC Rep
Angela Dallon
Stephen Walsh
Melanie Robart
Jaclyn McColgan
Shauna Hooper
Amanda Bennett
Ann Smith
Tanya Moriarty
Debbie Gallant
Jill Anderson-Batiz
Christine Ebbett

For more information on your PSSC and to contact your representatives, please see the PSSC section on the school website.

Auditorium Renovation- Please spread the word that we are selling seats for \$100.00. You or your business can sponsor a seat and a plaque commemorating your donation will be placed on the chair. Contact Pat Laskey at 658-5331 or at patrick.laskey@nbed.nb.ca for more information.

School Cash Online (Cashless Schools)- Many families are taking advantage of this service. Our school is set up to accept payments for student fees and yearbooks online. Please check out our school website for more details.

Picture Retakes- Please note that Harvey Studios will be returning to Bayside on Tuesday, October 19th, for picture retakes. Only students who requested retakes or missed the first picture day are eligible for retakes.

Sports Equipment/Board Game Donations – We are looking for donations of board/card games and sports equipment still in good condition that can be used by our classes over the lunch hour. Sports equipment such as soccer balls, basketballs, footballs, playground balls or any other equipment that would be safe and fun to use at lunch. With the COVID-19 restrictions in place, classes cannot share equipment which limits how much each class has to use. In addition to used or new equipment, cash donations to purchase these items would also be appreciated. Please contact Pat Laskey (patrick.laskey@nbed.nb.ca) for more information.

School Sports and Other Activities- Please note the following restrictions from Public Health as they relate to school sports and extra-curricular activities:
-Students born in 2008 or earlier must show proof of double vaccinations in order to participate
-Students born in 2009 (January to June) must show proof of double vaccination. Those born from July-December of 2009 have a grace period until October 31st to show proof of double vaccinations.

-Students born in 2010 or earlier are exempted from showing proof as Public Health has yet to receive approval to vaccinate this age group.

Special thanks to all staff and volunteers who are offering our students these activities during this time of pandemic. We currently are able to have a girls soccer team, a boys soccer team, a cross country team, a cheerleading team, and a Gay-Straight Alliance due to the efforts of these volunteers! Please note that this is ever changing and new restrictions on sports and other activities could be imposed at any time.