



## CALENDAR

### September

- 05....Labour Day Stat
- 06....First Day of School; 8:30-10:30
- 07....Full Day of School
- 09....FAAS & PE Start
- 12....PAC Meeting; 7:00pm
- 15....Early Dismissal; 1:33pm
- 15.... Meet the Teacher Family Picnic  
5:00-7:00pm
- 19....Photo Day
- 23....Non Instructional Day
- 30....National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

### October

- 03.....PAC Meeting; 7:00pm
- 10.....Thanksgiving Stat
- 11-14..Interim #1 Distributed
- 21.....Non Instructional Day
- 26 & 27..Early Dismissal; 1:33pm
- 26 & 27..Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 31.....Halloween Howl

### November

- 01.....Gr. 6 Immunizations
- 01.....Poppy Campaign Starts
- 07.....PAC Meeting; 7:00pm
- 08.....Photo Retakes
- 10.....Remembrance Assembly
- 11.....Remembrance Day Stat
- 14.....Non Instructional Day

### December

- 02...PJ Day
- 05...FAAS #2 Start
- 14...Report Cards Distributed
- 16...Holiday Hat & PJ Day

**Winter Break**  
**December 19-January 2**

## September 2022

## NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE ADMINISTRATION



Welcome back! We are so very excited to start the year and welcome all returning and new students to our building. As indicated by the Saanich School District we are following operational guidelines to ensure safety in the 2022/23 school year.

The PAC Welcome Back Picnic and Meet the Teacher Night is scheduled Thursday September 15th. We encourage families who are unable to make the Meet the Teacher to reach out to your child's classroom teacher. Our teachers will also be contacting you in the next couple of weeks, in some way to introduce themselves, their classroom and their communications 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!

**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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup>** 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 **Monday, September 19**, Lifetouch Photography will be taking student photos. All students will have identification pictures taken. Families will have the option of purchasing photos.

### PARENT VOLUNTEERS AND DRIVERS



Parents/Guardians who wish to volunteer and/or drive on field trips require a current Criminal Record Check. Please visit the Saanich Schools website for complete details at

<https://saanichschools.ca/resources/generalcommunity/school-volunteer-info>. 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.

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or

**250-652-8653**

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

## SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE

<b>Welcome Bell</b>	8:26
<b>Homeroom</b>	8:30 - 8:34
<b>Block 1</b>	8:34 - 9:41
<b>Block 2</b>	9:41 - 10:48
<b>Recess</b>	10:48 - 11:05
<b>Block 3</b>	11:05 - 12:12
<b>Reading Block</b>	12:12 - 12:41
<b>Lunch</b>	12:41 - 1:26
<b>Block 4</b>	1:26 - 2:33

## BC SCHOOL FRUIT AND VEGETABLE NUTRITIONAL PROGRAM



students will receive these healthy treats over the school year at no charge!

## 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](http://www.insuremykids.com).

## BUS SCHEDULE



Bus route and schedule information is available on the school district website ([www.sd63.bc.ca](http://www.sd63.bc.ca)) or by contacting the Transportation Department ([transportation@saanichschools.ca](mailto:transportation@saanichschools.ca) or 250-652-7343). All students must register for the bus. The Saanich district can **ONLY** support school bus transportation for students to and from their homes.

## 2022/2023 BAYSIDE PAC

Listed below are the members on the PAC.



- **Chairs:** Anthea Helmsing and Kristen Hunter [baysidepacpresident@gmail.com](mailto:baysidepacpresident@gmail.com)
- **Treasurer:** Michelle Cooper
- **COPACS:** Nidhi Khanduja, Cheryl and Christian Wilson
- **Secretary:** Caroline Upton
- **Emergency Preparedness:** Shu Franey, Magda Kingsley, and Greg Clarke
- **Fundraising:** Kate Guthrie and Jennifer Stevens
- **Communications:** Alyson King and Jamie Caldwell [baysidepac@gmail.com](mailto:baysidepac@gmail.com)

## WELCOME BACK MEET THE TEACHER FAMILY PICNIC

**When:** September 15th, 5pm till 7pm

**Where:** Bayside Middle School

**Who:** Families, please bring your children and your appetite!

**What to expect:** Take a stroll through Bayside, and get acquainted with your child's classroom, and meet their teacher's.

The PAC has booked The Greek on the Street Food Truck to come feed our bellies. Prices will range up to \$20 or so, scan to check out their menu!



Scan me!

Eat before, or eat after your tour!



We will also have a small concession, with a few quick snacks.

**Come by the concession/PAC table to meet some of us!**

## NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY



Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> is a non-instructional day. Staff will be participating in a District Indigenous Professional Development day.

## NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY

On Friday, Sept 30<sup>th</sup> all Saanich School District schools and the Board Office will be closed for National Truth and Reconciliation Day. 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.