



ÉCOLE BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

CALENDAR

September

- 04....Labour Day Stat
- 05....First Day of School
- 06....Full Day of School
- 06....PAC Meeting; 6:15pm
- 08....FAAS & PE Start
- 18....Individual & Class Photo Day
- 20....Early Dismissal; 1:33pm
- 20.... Meet the Teacher/Family Picnic 5:00-7:00pm
- 21....Terry Fox Run; block 3
- 22....Non Instructional Day

October

- 02....National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- 04....PAC Meeting; 6:15pm
- 09....Thanksgiving Stat
- 10-13.Interim #1 Distributed
- 17 & 18.Early Dismissal; 1:33pm
- 17 & 18.Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 20....Non Instructional Day
- 24....Gr. 6 Immunizations
- 31.....Halloween Howl

November

- 01.....Poppy Campaign Starts
- 07....PAC Meeting; 6:15pm
- 07....Class Photos & Retakes
- 10....Remembrance Assembly
- 13....Remembrance Day Stat
- 20....Non Instructional Day
- 29....School Wide Bartering Fair

December

- 01.....PJ Day
- 06....PAC Meeting; 6:15pm
- 08....PJ Day
- 11....FAAS #2 Start
- 15....PJ Day
- 18-22..Russel Book Fair
- 20....Report Cards Distributed
- 22....Holiday Hat & PJ Day

Winter Break
December 25-January 5

Attendance Alert

bayside_attendance@saanichschools.ca
or
250-652-8653

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

September 2023

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 2023/24 school year.

The PAC Welcome Back Picnic and Meet the Teacher Night is scheduled Wednesday, September 20th. 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

Sarah Alford
Interim 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 **Friday, September 15th** 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 18**, 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 contact the office at your child's school to request a link and code unique to Saanich School District in order to apply online to the Ministry of Justice.

SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE

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

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

On Sept 30th National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will be observed. 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. Monday, October 2 all Saanich School District schools and the Board Office will be closed for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

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 district can **ONLY** support school bus transportation for students to and from their homes.



2023/2024 BAYSIDE PAC

Listed below are the members on the PAC.

- Chairs: Kristen Hunter, baysidepac@gmail.com
- Treasurer: Michelle Cooper
- COPACS: Nidhi Khanduja, Cheryl and Christian Wilson
- Secretary: **POSITION NEEDS TO BE FILLED**
- Emergency Preparedness: **POSITION NEEDS TO BE FILLED**
- Fundraising: Kate Guthrie
- Communications: Caroline Upton, baysidepac@gmail.com

Follow the Bayside PAC on Facebook
facebook.com/BaysideMiddleSchoolPAC/

WELCOME BACK MEET THE TEACHER FAMILY PICNIC

When: September 20th, 5:00pm till 7:00pm

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 teachers.

The PAC has booked Greek n' Go food truck as an option for families to purchase food, check out their menu!



<https://greekngo.ca/>

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY



Friday, September 22nd is a non-instructional day. Staff will be participating in a District Indigenous Professional Development day.