



Hello parents and guardians of Division 6-1,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Ryan Davidson, and I will be the homeroom teacher for Division 6-1 this year. In addition to my role as the division's homeroom teacher, I will be teaching all four core subjects (Social Studies, Language Arts, Science, and Math) and Physical Health Education to Division 6-1 students. My goal as an educator is to foster a supportive and enriching learning environment that allows students to achieve their full potential. Effective communication plays a vital role in this endeavour. Regularly checking my website posts, maintaining email contact, and staying informed about school events are all strategies that parents and guardians can utilise to ensure their students thrive in sixth grade. Furthermore, consistent attendance significantly contributes to student success at the middle school level.

Bayside offers an incredibly enriching learning environment, and I am honoured to be part of this educational community. I am especially enthusiastic about working with your child/student and guiding them through their inaugural year of middle school.

Parents and guardians, please feel free to reach out to me via email at any time. I will make every effort to respond promptly and provide valuable information in a timely manner. Additionally, I will provide frequent updates and post important information on my website. This

platform will host crucial class details, curriculum links, and homework updates. It will serve as the primary resource to track our classroom activities and ensure your child's progress. You can access my website on the Bayside Teacher Pages Site on the main school website. Here is the direct link to my website: <https://sites.google.com/sd63.bc.ca/mr-davidsons-page/home>

Regarding assessment and reporting, I will adhere to the four-point proficiency scale. You can find more details about this scale and the new BC reporting system under "Reporting Information." Assessment will be ongoing and will be based on class assignments, participation in in-class activities, and formative and summative assessments. I firmly believe that the learning process is equally, if not more, important than the outcome. Therefore, I will always frame grades, markings, and assessments through the lens of a growth mindset. Our focus will consistently centre on meeting students at their current level and working collaboratively to enhance and expand their skills. Moreover, I emphasise the significance of allowing each student to demonstrate their learning through various avenues. This is why many class assignments will offer the flexibility for students to showcase their understanding in a manner that aligns with their individual needs and strengths. For more information on the growth mindset, please refer to "Growth Mindset Info."

I am eagerly anticipating the opportunity to collaborate with you and your child this year. Through effective communication, dedication, and adaptability, we can make this a truly exceptional year. Go Sharks!

Sincerely, Ryan Davidson