

Horton High School—June 2016



GRADUATION Greet the future with anticipation
Dream big & work hard
Remember your roots, manners & the way home



2016

June is here, exams are just around the corner so please encourage your son or daughter to prepare for their final assessments. It is very important to note as per our exam policy, when a student does not have an exam or alternative assessment on a specific day, that student will not be permitted to be in the building. If a student has an exam or alternative assessment in the morning and none in the afternoon, they are encouraged to find safe transportation home, if they absolutely need to stay at school to get the bus home they will need to spend that time in Horton Hall. In the past there have been a number of students who missed their exam due to confusion of times/days, to alleviate that problem teachers are giving students their own exam schedule on a form we designed. If a student does not show up for an exam we will know and will call home immediately to get that student to school. I would also ask for your assistance in refraining from taking trips during exam week, our school policy states students cannot write exams outside the prescribed exam period, it is therefore crucial they are present.

There are many important dates in our June schedule, please take a look at the calendar for reference. If you are a parent of a grade 12 student, there are significant events leading up to Graduation, which is on Tuesday, June 28th at 7:30 pm.

With the warmer weather upon us in the Valley we encounter dress code issues at school. Each year I ask for your help in a somewhat difficult topic to address, this year we are handing out notices for dress code violations, this is a discreet way of addressing the issue.

This week we sent you a link to a school improvement survey, this data is very important in the decisions we make over the next five years. Please take a moment to fill out the online survey and give us your input, we appreciate your feedback.

With our Chromebook initiative one year in existence, we are asking for your cooperation in helping us collect them for the summer. Students will be asked to submit their Chromebooks on the last day of classes, June 16th. If a student needs their Chromebook for exams or exam preparation, those students will be responsible for handing it in to their subject teacher. Students are not permitted to keep their Chromebooks over the summer, they will receive the same one when they return in September, there may be some maintenance required on them. Homeroom teachers will be making calls to parents to ensure textbooks and Chromebooks are returned before the end of the school year.

Please refrain from texting your son or daughter during class time. In the age of technology it is a temptation to contact each other at any times of the day, instructional time is critical for student learning and we ask that you cooperate with us during those times.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great summer.

B.Stokes, Principal

Student Services

Transcripts—Grads attending college or university in September must complete a green form in the transcript binder in Student Services to have their transcripts with final marks sent. Institutions require this transcript to confirm graduation etc.

Scholarships—Students receiving scholarships/bursaries from universities or other sources are asked to bring their scholarship/bursary letter to Student Services. We can make copies for you. This will enable us to acknowledge this accomplishment at the graduation ceremony.

Graduation Banquet Tickets – Are now on sale in the Student Services office. The cost per student is \$5.00 if you have paid your grade 12 fee (dress is semi-formal). You must purchase your ticket by noon on June 9th.

Prom – We are now adding students to our Horton Prom 2016 list. Sign-up in Student Services. If you have paid your grade 12 fee there will not be a charge for students to sign up for the event. All guests must be invited by a member of the grade 12 class. The cost of the ticket for a guest is \$20 and must be paid when they are registered.

Summer School - Students may take Math or English courses in summer school following certain conditions. Information is available in Student Services. Registration in Student Services (Horton) before noon on Wednesday, June 29th or at the Central Kings cafeteria from 9:00 am—2:30 pm.

Encounters With Canada—This week long Youth Program at the Terry Fox Centre in Ottawa offers students an opportunity to meet youth from across Canada and participate in weeklong programming. www.ewc-rdc.ca/pub/ If interested, please see Mr. Armstrong in Student Services.

Horton Exam Schedule—June 2016

Friday June 17 AM	English 10 (Provincial exam) English 9 AVRSB Math 12 Math Foundations 12	Adv/English 11 Calculus 12 Pre IB Geography 10 Pre IB History 10
	Global History 12 MIKMAW STUDIES 10 Adv/Physics 11	Global Geography 12 Economics 11
Monday, June 20		
AM	Math 10 (provincial) Math at work 11 Pre Cal 11 Adv / English 12 Adv / Bio 12	Math at work 10 (Provincial) Math 11 Adv/Physics 12 Science 9 Imm Science 9
	Law 12 Accounting 11 FLA 11	Polical Science 12 Adv/Biology 11 – (all classes)
PM		
Tuesday, June 21		
AM	Adv/Chemistry 12 Adv / Chemistry 11 Math 9 Math 9 Imm	Pre IB French 10 Science 10 Oceans 11
	Canadian History 11 African Canadian Studies	
PM		
Wednesday, June 22		
AM	Social Studies 9 FLA 9 Business Technology 11	
PM		

AVRSB Exams	AVRSB—Math 12	9:00-12:15
NSE Exams	NSE English10	9:00-11:30
	NSE Math 10	Maximum until 12:00
Horton Exams	Exams	9:00-11:30
		12:45-3:15

Exam Writing Locations:

Teachers will notify students of their writing locations as the examination period draws closer.

Students will not be released from classrooms prior to 1/2 hour before the end of the examination time. Individual teachers may offer students who require extra time the opportunity to stay longer if requested.

Horton exams in the A.M. will finish prior to the end of AVRSB exams. These students will be permitted to leave the building once their evaluation is over and must stay away from the area where the AVRSB exams are being held. Room changes will occur for AVRSB exams to be held in locations that will enable more privacy for these students.



POST YOUR SCHEDULE

Exam Conflicts:

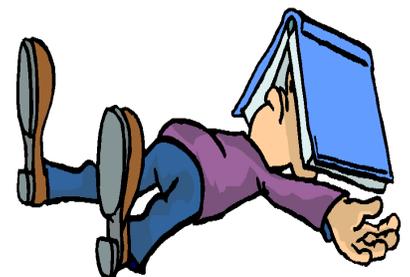
An exam conflict occurs when a student is scheduled to write two exams at the same time. It is the student's responsibility to identify the conflict to his subject teacher. Conflicts should be resolved by teacher/student coordination in order to arrange to write the exam at another time.

