

# Horton High School Newsletter ~ November 2016

*In memory of many, in honor of all, thank you.*



## Principal's Message

We are into November already! Two months of school have passed; we are nearing the halfway point of semester one, which means report cards are right around the corner. Report cards will be released on November 17<sup>th</sup>; our parent teacher visitations are scheduled for the evening of November 24<sup>th</sup> and the afternoon of November 25<sup>th</sup>. To book an appointment with a teacher please fill out the form attached to the report card and return it to Student Services, there are only so many appointments available; each year there are parents who cannot get an appointment to see a specific teacher during the sessions, my advice is to get the forms in as early as you can.

Please keep checking the Parent Portal for academic progress, it is a great way to keep up on assignments and other assessments. If you still do not have a password, please email us and we can fix that for you.

There will be no school for students on November 30<sup>th</sup>, it is a regional in-service day for all staff; some of our students will be participating in "We Day" in Halifax on that date, last year was a huge success, our students enjoyed an experience of a lifetime. Our next early dismissal is November 15<sup>th</sup>, then we have a morning in-service on Friday November 25<sup>th</sup>, the afternoon is parent-teacher conferences, there is no school for students on that day. I hope to see you out for the parent-teacher sessions.

The Safe Grad Parent Committee are planning two fundraisers before the first semester ends, please watch for the posters on these events.

We are looking at testing something called "Alert 2", it is a system like our current Alert Solutions which we use to get information to parents. The Alert 2 is used to notify parents when a student gets a failing mark on an assessment. Mr. Routledge volunteered to test this with his grade 11 students and parents. This should increase the communication between the school and home.

B. Stokes  
Principal

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## Student Services

Student Services would like to invite/encourage parents/students to contact one of our counsellors, Mr. George Armstrong, for grade 11 and 12, or Mrs. Sandy Coldwell for grade 9 and 10 regarding any concerns you may have. Appointments to see our counsellors can be made through Mrs. Langille in Student Services.

## Respect for Diversity Day

On November 28 grade 10 students will be participating in RFD Day. RFD is a student-led group, promoting social justice through discussion-based format. Throughout the fall, our 3 RFD co-chairs (Abigail Smolenaars, Mika Gerrits, and Holly Simpson) have provided presentations, led discussions and organized guest speakers for weekly RFD meetings involving approximately 60 students. RFD training is on November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Scholarships

Grade 12 students applying to Ontario universities are reminded to pay close attention to scholarship deadlines. Universities and colleges often have different deadlines for scholarship applications.

## Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC)

The NSCC has a rolling admissions policy. Therefore, students applying for September 2017 programs are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Students in grade 11 may also apply for September 2018 programs.

## Parents as Career Coaches—Senior High:

We will be hosting this excellent opportunity for parents in March 2017.  
Dates: Monday, March 6 & Tuesday, March 7, 2017.  
Time for all sessions: 6:30- 8:40 pm (both evenings)  
Parent Registration: Parents are asked to register on this website for the session:  
[parentsascareercoaches.ca](http://parentsascareercoaches.ca)



## Chemistry Students Celebrate Mole Day!

Once again, Ms. Coldwell's Chemistry students of Horton High celebrated Mole Day on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. The mole is a unit of measurement equal to  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$  particles, developed by the scientist named Avogadro. The traditional mole day is October the 23rd, from 6:02 a.m. to 6:02 p.m. This day is celebrated annually by Chemistry teachers and students all over the world. It was first created to foster interest in Chemistry.

Ms. Coldwell's classes paid tribute to the famous mole with a wide array of festivities such as mole bingo, mole day videos, and lots of mole food and drinks. Classes also watched a great mole skit performed by four former grade 12 chemistry students. Ms. Coldwell shared a story time book called "Mole Music" with each class to cap off Mole Day celebrations.

The grade 12 IB Chemistry students celebrated the mole by making delicious mole day pancakes using the hot plates in the chemistry lab.

Thank you to everyone who made Mole Day 2016 a huge success!

