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BAYSIDE
MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are thrilled to welcome all students, both new and returning, to Bayside for the 2026 to 2027 school year! This letter contains all the information you will need for a smooth start to the school year, including important details for the first day of school and the week ahead. We look forward to welcoming our students back and partnering with you for a successful year.

As we prepare for another exciting year of learning and growth, we are looking forward to strengthening our focus on literacy, student well being, and regular school attendance. These priorities are closely connected and play a vital role in helping every learner reach their full potential, both academically and personally.

This year, we will be placing an increased emphasis on student attendance. Regular attendance helps students build strong academic skills, meaningful relationships, and a sense of belonging within our school community. We know that attendance challenges can arise for a variety of reasons, and we are deeply committed to working alongside families with care, understanding, and support. Our goal is to partner with families to identify barriers, connect students with the supports they need, and ensure every student feels welcomed, connected, and successful at school.

School Start-Up – Tuesday, September 8, 2026 | 8:30–10:00 AM

- Students will meet at the front of the school.
- Student names will be posted with their division numbers at the following locations:
 - **Grade 6: Posted near the SHARK**
 - **Grades 7 & 8: Posted on the wall and boards near the gym**
- Students will then move to the field where homeroom teachers will display division numbers.
- Students will join their teacher, attendance will be taken, and they will head into the school.
- Bayside staff will be outside to greet students and help them find their way.

Please note:

- We ask that parents/guardians drop off students no more than 15 minutes early.
- Bus service will be available. Please check the Saanich Schools website for routes and times, and **ensure your child is registered and aware of their bus number.**
- Please do not send school supplies on the first day.
- Please do not park in the staff parking lot on the first day

Full School Days Begin:

- Wednesday, September 9 | 8:30 AM – 2:33 PM
- Elective classes (including band, if registered) and physical education will begin on Friday, September 11.

Action Item for Parents:

- Please notify the school as soon as possible if you have made alternative educational plans for your student.
- Please register and check bus schedules through the Transportation website: Transportation <https://saanichschools.ca/resources/studentsfamilies/transportation>
- School Supply lists are on the website: [School Supplies | Bayside Middle](#)

We understand that class placements can bring questions and concerns. To ensure concerns are addressed fairly and consistently, we ask families to book meetings during the second week of school by emailing bayside@saanichschools.ca. We are unable to meet with families on the first day of school.

We're excited to partner with you in creating a positive, engaging, and supportive school year for all students. Let's make 2026–2027 a year of connection, learning, and success!

Warm regards,

Kim Graves
Principal

Sarah Alford
Vice Principal

BAYSIDE BELL SCHEDULE

	Regular Bell	Early Dismissal
Welcome Bell	8:26	8:26
Homeroom	8:30 - 8:34 4 minutes	8:30 - 8:34 4 minutes
Block 1	8:34 - 9:41 67 minutes	8:34 - 9:26 52 minutes
Block 2	9:41 - 10:48 67 minutes	9:26 - 10:18 52 minutes
Recess	10:48 - 11:05 17 minutes	10:18 - 10:35 17 minutes
Block 3	11 :05 - 12:12 67 minutes	10:35 - 11:27 52 minutes
Reading Block	12:12 - 12:41 29 minutes	11:27 - 11:56 29 minutes
Lunch	12:41 - 1:26 45 minutes	11:56 - 12:41 45 minutes
Block 4	1:26 - 2:33 67 minutes	12:41 - 1:33 52 minutes