



# HORTON HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER—DECEMBER 2015

## Principal's Message

December is upon us and with that comes the Holidays! I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Horton community a wonderful Holiday Season; hopefully you get a chance to relax and spend some valuable time with family and friends.

Thank you to the parents who attended our first parent-teacher sessions, we appreciate your support and collaboration around student learning. There are teachers who may teach up to 120 students and given we get 4 hours to schedule our parent teacher appointments, it is difficult for you to have an opportunity to see all teachers on your son/daughter's list. If you did not get an opportunity to see a particular teacher please send them an email to open communication.

Poverty is a reality in our community, to help those in need during the Holiday Season, the Horton Staff contributes to Adopt A Family Campaign, something we created ourselves and have been participating in for a few years. The campaign is designed to provide families in need with a special dinner on December 25th along with winter clothing and essentials. Members of the Admin team and Guidance Department spend the morning of December 18<sup>th</sup> delivering dinners and gifts to the families we sponsor. Our students and staff are also involved in the Horton Holiday Hoorah, this is a friendly competition with Central Kings and NKEC to see which school can collect the most food bank items in a prescribed time period, last year we were victorious! Numerous boxes of food were delivered to the Food Bank prior to the Christmas Break, we expect the same results this year. I would like to thank Renata Verri for organizing the HHH each year, there is a lot of organization and work that goes into such an event.

Each year our Boys Hockey Team lend a helping hand with Christmas hampers at the Wolfville Area Food Bank, we are proud of their efforts and are happy to be of service to the community. This year the guys will be participating in this essential service on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

B. Stokes

Principal

### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual HORTON HOLIDAY HOORAH** ***1 in 5 children live in poverty.*** ***36% of food bank clients are children***

For the past 10 years, Horton and Central Kings have engaged in a friendly competition to see which school can collect the most items for local food banks. Last year, NKEC joined our competition and will be participating again.



The 11<sup>th</sup> campaign kicks off on November 30<sup>th</sup> and goes until December 14<sup>th</sup>. Last year's collection, between the two schools, exceeded \$4000 and 2000kg of food; this year we would like to match or top that number. Your support with this initiative is greatly appreciated and all proceeds benefit the food banks of Berwick, Hantsport, Kentville and Wolfville.

**Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.**  
~Author unknown

## Grad Photos

The school photographers will be in our library from December 7-11 to take photos of all graduating students. Grads may sign up for a paid sitting at the Service Desk. For \$15, students are provided with a proof sheet containing various poses from which to order. Grade 12's who do not wish to have a paid sitting are still encouraged to have their photos taken at NO CHARGE for inclusion in the yearbook and the wall composite.

Grads who wish to have a group shot with friends, family and/or teammates currently attending Horton, may sign up for a sitting during our LUNCH BREAK. For \$5 each, everyone in the group will receive a photo and have the option to order additional ones.

# Student Services

## Grade 12 Fees

All students who are expecting to graduate in June are required to pay a grade 12 fee of \$80. Grad gowns are ordered in late April; students who plan on participating at the Grad Ceremony must have their fee paid by that time in order to reserve a gown. Grad fees are collected at Student Services and cover many expenses, including rental of gown, purchase of cap & tassel, flowers, grad certificate folder, subsidization of Prom & Graduation Banquet.

## Crisis Intervention Committee

All schools in the AVRSB have a Crisis Intervention Committee. Horton has a committee that meets 4-6 times per year to oversee Emergency Management Plans.

## RFD Day

Approximately 60 grade 11 and 12 students spent two days, Nov. 25 & 26 preparing for a social justice day on Dec. 1, 2015. On this day, grade 10 students were led by their grade 11 and 12 peers in discussions and activities designed to promote respect for diversity. Nearly 500 students participated in two presentations in our Performance Center and grade 10 students also enjoyed an International buffet consisting of recipes from around the world. RFD is a student led social justice group led by 3 co-chairs: Emma Kruisselbrink, Helen Hillis and Julia Dunn.



## Music Department News

The Jazz Bands and the Glee Club will be performing at Christmas Angels in Windsor, on December 6th. The performances start at 3:25.

The Horton Community Youth orchestra will have their FIRST concert on Monday, December 7th, at 7 PM in the Horton Performance Centre. Don't miss this inaugural presentation! The Horton glee Club will be special guest performers.

Raffle tickets for a trip for four to Cuba will be sold up until the night of the HCYO concert. Tickets are \$2/each or 3 for \$5.

## Horton Travel Group

Less than 99 days before a group of Horton students leave for Italy, Greece, Crete and Santorini! Make sure your passports are in to Mrs. Webb before December 18th!

March Break 2017 Travel Club - interested in exploring new cultures, history, environments? We have narrowed down our options for 2017 and favourites include some combinations with Spain and/or Greece/Italy/Paris/London - getting close to final decisions! If students enroll during the month of December, the average cost per month would be less than \$250.00, depending on location and options. (What an incredible Christmas present!) Trips like these are significantly less costly than a family vacation, and can have a life-long impact on students. Minimum number to go is 8 students, max is 25. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Tracy Webb: [tawebb@gnspe.ca](mailto:tawebb@gnspe.ca) for more info.

## WANTED ~

**JUNIOR BOYS HOCKEY COACH**  
**TABLE TENNIS COACH**  
**SNOWBOARD COACH**

If you are interested, please contact Jason Pleasant or Paul Veinotte @ 542-6060.



Looking for some stocking stuffers? We have some great Horton items available! Please check out our Christmas swag display in the main window or on our website under SWAG.



Baby food jars and lids are needed in the art department. If you have any that you would be willing to recycle, please drop them off at the main office. Thanks!

We had a tremendous turnout by families and students to the three separate meetings that took place in November. Topics covered were "what it means to be an IB student", "assessment in the IB" and a "Q & A session" facilitated by a panel of university registrars communicating to our students/families what they love about the IB Diploma program and subsequently the students who carry the distinction of "IB Diploma graduate". We are so lucky to have an option like IB for our students.

Horton is one of 4000 schools worldwide in over 140 countries that offer this internationally recognized program of study. Thank you to the NS Department of Education and AVRSB for your continued support!



**If** you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person."

— Fred Rogers



# December 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1 RFD Day</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6 Christmas Angels</b>	<b>7 Grad Photos</b>	<b>8 Grad Photos</b>	<b>9 Grad Photos</b>	<b>10 Grad Photos</b>	<b>11 Grad Photos</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18 Early Dismissal 12:15</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 Merry Christmas!</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>First day after break: Monday, January 4th</b>

**Christmas Break ~ December 19, 2015 – January 3, 2016 (inclusive)**

## BOYS BASKETBALL CLINIC

Monday December 21, 2015

at Horton High School

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Ages: 8 – 14

Cost: \$40.00



This is a great opportunity for kids to attend a clinic where they will receive instruction from the Horton Boys Basketball team and Coaches.

It is also a great opportunity for the parents to finish up their holiday preparations!



Please pre-register by email to [cherylclark4@gmail.com](mailto:cherylclark4@gmail.com)



Athletes - please bring a water bottle and a packed lunch.

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I COULD GIVE  
YOU ANY GIFT,  
I'D GIVE YOU  
**Love**  
AND  
**laughter**  
A PEACEFUL HEART,  
A SPECIAL DREAM  
AND JOY  
FOREVER AFTER.  
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