

BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Greetings- Although we are now in May, and there are only two months of school left, students need to remain focused, as there are still many curriculum outcomes which must be covered. Teaching and learning will continue well into June. This is the time of year when your support is perhaps needed the most. Please make sure your child is attending school regularly, completing his/her assigned work, and behaving to the best of his/her ability. Thanks for your support.

Staffing News- We welcome Mr. Jeffrey who has joined our staff to teach a Grade 7 homeroom. Also, welcome to Mrs. T. Shannon and Ms. C. Hare who join our support staff.

Important Dates

May 5th- Assembly- Ticket Raffle Draw

May 6th- Provincial Subject Council Day- no school for students

May 9th- NBTA Branch Meeting- no school for students

May 14th- Provincial Cheer Competition @ MNS

May 24th- Victoria Day- no school for students

May 28th- Flag Football Tournament @ Emera Field

Out of Zone Policy- Towards the end of this school year, we will be checking the addresses of all students. We have a number of students who attend our school who are not zoned for Bayside Middle School but attend due to an agreed upon inter-district transfer. All students who live out of our zone will receive a letter describing the district policy. There may be foreseeable and unforeseeable circumstances where your child will be required to transfer. This may cause heartache to some of our families, but it is best to be forewarned.

Dress Code- With the nicer weather coming, it is certain that students will be wearing spring/summer clothes to school. Please monitor what your child wears. We ask that all clothing be appropriate for middle school and not the beach. Parents will be contacted if student clothing is considered inappropriate or offensive.

Turn Around Achievement Award- Congratulations to Grade 8 student, Gavin Guignard on being named Bayside's winner of the Turn Around Achievement Award. Mrs. Shannon presented Gavin his award on April 28th and he and his family will be invited to a gala dinner at Lily Lake on May 26th. Well done, Gavin!

Lost and Found- Please have your child check the lost and found table for items that might be theirs. We will be donating remaining items soon.

Grade 8 Year-End- Our Grade 8s will be invited to attend a year-end dance on June 16th from 6:00-8:00 pm. This dance is a closed dance for Grade 8s from Bayside only. Cost is \$5.00. This will be a semi-formal event and students are asked to dress "Sunday Best"no formal gowns, formal dresses, tuxedos, etc. We are looking for volunteers to donate food and drinks for this occasion. Any help would be appreciated. Please note many more events are in the planning stage and more information will be available in the June newsletter.

Ticket Raffle- It has been a banner year for ticket sales! At last count 8000 tickets were in circulation. The lucky winner will be announced on Thursday, May 5th. Thanks to all who supported our fund raiser.

Bayside Athletics in May – Submitted by A. Shephard

It has been a crazy couple of months for Bayside Athletics as we currently have 8 teams/clubs going right now between volleyball, football, cheer, track and running club. We have waited 2 years to have these opportunities offered to our students so hopefully they get out there to help Bayside pride and success.

Volleyball-

JV Boys our JV boys' team is in a circuit with all Varsity teams but are quickly learning the game and having success. Their early introduction to volleyball will pay off next year when they move onto Varsity so keep up the good work.

Varsity Boys are currently 6-0 in regular season and just got back from the STU tournament where they finished second in their pool, earning them a place in Tier 1, but got knocked off by the 2nd ranked team in the tournament. They head back to Fredericton for Provincials this month and prepare for regional playoffs mid-May.

JV girls are currently undefeated in the Varsity circuit and will face our Varsity girls this week to decide the 1-2 seeds going into Regionals. This has never happened before but shows the depth our school has in its 26 players. The girls also had success at the STU tournament before falling to Keswick in the third set in semis.

Varsity girls are currently undefeated in regular season and will be heading to Fredericton for Provincials. The girls also hosted their Bayside Annual Volleyball tournament thanks to Mr. Manuel and Mrs. Gillis. It was awesome seeing 10 teams jammed into the gym with all the energy and excitement again. This was very evident in a 3 set, extra point match for the finals between Bayside Varsity and QMS where the games went back and forth before QMS closed the final set 18-16 in a 15-point set.

Thanks to our dedicated coaches who have gone above and beyond to get our students' skills up with the loss of two years of development. Based on their success, I would say it is paying off so far. Katelyn Denton and Genee Noel (JV Boys), Mr. Shephard, Kyle Thibodeau, Josh Goguen (Varsity Boys), Ms. McLaughlin and Mr. Patterson (JV Girls) and Heather Gillis, Leah Ramsay, Ms. Hills and Madame Kelly (Varsity Girls).

Co-ed Flag football- Coach John MacDonald has been working hard training and assembling his team as he finished tryouts May 2-3 in prep for the Regional Championship May 27-29th at Shamrock Park. Always an awesome event to watch so come support your Broncos.

Cheerleading- the girls have been working super hard every Thursday and Friday since November. Thanks to our super dedicated coach Megan Dickinson and assistants like Jenna Reed and Carolyn Lawlor along with Madame Creamer and Ms. Nickerson who give up their time to supervise this team. The girls are close to finally competing for the Provincial championship in May. Good luck girls.

Track & Field- Bayside has excelled in Track winning 12 of the last 13 Regional Championships. We are hoping all our quick and strong students come out as no student has experienced this HUGE event at UNBSJ. Roughly 12 schools, 700-800 students compete. We will discuss this finale in our upcoming assembly but hope you encourage your child to participate.

Tryouts will be on the announcements for the different events and grade levels soon.

Running events are the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1200m and the 4x100m relay. **Field events** are long jump, high jump and shot put. We have 6 teams (gr 6, 7, 8 girls, and gr 6, 7, 8 boys) who will work collectively to earn points to win the Large School Championship. We need roughly 10-14 students per team to fill all the events (each event has 2 participants and 1 spare) so get your Bronco to help Bayside succeed in 2022. Typically, our team is made up of 70-90 students. This will be the finale for Mr. Shephard and Mr. Manuel who have coached this team year in and year out "SO LET'S GO BRONCOS".