

Horton High School Newsletter—February 2016

Principal's Message:

Welcome to second semester. New courses started for students last week, watch for course outlines and communication plans, both documents contain a lot of important information about the new courses.

I am excited to announce that our first Newcomers have arrived, the Tahina family of 6 made their appearance in Nova Scotia on Wednesday, February 3rd; there they were met by a small representative group from Wolfville. Since arriving they have been welcomed with open arms, at the Acadia Basketball game on the weekend, the whole community got a chance to meet them for the first time!! Two sons, Mayar and Mahmoud are now Horton students, they are enjoying our school and community and are very appreciative to be with us. Welcome Tahina family!!

We will be hosting a parent orientation on Thursday, March 3rd from 7 to 8 pm, followed by a parent visitation session from 8 – 9 pm. As a result of the parent visitation being just one hour, we are requesting parents of students in yearlong courses (those that are every other day) be the only ones receiving appointment times. Courses like English 9, Math 9 and Math 10 which run every day all year will have another two sessions in April. I would encourage you to attend so you can meet your daughter/son's second semester teachers and get an update from their yearlong courses. We are currently in the process of gathering information for our 2016-2017 course registration handbook, students will need to refer to this document for online registration, which begins February 24th. Please watch for 2016-2017 registration sheets from your daughter or son, take a look at the courses they register for and if you have any questions contact Mr. Routledge.

Our next early dismissal, February 24th has been cancelled due to the number of storm days we are having, the next half day will be Friday, March 13th.

There will be a parent information session for next year's grade 9 parents on Wednesday, March 9th at 7 pm in the Performance Center. This is a chance for the Administration to present information parents will need to know for next year, there will be a question – answer period followed by a tour of the facility. Don't forget to register for the Parents as Career Coaches program taking place on March 7th & 8th, you can actually register online.

~B.Stokes



Registration Timeline:

During the Month of February, students will be their course selections for next year their A block teacher. The grade 9 students will explore course selections with their ELA teacher (Immersion class with Mrs. Milne). Mr. Routledge will meet with all the classes to review all the important scheduling details. This will take place in small groups in the Horton conference room.

Online registration Week:

February 24th—March 10th

Course registration day at Horton /orientation day at Horton:

March 2nd— students can preview up to 6 course selections

Students must register online before March 10th

When a student completes their registration using the student portal they need to inform their A block teachers that they have successfully completed the process.

At the end of March, course request confirmation sheets will be sent home to all students. Parents are asked to sign the forms before they are returned to student services. Changes can be written on the form so that accurate data is used to start the scheduling process.

Mr. Routledge will build schedules during the month of. He will meet with any students that need conflicts resolved.

Towards the end of May, a schedule report will be given to students. This report will show what courses have been scheduled for each student. Students with concerns can then address issues with Mr. Routledge. If no issues, they will have their schedule for 2016-2017.

This detailed process is used to help ensure that your son/daughter gets the best possible schedule for the next school year. In addition, we want to have as few as possible course changes at the start of September.

Any questions about scheduling should be directed to Mr. Routledge at jodye.routledge@avrsb.ca



Student Services

Parents as Career Coaches

Parents want their children to find happiness and success in life. One factor which influences happiness and success is career choice. *Parents as Career Coaches* emphasizes the importance of helping your children discover what their passions/interests are. It will assist your children to identify occupations which might help them pursue their passions. *Parents as Career Coaches* also encourages parents and their children to consider the many practical factors that will impact career decisions, including, for example, skills, the labour market, and education and training opportunities.

The senior high program takes two evenings to complete:

Dates: March 7 & 8, 2016

Time: 6:30 – 9:00 (each evening)

Location for both sessions: Horton High

You can register for an upcoming session at www.parentsascareercoaches.ca If you do not have internet access or do not wish to register on the website, please contact the school office to add your name to the session list.

