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Greetings: Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! On Tuesday, September 4th, we welcomed over 200 Grade 6 students, and on Wednesday, September 5th, our Grade 7s and 8s arrived. It's great to see all of our returning students, and we are especially happy to meet all of our new children. We are currently at 581 students. We are one of the largest middle schools in the Anglophone South School District and the Province of New Brunswick. A special welcome to all of our newly registered international students.

Newsletter Distribution: Please be aware that in order to be environmentally friendly, our monthly newsletters are not sent out en masse, in paper form. All newsletters will be available on our school's website. A talk mail will be sent to notify families as to when they are posted. If you still prefer a paper copy, please contact your child's homeroom teacher and arrangements will be made.

Means of Communication: Check out our school website (<http://bayside.nbed.nb.ca>) to read updated daily announcements. You can also follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/bayside_broncos)

STOMP: Bayside will continue with our Positive Behavior Intervention Strategy (PBIS) called STOMP. Students will be reminded of the expectations for everyone in classrooms and public spaces. Rather than dwelling on the negative behaviors of a few students, the vast majority of those who meet expectations will be rewarded. The program was an overwhelming success over the last three years and many of our students received rewards of some sort. Each of the letters in STOMP are components of this plan:

S= Success
T= Team Player
O= Own It
M= Motivated
P= Prepared

Building Changes: Over the summer, a few maintenance projects were completed on campus to enhance the health & safety of our students. Six of our washrooms received major renovations (toilets, sinks, counters). A new concrete wheelchair ramp was replaced to make our building more accessible for our families. Overall, the building looks great!

New Staff: We welcome the following staff members to Bayside: Mme. Legere (Grade 6) and Ms. Ferrar (Grade 8- replacing J. Hickey who is on maternity leave). Welcome back to Ms. Fullerton who was on leave last year. She returns to Grade 7. We have two part-time teachers currently on staff. Ms. Power will teach Grade 7 PIF and Health, and Mr. Bacon will be here on Wednesday mornings, working with our Grade 8s in the woodworking shop. We also welcome our new EAs: Mr. Saunders, Ms. Drew, and Ms. Magee. Congratulations to Mr. Cosman on the birth of his new son over the summer.

Attendance Matters: With the start of the 2018-2019 school year, the District will be continuing an awareness campaign, "Attendance Matters". Our Superintendent, Zoe Watson, called for a working group to study student attendance in response to a heightened awareness/concern expressed by administrators, teachers, and District Office personnel and by members of the PSSCs and the DEC. Being present and on time impacts positively on learning from Kindergarten to grade 12. Good attendance also helps to build habits that will last a lifetime and transfer to life beyond public education. There is a strong correlation between academic success and good attendance. For more information, check the Anglophone South website (www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca) and our school website www.bayside.nbed.nb.ca .

Student Fees: Each year, the school collects a fee from families to support our positive learning environment and enrichment activities. The \$30.00 school fee pays for student IDs, locker fees, and a yearbook. It also helps offset costs associated with the many activities we are proud to offer at Bayside. We are now offering a service called *Cashless Schools*. This is a convenient service that parents can use to pay for various school expenses. Please check out our website to register. We also accept cash and cheques.

Privacy Act- Your child was given a form to take home which outlines the *School's Privacy Act*. Please take the time to complete this and send it back to the school. There are many events where your child's name or picture may appear on the school website, yearbook, social media, etc. By completing this form, it will give or deny permission to use pictures and names for school purposes. Please contact the school if you need more information.

Dropping Off and Picking up Students: Morning buses unload at the gym doors. If you are driving your child, you will no longer be able to drop them off at the front doors facing Bayside Drive. We request parents drop students off at the corner of the school and continue driving on to Courtney Avenue. Please remember that students should not be dropped off before 7:50 am, as supervision does not start until that time. Students will have to remain outside until 7:50am, if they arrive early. Walking students will follow the same procedure. After school, buses will load in front of the school. If your child is being picked up, please make arrangements to meet him/her either on Courtenay Avenue or in the front parking area at the edge of Bayside Drive.

Meet the Teacher & PSSC Elections: The evening to meet our teaching staff and to volunteer for the Parent School Support Committee is Thursday, September 13th. Parents are asked to meet in the auditorium at 6:30 pm.. This will be followed by a meeting with your child's teachers in their classrooms. Please realize that this is a *meet and greet* opportunity only, as it is impossible for teachers to discuss individual students during the allotted time frame. Those who wish to serve on the PSSC will be asked to contact Mr. Laskey. The evening will conclude at 8:00 pm.

Food Allergies: Please be aware that we have students and staff in our school with severe allergies to nuts and nut products (peanuts, peanut butter, hazelnuts, walnuts, pecans, cashews, almonds, nut oils, etc.). Any minimal contact with these foods may cause a serious allergic reaction and unconsciousness within a matter of minutes. These allergies may even be life threatening. In this regard, Bayside will attempt to make the school as allergy safe as possible. Please do not send these foods to school. This policy is in effect in all ASD-S schools.

Policy 711: Policy 711 is the provincial policy regarding healthy eating habits at school. This policy will take full effect in mid- October. This policy will apply to what is served in the cafeteria, what is available in vending machines, what we can do for fundraisers, and how we reward our students.