## Horton Music Department

On November 7th, **The Men of the Deeps** will be performing at Horton, and members of the Senior Concert Band and the Choir will be joining them in some of their well know hits! Tickets can be purchased on line at Ticketpro Atlantic, and at all Ticketpro outlets. The show starts at 7 PM. Tickets are \$40 and seating is assigned. There are a limited number of VIP seats (at \$50) that include preferential seating and a Meet and Greet reception with the Men of the Deeps after the show. Don't miss out!

Horton Music Concert—November 17th at 7:00 pm.

Citrus sales are on going until November 7th. Please speak to a Horton music student or email Kay Greene (kgreene@gnspe.ca)

## March Break 2018

The Italy and Greece student trip is underway for planning now, and the sooner you enroll, the lower the monthly costs of course! This trip was an incredible memory-maker for the crew that went last year - from Florence to Pisa, Rome and Pompeii, to Delphi and the Acropolis in Athens - As the ancient wonders of Athens and Delphi give way to the Renaissance treasures of Florence, it becomes clear how one era leads to another, how one ancient civilization sows the seeds for future awakenings. The Parthenon in Athens and the Colosseum in Rome provide a fascinating framework for the artistic and architectural breakthroughs throughout Florence.

For this March Break 2017: There is an amazing student trip planned for London, England to Paris, France, and Barcelona, Spain, with many fascinating historical and cultural areas of interest along the way...It is not too late to enroll if you wish to go with us—but final cutoff date for enrolment is Dec. 1st. Please contact Mrs. Webb for more information—tawebb@gnspe.ca

## Brain Wars at Horton!

Come and watch teams compete in solving puzzles, problem solving, building things with provided materials, etc.—sure to be interesting and fun for all!

## IB News

Families are reminded of the following November meetings:

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** (6:15 - 7:30pm in room 2814 of yellow wing) overview of the process of assessment in IB; targeted audience is for parents of current grade 11/12 IB students

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** (period 4 for students; 6:15pm session for parents/families in Performance Center)

Presentations followed by a Q&A session by university registrars. The sessions are completely informational in context. Both sessions are strictly about the university reps expressing to the audience what they like about IB and what they like about the skill-sets that IB Diploma holders bring to their campuses. There is no messaging per se although sometimes the universities will leave IB specific info pamphlets (for example, an info pamphlet that displays how Acadia treats the IB) behind for those that want to take one. The intent of the two sessions is to promote IB, not the institutions themselves. Acadia, Dalhousie, Saint Mary's, St. FX and King's all have been confirmed.

Submitted by Mr. Fuller, IB Coordinator, [jasfuller@gnspe.ca](mailto:jasfuller@gnspe.ca)



*I think a hero is any person really intent on making this a better place for all people.*

*~Maya Angelou*





### Second Hand

#### Pre-Christmas Shopping Party

**Saturday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Location: Horton High School**

**Vendors Wanted: Book a table- phone**

**Sarah 902-670-4103**

**Cost: \$15.00 per table /\$25.00 for 2 tables /**

**\$10.00 per table for students.**

**Set up begins at 8:00 am, November 26th**

**Donation items will be accepted for our**

**“Safe Grad Table”. You may drop off items at the school**

**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, (For pick up call 902-670-4103).**

**Free Will and Canteen Available.**

**Thank you for supporting Safe Grad !!**

### World of 7 Billion Video Contest

Back by popular demand, the World of 7 Billion student video contest can help you bring technology and creativity into your middle school high school classes. The contest challenges students to create a short (60 seconds or less) video illustrating the connection between world population growth and one of three global challenges: either climate change, ocean health, or rapid urbanization. Students can win up to \$1,000 and their teachers will receive free curriculum resources. The contest deadline is February 23, 2017. Full contest guidelines, resources for research, past winners, and more can be found at <https://www.worldof7billion.org/student-video-contest/>.



### Important Information about Cancellation/Urgent Notices from AVRSB

The Annapolis Valley Regional School Board is now using AlertSolutions to send messages about school cancellations or other urgent situations. Examples of these messages are school cancellations due to weather/road conditions or power outages. AlertSolutions is the system that many schools use to send information to parents/guardians by text, email and phone.

