



ÉCOLE BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bayside Middle School would like W̱SÁNEĆ people on whose traditional territory we live, learn, and teach. The W̱SÁNEĆ people have lived and worked on this land since time immemorial.

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CALENDAR

September

- 6 Labour Day
- 7 First Day of School
- 8 Full Day of School
- 10 FAAS & PE Start
- 16 Virtual Welcome Back to School
- 22 Photo Day
- 27 Non-Instructional Day -
- 30 National Truth and Reconciliation Day

October

- 11 Thanksgiving Day
- 13&14 Early Closure @ 1:33 pm
- 21 Orange/Black Spirit Day
- 22 Non-Instructional Day
- 26 Photo Retakes
- 29 Halloween Howl

November

- 1 Poppy Campaign Starts
- 2 Gr. 6 Immunizations
- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 12 Non-Instructional Day

December

- 3 PJ Spirit Day
- 6 FAAS #2
- 10 PJ Spirit Day
- 15 Report Cards Distributed
- 15 Ugly Sweater Spirit Day
- 17 Holiday Hat Spirit Day
- 20-31.. Winter Break

January

- 1-3.... Winter Break
- 4 School Re-Opens



Attendance Alert

bayside_attendance@saanichschools.ca
or
250-652-8653

Please email or phone if your child will be absent or late.

September 2021

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION



Welcome back to another year at Bayside! We are so very excited to start the year and welcome all returning and new students to our building. As indicated by the District we are following operational guidelines to ensure safety in the 2021/22 school year. Additional guidance and information can be found in the Ministry of Education document: [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#).

Unfortunately, our PAC Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Teacher Night is cancelled Thursday September 16th. We will be sharing out information regarding a Virtual Welcome Back to School/Meet the Teacher that will be hosted on the same evening. You can also expect that our teachers will be reaching out to you in the next couple of weeks, in some way to introduce themselves, their classroom and their communication processes to you! Please feel free to reach out to them anytime if you have any questions either through email or through the school front office.

Our goal is to continue to ensure that our students are celebrated for their individual gifts and that their middle school experience is positive and memorable! Thank you to our community for supporting the guidelines on community health and for your patience and calmness as we move through this year together!

Rae Dennett
Principal

Kim Graves
Vice Principal

ATTENDANCE ALERT PROGRAM



Attendance Alert is a **MANDATORY** program to help ensure your child is accounted for if they are not at school. If your child will not be attending school or is expected to arrive late, please send an email to bayside_attendance@saanichschools.ca or phone the Attendance Alert Line at 250-652-8653. Leave a clear, brief message with the following information: Student's Name; Your Name; Division or Homeroom Teacher's Name; and Reason/Length of Absence. Attendance is taken during the homeroom session (8:30 am - 8:34 am) and submitted to Student Services. **If your child is arriving late (after 8:30) he/she MUST report to Student Services to sign in.**

STUDENT INFO VERIFICATION FORM



Carefully check your child's information on the Student Verification form and make any required changes in pen, preferably using any colour ink other than black. This form should be returned to your child's teacher by **Monday, September 20th** so we can update our data. As this information will be used by classroom teachers and in the event of an emergency, we thank you for ensuring our records are correct.

STUDENT PHOTOS



On **Wednesday, September 22nd**, Lifetouch Photography will be taking student photos. All students will have identification pictures taken. Families will have the option of purchasing photos.

THE POWER OF WHY - A BLOG BY OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Dave Eberwein, Superintendent of Saanich Schools, writes a regular blog called The Power of Why on a variety of topics most of which focus on public education, leadership, student growth and learning. He writes from a personal perspective often including examples from his own experiences - both positive and negative. If you'd like to subscribe simply visit the site and provide your email address and you will receive a new post every two or three weeks. You can find him at <https://thepowerofwhy.ca/>.

SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE

Welcome Bell	8:26	
Homeroom	8:30 - 8:34 4 minutes	
Block 1	8:34 - 9:41 67 minutes	
Block 2	9:41 - 10:48 67 minutes	
Recess	10:48 - 11:05 17 minutes	
Block 3	11:05 - 12:12 67 minutes	
Lunch	Gr. 6/7 Outside to Play 12:12 - 12:57 45 minutes	Gr. 7/8 Eating in Class with Teacher 12:12 - 12:41 29 minutes
Lunch	Gr. 6/7 Eating in Class with Teacher 12:57 - 1:26 29 minutes	Gr. 7/8 Outside to Play 12:41 - 1:26 45 minutes
Block 4	1:26 - 2:33 67 minutes	

PARENT VOLUNTEERS AND DRIVERS



Parents/Guardians who wish to volunteer and/or drive on field trips require a current Criminal Record Check. Please apply online to the Ministry of Justice at <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/> and use Access Code UV53DWHBYX. Your Criminal Record Check will be sent to the School Board Office for review.

Volunteer Drivers

In addition to completing a Criminal Record Check, Volunteer Drivers are required to complete the following steps each school year:

- Request a copy of your Driver's Abstract from ICBC: <https://onlinebusiness.icbc.com/cli0/>
- Complete Volunteer Driver Application available on our website.
- Bring the completed form to your school office along with a copy of your Driver's Abstract, Driver's License and insurance document.

BC SCHOOL FRUIT AND VEGETABLE NUTRITIONAL PROGRAM



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Bayside Middle School is a part of the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program (Administered by the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and supported by Healthy Families BC). This is a province-wide healthy living initiative and one of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh BC fruits and vegetables to our students. Our students will receive these healthy treats over the school year at no charge!

BUS SCHEDULE



Bus route and schedule information is available on the school district website (www.sd63.bc.ca) or by contacting the Transportation Department (transportation@saanichschools.ca or 250-652-7343). **All students must register for the bus.**

The Saanich School District has updated the transportation policy. The Saanich district can **ONLY support school bus transportation for students to and from their homes.** For Health and Safety reasons, students will NOT be able to ride the bus to after school activities or friend's houses.

NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY

Thursday Sept 30th all Saanich School District schools and the Board Office will be closed. This is a day for all of us to consider what each of us can do to further the prospects of TRUE Truth and Reconciliation.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY



Monday, September 27th is a non-instructional day. Staff will be participating in a District Indigenous Professional Development day.

INSURE MY KIDS



The school district does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities. You are responsible for these expenses as a parent or guardian. However, the school district assists families to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the Reliable Life Insurance Company. Brochures are no longer distributed to students in September however the information can be viewed on-line at www.insuremykids.com.

PIZZA LUNCH

Pizza Days will be by school group/pod based this year. More details to follow.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE WEBSITE

Our school posts announcements and notices on our school website. In order for you to receive ALL school updates and information, including daily announcements, **please subscribe to ALL forums.**



How to Subscribe to Bayside Middle School Emails:

- Visit the Bayside website: bayside.sd63.bc.ca
- On the right side, under FORUM SUBSCRIPTIONS, click on "Send me forum posts by email"
- Enter your email address
- Click on "SUBSCRIBE TO SELECTED FORUMS". Keep all forums checked to avoid missing any information