

Horton High School Newsletter - April 2017

Principal's Message

Spring is finally here, I think. I hope you had a relaxing March Break and were able to spend time with family.

This year we did not have a parent orientation and visitation session in March, we will be scheduling two parent teacher sessions and one orientation and visitation night (held in September) in the future. The next opportunity to meet with teachers will be April 27th and 28th; I hope to see you there. Every year I get calls from parents expressing their concern about not being able to get appointments with teachers during the two sessions we have each year, you have to understand that teachers may teach up to 120 students in a semester, which makes it difficult to schedule in-person appointments, my advice to you is to get the request sheet back to Student Services as quickly as possible; we attach that form to the report card, the next report card will be released on April 20th. If you are unable to receive an in-person appointment with the teacher please email them to ask questions about your son/daughter's progress.

Parents as Career Coaches did not happen this year, we are rescheduling the session for next October-November. Thank you to Mr. Armstrong for organizing this event each year. According to the evaluations in previous years, the sessions are very positive and parents felt this was a valuable program, thus we will continue to offer it.

Please take a look at the Course Verification Sheets that were sent home recently, you will need to sign those and have them returned to Student Services so Mr. Routledge and I can continue to work on next year's schedule. As in previous years, students will have their next year's schedule in hand before this school year ends.

As you are aware, a committee was formed to take a look at improvements in education. Please make yourselves familiar with the recommendations as it will have an impact on the way we do things in schools. Powerschool and data entry are two early topics of discussion; in the past I asked teachers to publish assessments on the portal within two weeks of submission, that has changed, the new recommendation is teachers are no longer required to publish all marks immediately on PowerSchool. Beginning in April, teachers may choose to post grades at one set time per month at a minimum, with the specific timeline established within their school. Teachers will continue to mark and provide feedback on tests and assignments, on a regular basis. Also, our attendance practices will change somewhat, beginning in early April, high school teachers are no longer required to enter attendance into PowerSchool until the end of the day. If attendance is not entered into PowerSchool until the end of the day, teachers need to have a paper copy to support safe evacuation in the event of fire or other emergency. Please watch for releases on the other recommendations.

Brad Stokes
Principal

As human beings, our job in life is to help people realize how rare and valuable each one of us really is, that each of us has something that no one else has—or ever will have—something inside that is unique to all time. It's our job to encourage each other to discover that uniqueness and to provide ways of developing its expression.

~ The World According to Mister Rogers, 2003

Student Services Department

Graduation Fees - A reminder that the \$80 grade 12 fee is now due. A list will be posted outside of the Student Services office by April 18th for students who have paid their full grade 12 fees for 2016/2017. Students who have partially paid or who have not paid their \$80 fee to date, please see Mrs. Langille as soon as possible. This fee needs to be paid as Grad gowns will be ordered shortly. Only students who have spoken to Mrs. Langille or have their name on the list will have a gown ordered for graduation night.

Scholarships -Students and parents are encouraged to check for updated scholarships and bursaries on our website. Once an award has been updated, a morning announcement will be made and information will be placed in the file folders in Student Services. Grade 12 students who have accepted scholarship offers are asked to bring a copy of their offer to Student Services for inclusion in the graduation program.

Career Opportunity for Graduates -The Marine Communications and Traffic Services is a department with the Canadian Coast Guard. Candidates must apply online at the link provided below. They will then be asked to write a test and perform an interview. Upon successful completion, they will be invited to attend a six (6) month course all expenses paid at the Canadian Coast Guard College in Sydney, NS. Upon successful completion, the candidate will be posted to one of the twelve (12) MCTS Centres located across the country.

<https://emploisfp-psiobs.cfp-psc.gc.ca/psrs-srpf/applicant/page1800?poster=1016490&toggleLanguage=en>

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Performance Centre**
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Presented By Horton Music Department
www.alfiezappacosta.com

Safe Grad—Dates to Remember

April 12	PAINT NIGHT Gaspereau Community Center - 6:30-9:00 pm
April 22	Safe Grad Bottle Drive Drop off 12:00-1:30 pm @ Horton
May 6	Safe Grad Lion's Breakfast 7:00-11:00 am Wolfville Lion's Hall
May 13	Safe Grad BBQ Sobeys 11:00-4:30 pm
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Thanks for your support !

Horton Safe Grad Committee





Horton Daycare

Students who wish to secure a place in daycare for their child in September 2017, should contact Pat Messer at the daycare center as soon as possible. Please call 542-4388 for more information. If spaces are not confirmed by June 15th, a space may not be available for your child.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10 Horton Community Youth Orchestra Concert 7 pm	11	12 Safe Grad Paint Night	13	14 Good Friday NO SCHOOL	15
16	17 Easter Monday NO SCHOOL	18	19	20 Horton Music Department Spring Concert 7 pm	21	22 Safe Grad Bottle Drive
23	24	25	26	27 Parent/Teacher 7 pm	28 NO SCHOOL In-service (am) Parent/Teacher (pm)	29
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