If you are a parent/guardian and have updated your contact information with the school this year, you will automatically receive these notices from AVRSB by text, email and/or phone, depending on the information you have provided and the contact preferences you have indicated.

If you wish to check or update your contact information or preferences for AlertSolution messages, please use the Parent Portal online or contact the school office.

For several years AVRSB has used a system called *Notify Me* to send these types of messages by text or email. *Notify Me* requires users to sign up to this service. AVRSB will continue to operate *Notify Me* so those who do not have parent/guardian information on file with a school—such as grandparents and childcare providers—can receive these messages. Where possible, AVRSB will take steps to ensure parents/guardians do not receive duplicate cancellation/urgent messages from AlertSolutions and NotifyMe. You can unsubscribe or subscribe to *Notify Me* any time at <https://www.avrsb.ca/content/notify-me>.

### AVRSB Survey on French Immersion

Parents/guardians, students and school community members are invited to share comments on French Immersion in AVRSB through an online survey in November. The feedback collected through this survey will be considered during a review of the board's French Immersion policy and administrative procedures over the coming months.

Throughout November, any interested individuals can go to [http://fluidsurveys.com/s/avrsb\\_immersion](http://fluidsurveys.com/s/avrsb_immersion) to complete a survey, or visit an AVRSB school to access the survey.



ACADIA UNIVERSITY  
WOLFVILLE, NS  
NOVEMBER 10-13, 2016



Acadia University Women's Soccer Team will be hosting the CIS National Championships Nov. 10-13, 2016 at Raymond Field, Acadia University. This event will showcase the top women's soccer players in the country. Tickets are available at the Acadia Box office, Tournament Packages - \$40. Adult, \$20. Youth. Single Day pricing - \$10 Adult, \$5 Youth. Single day tickets are on sale now at the Acadia Box Office. Call (902) 542-5500 or 1-800-542-8425.

**Grassroots Soccer Skills Challenge – Tues. Nov. 8, 2016 Raymond Field, Acadia University Times: U10 – 5:30 pm, U12 – 6:45pm and U14 – 8:00 pm -100 Spots available per group – first come first served—Cost - \$10**

Includes free youth championship admission and free t-shirt along with a complimentary Tim Horton's snacks.

Register online at <https://boxoffice.acadiau.ca> or at the Acadia Box Office.

## Horton Examination Schedule—January 2017

<b>Tuesday</b> Jan 24 AM	English 9 English 10 (Provincial) English 10 Pre-IB (Provincial) Adv English 11 Adv Biology 11 Fuller (Pre IB)	AVRSB Math 12 Math at Work 12 Pre-Calculus 12
	PM	Adv Biology 11 (G. Turner) Business Management 12
<b>Wednesday</b> Jan 25 AM	Social Studies 9 Math at Work 10 (Provincial) Math 10 AVRSB Cumulative Assessment Math 10 Pre-IB Cumulative Assessment Math 11 Math 11 Extended	Math at Work 11 IB Math SL 11 Adv English 12 English 12 African Heritage
	PM	Mi'kmaq Studies 11 Global Geography 12 Sociology 12 Academic
<b>Thursday</b> Jan 26 AM	Math 9 Math 9 Imm Food Tech/Prep 10 – Group 1 French 10 Pre-IB Science 10	Adv Physics 11 IB English 11 Adv Biology 12 Global History 12
	PM	Food Tech/Prep 10 – Group 2 Canadian History 11
<b>Friday</b> Jan 27 AM	Science 9 Pre-IB History 10 Adv Chemistry 11	Business Technology 11 Adv Chemistry 12
	PM	Conflicts

### November—Dates to Remember

November 11	Remembrance Day—No School
November 15	Early Dismissal—12:15 pm
November 17	Music concert—7:00 pm Report cards go home
November 22	Junior Achievement
November 24	Parent/Teacher Interviews, 7-9 pm
November 25	No School In-Service (am) Parent/Teacher Interviews , 1-3:30 pm
November 28	RFD Day
November 30	No School Regional In-Service WE Day
December 5-9	Graduation Photos
December 21	Early Dismissal, 12:15 pm Last day before Christmas Break
Dec. 22—Jan. 2	Christmas Break (inclusive)