Horton Hall:

During the examination days, 17-22 June, Horton Hall will be utilized as a study area during exam hours. This means that a quiet environment must be maintained in that area during those times.

Missing Exams:

Exams are to be written on the date scheduled. The only exemption is for serious illness. This requires a note from a doctor. Do not schedule vacations during the examination period!





Grad Week 2016

Grade 12 Students & Parents:

For all grade 12 parents and students, we have a pamphlet available that contains important information about Prom, Safe Grad and Graduation; you can access it through our webpage or a copy can be attained at the Service Desk. Information regarding prom photography at the KC Irving Center (Acadia) is also available on the webpage.

Shifting the Culture of Alcohol

Parents can be strengthened by the knowledge that what they say to their youth about drinking does matter. Children benefit from parents sharing sound alcohol knowledge and hearing about alcohol harms and myths in an open and an-ongoing age-appropriate basis.

1. As a parent/guardian, you are allowed to disapprove of drinking.

(Research has shown that parents/guardians who share their firm expectations and clear boundaries around alcohol are much less likely to have children who drink excessively.)

2. It is important to engage in conversations before your child makes decisions. However, it is never too late to have an honest conversation about alcohol.

Ticks and Lyme Disease Awareness

At this time of year it's important to be aware and careful in areas where there may be blacklegged ticks (also called deer ticks), which can carry the germ that causes Lyme disease. **Please visit our school website for important Public Health information on protecting against ticks and Lyme disease.** Additional information and videos can also be found at www.novascotia.ca/hpp/cdpc/lyme.asp



March Break Trips to consider - next year (2017) there is a group going to England, France and Spain - a wonderful opportunity to see three major regions and very different cultures, from the Tower of London to the Louvre, and Barcelona. For 2018, we will do a repeat of this year's trip to Italy and Greece - exploring Florence, Pisa, Rome and Pompeii, to Athens and the Acropolis, and everything in between! This trip would cost ~\$210 per month if enrolled before schools ends! For more info please contact Mrs. Webb, and/or attend the Information Parent meeting at Horton at 7 pm Thursday, June 9th in room 2811.



Our IB students finished writing final examinations in May. For grade 12 IB students this means all of their hard work has been rewarded with finishing school a month earlier than everyone else...with the exception of returning for June graduation! Congratulations! Our grade 11 IB students will be working on their *Group 4 Project* during June and tidying up respective course work. All IB students, parents and staff are asked to watch for some emails from me requesting they read and digitally sign-off on some policies for our school. The requests will be arriving in their inbox as a *Google Form* request. Your cooperation in taking part with these policies is appreciated. Have a restful, fun-filled and safe summer everyone! Submitted by Jason Fuller, IB Diploma Program Coordinator, jasfuller@gnspes.ca

LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO WAKE UP IN THE MORNING WITH REGRETS. SO, LOVE THE PEOPLE WHO TREAT YOU RIGHT, FORGIVE THE ONES WHO DON'T AND BELIEVE THAT EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON. IF YOU GET A CHANCE, TAKE IT. IF IT CHANGES YOUR LIFE, LET IT. NOBODY SAID IT'D BE EASY, THEY JUST PROMISED IT WOULD BE WORTH IT.



~ DR. SUESS



Horton Daycare



Students who want to secure a place in daycare for their child in September 2016, should please see Pat Messem at the Daycare Centre as soon as possible. If spaces are not confirmed by June 15th, a space may not be available for your child.

Nova Scotia International Student Program



As the school year winds down, Horton is looking for host families for the upcoming school year for International Students. International students from 30 countries come to Nova Scotia each year, to live and learn on a semester or full-year basis. Host families enrich students exchanges by sharing their Canadian lifestyle and culture.

Jennifer Pineo, co-ordinator of the NSSIP for Horton has welcomed over 30 students this year, and anticipates more international students for the 2016-2017 school year.

For more information on the NSISP visit www.nsisp.ca . Local inquiries can be directed to jpineo@avrsb.ca

June

June 8	2nd Grad practice Council Speeches
June 9	Council Election Final Music Concert @ 7:00 pm
June 10	Participation Awards Rainbow Ball
June 12	Graduation Banquet @ 6:15 pm
June 13	Athletic Banquet @ 6:30 pm
June 15	Music Awards Night
June 16	Last day of classes
June 17-22	Horton Exam Period
June 22	Last day to pick up or purchase prom tickets
June 23	NO SCHOOL for students Orientation Day Prom
June 24	NO SCHOOL for students Marking Day
June 27	NO SCHOOL for students Marking Day Final Grad practice - noon Grad gown pick up
June 28	NO SCHOOL Grad gown pick up Graduation @ 7:30 pm
June 29	Closing ceremonies Dismissal @ 12:15 pm



Horton is looking for coaches for the following:

- Senior girls soccer
- Junior /Senior/Girls/Boys—golf
- Junior Boys & Girls:
 - soccer
 - volleyball
 - basketball

Contact: pveinott@gnspes.ca
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Congratulations to our Horton Graduates 2016

My wish for you...

Is that this LIFE becomes all that you want it to.
Your DREAMS stay BIG, your worries stay small.
You never need to carry more than you can HOLD.

And while you're out there gettin'
where you're gettin' to,
I HOPE you know somebody LOVES you.
And wants the same things too.
Yeah, this is my WISH.

~Rascal Flatts