Scent Free School: We are asking families to be sensitive to students and staff who are affected by strong scents. Students are not to wear cologne, perfume, hair products, etc. which emit a strong scent. These scents can also trigger a severe allergic reaction. Use of these products by students will result in disciplinary action.

Closed Campus: Please remember that our school is a closed campus at lunch. Students are not permitted to go to stores and fast food establishments at lunchtime unless they are signed out and accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Communication with Staff: Although staff members attempt to be as accommodating and accessible as possible, there are times when administrators and teachers may not be available to speak to you immediately (especially first thing in the morning). We ask that you book an appointment by calling the school at 658-5331 or by e-mailing the person you wish to contact. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

Student Jobs: Starting the week of September 10th, students can apply for various jobs that will come up throughout the school year. Applications can be picked up in the office and must be returned by September 14th. The jobs include cafeteria workers, outside playground helpers, paper recyclers, break and radio show DJs, plus many more.

Auditorium Seat Sponsorship: Limited seats are still available for sponsorship. Please consider making a donation of \$100.00 which will see a plaque placed on a seat with your chosen message. Please contact Pat Laskey at patrick.laskey@nbed.nb.ca for more information.

Children's Wish Foundation: Our 17th annual Children's Wish Foundation fundraiser will begin at the end of September. In total, over the past 16 years, we have raised in excess of \$355,000. Fundraising will take place between September 28th and October 9th with the walk being held on October 11th. We are known nationally for our generosity and are hoping to once again lead the country in pride and giving!

Immunization Program – Public Health is holding an immunization clinic at Bayside for Grade 7 students on October 23rd. All grade 7 students will be offered a booster vaccine that protects against Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Whooping Cough, if they have not received one in the last 5 years. All Grade 7 boys and girls will also be offered a vaccine that protects against HPV. This vaccine is the first of two which will be given throughout the school year. Immunization consent brochures will be sent home. We ask that all consent forms be completed and returned indicating yes or no whether the student will receive the vaccine with parent signature. Please return all consents to the school by October 5th.

School Sports- Forms were sent home with every student outlining the risk of injury associated with school sports. We ask that this form be signed by a parent or guardian and sent back to the school. Students will not be permitted to try out for competitive sports without parent consent.

Fall Sports: Bayside takes great pride in our school sports programs. We are one of the top middle schools in the city and we hope to continue this tradition this school year. We hope to attract athletes who are committed to representing Bayside. Here are the latest details on upcoming sports:

- Varsity Boys Soccer Tryouts- for Grade 6-8 on September 10th, and final cuts Wednesday, September 12th at the ball field behind the Courtenay Bay fire station. Season runs until October 26th. Games and practices usually run until 5:00-5:30 pm.
- Varsity Girls Soccer Tryouts- for Grade 6-8 will Thursday and Friday, September 13th and 14th at the Bayview Field from 3- 4:30 pm.
- Cross Country Team- All who want to run and represent their school are welcome to participate. This is a great way to dive in and be a part of the athletic program. This is open to everybody! There will be practice and 2 to 3 meets in September and October. More details TBA.
- Cheerleading- Bayside has won the provincial title seven times in the past ten years. Both boys and girls are welcome to join. Tryouts TBA.
- Other Tryouts- Badminton, basketball, volleyball, co-ed rugby, co-ed flag football, and track and field will be announced just before their seasons begin.
- PE Leadership- This group helps run intramurals and indoor lunch activities. Those wanting to join need to get the letter which explains why they would be an assets. Info sheets can be picked up at the gym office. Letters are due to PE department by Friday, September 14th.
- Intramurals will be offered soon at lunch, for those who don't wish to compete at the varsity level, or not selected for a given sport. All are welcome!

German Club: Students interested in learning German are invited to come to Room 314 every Monday and Friday from 11:55- 12:40 pm and join the German Club.

Knitting Club: Experienced knitters are invited to spend Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch working on projects with other knitters. Mme. Mannette is located in Room 314. She is available to offer tips and provide assistance in a quiet and relaxing atmosphere.

From the Music Department:

- Beginner Band- Any students in Grade 6 that are interested in joining beginner band should return their interest form by September 13th. If parents have any questions please feel free to email Ms. Lucy at Sharon.lucy@nbed.nb.ca or see her at the open house on the 13th. Students in Grade 7 or 8 who are interested in joining beginner band should ask Ms. Lucy for an information package and return it by September 13th.
- Senior Band- Welcome Back!!! Students who were in band last year had their first meeting on Monday, September 10th. We will be starting rehearsals next week, September 17th and every Monday after school until 4:45 pm and Thursdays at noon. Senior students will be asked to help out with instrument trials for beginners at lunch hours over the next few weeks.
- Choir- Students interested in joining a school choir are asked to meet with Ms. Lucy on Friday, September 14th, at 12:10 in the music room. The first focus will be on a song for the Remembrance Day assembly.

Robotics Club- Bayside students are invited to join the Robotics Club on Tuesdays after school. This program involves constructing various robots with freely configurable building elements, working with robot control program to run robots in many movements, working on teamwork, assignments, and competitions. The cost for this 10 week program is \$207.00. Please contact Mr. Laskey for more details.