Parents as Career Coaches provides you with

- Information about what the career journey looks like, to help you deal with the many twists and turns that can occur.
- Details of what employers are looking for in this new world of work to identify the skills and personal qualities students need to develop to be competitive in the work force.
- Information on where to find details on specific jobs, qualifications, opportunities, training, and financing.
- A parent guide designed to help you work with your children throughout their career journey.
- A student workbook, which provides your daughter or son with information and activities to:
 - Identify interests and skills
 - Research occupations

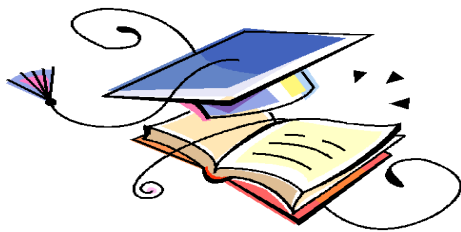
Here is what other parents are saying about the program:

"Very informative and helpful – made things more clear in terms of what the role is as a parent and coach.."

"Enjoyed the program. Thank you. I am now more aware of different careers so I can help my children find the right one for them"

"I didn't know what to expect, but I found the program informative & helpful – a very positive approach to the "big unknown" of career choices. Very much enjoyed this session."

Transcripts



Grade 12 students applying for university admission should sign the transcript request binder in Student Services. Also, most universities require transcripts with semester one final marks in order to assess for scholarships. Please check with post-secondary websites for details regarding scholarships. These transcripts will be mailed during the week of February 15th and will contain first semester final marks.

Student Loan Assembly

Reminder to students that the Student Loan Assembly will take place on Tuesday, February 23rd during period 2.

Adventures in Citizenship

The Rotary Club of Wolfville is sponsoring a student at the Adventures in Citizenship Program in Ottawa. Eligible applicants are 16-18 years old during the program (May 1-4, 2016), have top marks, and "excellent potential to become community leaders" (we also look for a 'Rotary spirit'). Application information available in Student Services and due Feb. 15, 2016.

Grade 12 Fees

Please remember to see Mrs. Langille to pay your grade 12 fee. This fee may be paid in instalments.

Keep looking up...that's the secret to life... ~Snoopy



AVRSB Virtual Advanced Placement (AP) Program (2016 – 2017)

Course registration for the 2016 – 2017 school year is fast approaching. One option for students entering Grade 11 or 12 is the Virtual Advanced Placement (AP) Program offered by the AVRSB to provide advanced courses for interested students. The AP courses are considered to be of a first year university level and can lead to a university credit or university advanced standing if the student is successful in the course. Currently the AVRSB offers AP Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, English Literature and Human Geography to Grade 11 and 12 students via the internet. The benefits to students are many. Students can study topics in greater depth as these are year-long courses, students improve their chances of university acceptance and gaining scholarships and students are often exempt from high volume first year university courses. As well students in science courses can participate in labs that are not normally undertaken in their schools. AP courses are a great way to enhance your university application and scholarship opportunities. Students are encouraged to attend the AP orientation session when it is held at their school. More information can be found at <http://www.avrsbvap.myavrsb.ca/> or by contacting Student Services at your school. Come out and see what it is all about!!

News from the English Department

The grade 12 English and grade 11 English websites are a great way for parents and students to keep on top of course expectations. Course materials, homework updates, and test guides are available at <http://schools.ednet.ns.ca/avrsb/070/rsbennett/>



Horton PE Department -

If you are interested in coaching table tennis, please contact Mr. Paul Veniotte @ pveinott@gnsps.ca.



Course registration for next year starts Feb 24th. Families are reminded to check out <http://jfulle6.wix.com/hortonib#!upcoming-events> for February IB Program information meetings and course registration info.

Meetings this month: February 11th (6-7:20 pm) --> for current grade 9 students and their parents/guardians considering Horton pre-IB for next year; introductory info meeting for pre-IB/IB February 16th (6-7pm) --> for current grade 10 pre-IB students and their parents/guardians; an open Q&A session offered as an opportunity to get those IB related questions answered before course registration. Both meetings are in room 2814 of the science wing.

