



Guidance Newsletter

Bayview Middle School

JANUARY 2018

GROUP WORK

January's character attribute of the month is Teamwork. I thought this would be a great opportunity to give the students some tips on group work!

If you are given the opportunity to choose group members, select someone you would like to get to know or think would complement your skills.

Try to work with different people each time to reflect what it may be like in the world of work.

Create an outline for your project with your group and divide the work up evenly where each person has research to do and group members are able to utilize their strengths.

Create deadlines for group members to complete work—help each other if a member is having trouble with their share.

Everyone should be treated as equals; show respect and you will get respect in return.

Work together to reach your common goal!

Guidance News!

Grade 8 students are in the midst of applying for high schools and working on completing their course selection sheets. I am always available to answer questions via email or phone. Students may also request to see me for a variety of reasons, one of which would be questions about high school!

Important Information for the Transition to Grade 9

Regular Optional Attendance

- Students may apply for two regular high school programs within the TDSB
- Students do not need to apply for their home school
- Applications are due to the high school by February 2, 2018
- Students will be advised of acceptance or non-acceptance by February 16, 2018
- Let Mr. Himelson know if you have accepted an offer from a high school
- Let Mr. Himelson know if you have applied to another board (ex. York Region or the Catholic Board)

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS

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| Week of January 29, 2018 | Mr. Himelson will provide all students with the course selection sheets (CSS) for their "Home School" |
| Friday, February 2, 2018 | Optional Attendance Forms are due to the high schools. Parents/Guardians must hand in form to the high school |
| Friday, February 9, 2018 | All students must hand in their completed and signed CSS to their core teacher |
| Friday, February 16, 2018 | Students notified by this date of acceptance/non acceptance by Optional Attendance high schools and programs |
| Weeks of February 12 – 23, 2018 | Students will work with their core teacher and the guidance counsellor to submit their courses on MyBluePrint, at school. <u>Students DO NOT submit courses from home.</u> |
| Week of February 26th | Guidance will submit all CSS to the various high schools. |

TIPS ON FILLING OUT YOUR COURSE SELECTION SHEET

Front Side of Course Selection Sheet:

Section A: Student Information (Please print)

- Use black or blue ink
- Make sure address is filled out and up to date at school
- Provide at least 1 email address
- Fill in the TDSB Student Number and OEN Number – OEN Numbers can be found on all report cards

Section B: To Be Completed By Elementary School Personnel

- Please leave this section blank – it will be completed by the guidance counsellor

Back Side of Course Selection Sheet:

Part A: Compulsory Courses (6)

- Choose the appropriate course type for English, Math, Science, French, Geography, and Healthy Active Living
- Choices include Academic, Applied, Locally Developed, ESL, and possibly Enriched
- To keep all post-secondary pathways open, it is advised for students to choose the Academic course type in English
- Students choosing Applied or Locally Developed course types should do so in consultation with the Core teacher and guidance counsellor

ESL Students:

- All students who have been in Canada for less than 3 years will be provided with an assessment to help them choose the appropriate course type for Grade 9. This assessment will take place in April.
- ESL courses in high school keep all post-secondary pathways open (College, University, Workplace and Apprenticeship)

Students with an IEP:

- All students with an IEP are able to take the GLE course in Grade 9. This is a Learning Strategies course designed to provide support for students as they work through high school. Please consult with the core teacher and guidance counsellor.

Part B: Elective Courses (2)

- Select 2 elective courses from the list provided on the course selection sheet
- All students must take one (1) Art credit to meet the requirements of the OSSD
- If you do not take an Art credit in Grade 9, you must then take an Art credit in Grade 10. It is highly recommended to take an Art credit in Grade 9

Make sure the course selection sheet is signed by the student and a parent/guardian. The course selection sheet will then be handed into the core teacher.

DO NOT submit your courses on MYBLUEPRINT at home. Students will submit their courses using MYBLUEPRINT at school with their core teacher and guidance counsellor.

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