

Horton High School Newsletter ~ January 2016

Principal's Message

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a relaxing and fulfilling holiday. Exams are just three weeks away; this is a good time to encourage your son/daughter to prepare. Our grade 9 students will be writing exams for the first time, which may cause some anxiety, try to keep them at ease, their teachers are having conversations with them so they feel good about the experience.

A copy of the exam schedule is on this newsletter edition, please take a look so you are aware when exams are scheduled. Teachers will inform students when and where their exam will take place, it is very important for students to note those details. As in previous years, we will complete attendance each morning and contact home if a student is missing from an exam. Please read the exam procedures contained in our student agenda and refer to the exam schedule on our homepage.

I am again asking you to support us on the issue of students who are not writing evaluations or completing alternative assessments to stay at home on exam days. If a student does not have an exam (or other forms of assessment) on a particular day or that week they will not be permitted to loiter in the school for the purpose of hanging out with friends. We also encourage students who have finished for the day (at lunch for example) to find safe transportation home; we will make announcements to reinforce this as exam week gets closer.

Family vacations during exam week are discouraged for obvious reasons, there is a message to this effect in the online student agenda; please adhere to this school request and thank you for your consideration in this matter. Second semester begins on Monday, February 1st, good luck to all students on first semester exams!

B. Stokes

Horton Holiday Hoorah's Heroic Haul

2015 was as successful as 2014! Between the Horton, Central Kings and Northeast Kings, over \$4000 and more than 2000 kg of food were collected for the food banks of Berwick, Kentville and Wolfville. We wish to thank Cuts Meat Market for their donation and to all of you who participated or supported in this event.

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."
Desmond Tutu

Student Services

Applications for Universities/Colleges : Grade 12 students who will be applying for fall 2016 admission into a university or college are encouraged to begin the process as soon as possible.

Transcripts: Mrs. Langille has placed a transcript binder in Student Services for students who want to send transcripts with Semester 1 final marks. These transcripts will be sent during the third week in February. If this does not meet your deadline requirements, please see Mr. Armstrong. **Please note: Students who want to send transcripts immediately should complete the green transcript request forms located in Student Services. Students applying to NSCC should use the green form to send transcripts as soon as possible.

Grade 12 Fees: Remember to see Mrs. Langille to pay your grade 12 fee. This fee (\$80) may be paid in installments.

You know, I think everybody longs to be loved, and longs to know that he or she is lovable. And, consequently, the greatest thing we can do is to help somebody know that they're loved and capable of loving.

~Mr. Rogers

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.

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

The senior high program takes two evenings to complete:

Dates: March 7 and 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

Options and Opportunities

Horton O2 will begin accepting applications for the 2016 grade 10 class in February. For information, please contact Krista Campbell at kcampbel2@gnsps.ca

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 Travel Group 2017

March Break 2017 is underway - the 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 applies until Jan 31st, 2016. The cost is 13 payments of \$281, and fundraising events will be held to help offset costs. Each month a portion of the trip will be highlighted to showcase the amazing opportunities to experience other lands and cultures! If interested please contact Mrs. Tracy Webb at the school, or email tawebb@gnsps.ca.

Meet your Tour Director at the airport in London, a city of 8 million people that has become one of the world's great melting pots while maintaining a distinct character that's all its own. From the London Bridge to the Houses of Parliament, Great Britain's royal tradition and rich history greet you at every turn. Admire architectural marvels like the Baroque domes and spires of St. Paul's Cathedral, the 17th-century church designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Check out Piccadilly Circus as well as Hyde Park's urban greenery. You may even get a chance to witness the ceremonial Changing of the Guard. And don't forget to snap a picture of Big Ben from the banks of the River Thames. Take a walking tour of Trafalgar Square; Covent Garden; The Strand; Leicester Square.

JANUARY EXAM WRITING TIMES 

STUDENTS:

PLEASE POST YOUR EXAM SCHEDULE AT HOME AND COMPLETE THE SCHEDULE IN YOUR AGENDA.

AVRSB Exams	9:00 am -12:15 pm
NSE Exams (Provincial Exams)	9:00 am - 11:30 am maximum 12:00 pm
Horton Exams	9:00 am - 11:30 am 12:45 pm - 3:15 pm

Cafeteria News

Chartwells' new and convenient way to purchase food at the school cafeteria with our **Zipthru Reloadable Card** was launched at various schools last year with great success! Just like any gift card, money is loaded on a card and every time a purchase is made it is subtracted from the balance remaining on the card. The online function of this program provides convenience for the parent to purchase, reload and monitor the balance and spending. There is also the ability to set up an account to protect the balance on the card if lost or stolen.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email zipthru.support@compass-canada.com.



SOMETIMES ME THINK,
 "WHAT IS FRIEND?"
 AND THEN ME SAY,
 "FRIEND IS SOMEONE TO
 SHARE LAST COOKIE WITH."
 ~ COOKIE MONSTER

Just a friendly reminder that Horton High School strives to keep the building scent free. We all must consider the students and staff who suffer from chemical sensitivities, medical reactions and/or allergies. Thanks!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 <i>Early Dismissal Band Concert</i>	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>Last day of classes before exams begin</i>	23
24	25 <i>Exams</i>	26 <i>Exams</i>	27 <i>Exams</i>	28 <i>Exams</i>	29 <i>Exams</i>	30
31	<i>February 1 ~ Semester 2</i>					