Did you know? Students in IB World schools truly do have a special opportunity in front of them as they enter into grade 11. Students can choose (not be selected or sorted out) to pursue this alternate, free, open-access pathway through high school. They will be encouraged to think independently, drive their own learning, and take part in a program of education that can lead them to some of the highest ranking universities around the world. IB students become more culturally aware through the development of a second language and are able to engage with people in an increasingly globalized, rapidly changing world. Contact J. Fuller, IB Diploma Coordinator for more info (jasfuller@gnsps.ca)

AFRICAN YOUTH TALENT SHOW

SPECIAL GUEST SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 6:30PM

- THERE WILL BE FREE WILL OFFERING AT THE DOOR -

HORTON HIGH SCHOOL
75 GREENWICH RD. WOLFVILLE, NS



Knitting at Noon - if you would like to learn how, or already know and would like to join us, come to room 2811 at 1:20 every Tuesday! We can get you started and see what you can create!

March Break 2017 is underway - a group will be traveling to London, England, through several cities in France and Spain, finishing in Barcelona. The 12 day tour is open to students, and the early enrolment discount still applies. The cost is 12 payments of ~ \$304, and fundraising events will be held to help offset costs. If interested please contact Mrs. Tracy Webb at the school, or email tawebb@gnsps.ca.

Do small things with great LOVE.

Mother Teresa



Upcoming Events & Important Dates:

February 10-12 at 7:30 pm, February 13th at 2:30pm and 7:30 pm—The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee— Al Whittle Theatre—for more information, please contact kerri@edalenetheatre.ca or call 902-799-9009.

Get your tickets now for *Seussical the Musical* at Central Kings High School

\$10/ticket - Sold at Central Kings & Mader's Pharmacy

Friday, Feb. 12th & Saturday, Feb. 13th at 7pm & Sunday, Feb. 14th at 1pm

Suitable for all ages ~ 1 hour 20 min performance ~ Canteen available during intermission

African Youth Talent Show—February 17th—Horton High School at 6:30 pm—a free will offering.

Hyronomous A. Frog ---A Family Show at CentreStage Theatre

Hyronomous, an inept and lonely frog prince, lives in a bog in the kingdom of Spamelot. Hyronomous is bored and unhappy as a frog. He's larger than the other frogs and hates the taste of flies. But what is he to do? Can life change for him or is he destined to live on a log in a bog? Suddenly life changes for Hyronomous when he meets Gloria, the Good Witch and his life will never be the same!

There are 2PM shows on February 3,14,20,21,27,28 in the Upper Performance Centre, 61 River Street, Kentville. Tickets are \$7.00, call 902-678-8040 for reservations.

February 21 - 3:15 PM - Apple Dome in Berwick - West Kings vs Central Kings Hockey Game and Live/Silent Auction - A fundraiser to support West Kings teacher and Wolfville resident Peter Morse with his rehabilitation, following a serious car accident in December. Advance tickets are \$5, available through Wayne Fowler or Bob Best. More info on the Facebook event page.

February 24— *This is a **FULL day of classes not an early dismissal as previously scheduled. The next early dismissal will take place on Friday, March 13th.**

*National Pink Shirt Day

→Please refer to the first page of the newsletter for the Horton High registration dates.

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March 4th & 5th—Curling Provincials

March 7th & 8th—Parents As Career Coaches— 6:30 pm Horton High School.

March 11th - 2:00 PM - Acadia's McCain Arena - Horton Students vs. Staff Hockey Game - Half the proceeds will be donated by Horton Students Council to the Peter Morse fundraising initiative. \$5 for adults; \$4 for students with ID card.



“Mutual caring relationships require kindness and patience, tolerance, optimism, joy in the other's achievements, confidence in oneself, and the ability to give without undue thought of gain.”

— Fred Rogers, *The World According to Mister Rogers: Important Things to Remember*