



Horton High School Newsletter

March 2017



Principal's Message

March Break is almost here! I hope you all get an opportunity to spend some time together as a family. On-line registration season has arrived; the process began on March 1st and will close on March 10th. Please communicate with your son/daughter to ensure they register for their 2017-2018 courses, we will do our best to ensure students get that message as well. The next step after course registration is the course verification sheet in April; this outlines the courses students registered for, please take a look, sign and return the form to Mr. Routledge.

The next opportunity for parents to meet with teachers will be April 27th and 28th; I hope to see you there. We are planning our feeder school parent orientation for March 8th; this is an information session and tour of the school for those parents. The grade 8 student orientation is happening on March 6th; students from our three feeder schools will have a chance to meet each other, their grade 9 teachers, and will experience the positive Horton atmosphere!

While we were in Work to Rule, we asked that you not drop students off prior to 8 am, thank you for your cooperation on that. For the remainder of the year we are asking that you continue to practice that routine. There is a message on the AVRSB website that refers to not having students in the building 20 minutes before and 20 minutes after school begins and ends, for Horton 8 am will be fine for drop off and 3:40 pm would be the time we want students picked up.

B.Stokes

Principal

Registration Timeline

Online registration week:

March 1 ~ March 10

Course registration day at Horton/orientation day at Horton:

March 2—students can preview up to 6 course selections

Students must register before March 10

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 months of April and May. 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 there are no issues, they will have their schedule for 2017/2018.

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 should be directed to Mr. Routledge at jodye.routledge@avrsb.ca



Student Services

Encounters With Canada: is a unique opportunity for Canadian teens to meet other young people from across the country. Spend an adventure-filled week in your nation's capital! Check out future career options, discover your country, share your hopes and dreams. To participate in the program, you must:

- be aged 14 to 17 years when you attend
- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada
- be enrolled in an educational institution that is recognized by the Ministry of Education in your province or territory.
- have written consent from a parent or guardian obtained a recommendation from your school (Please see George Armstrong in Student Services)

2017 Youth Legion Leadership Camp:

Grade 10 and 11 students (age 15 - 17) interested in this one week camp can pick up information and application forms in Student Services. June 24 -July 2 at the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus in Truro. Application forms due April 12.



News from the Music Department:

All ensembles have started rehearsing again! The weekly schedule is posted online, on the Music Department website (<http://music.kay.zone>) and on the Music Department calendar (link on Horton home page).

Best wishes going out to the music students who are travelling to Boston and New York City on March 9th. Have a great trip!

Any semester one musicians who are not in an ensemble during semester two should return their instrument to Mrs. Green before March Break.

News from the English Department:

Mr. Bennett's 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, and test guides are available at <http://www.horton.ednet.ns.ca/staff/scottbennett/>

Horton Daycare

Students who wish to secure a place in daycare for their child in September 2017, should contact Pat Messem at the daycare centre as soon as possible. Please call 542-4388 for more information. If spaces are not confirmed by June 15th, a space may not be available for your child.

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days when the **SUN** shines hot
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and **winter** in the
shade.

~Charles Dickens

Co-operative Education

Want to get real work experience and earn high school credits at the same time? Want to explore a career through a hands-on/minds-on experience before making career and college/university choices? Want experience that might lead to a good job?

Then Co-op is for you!

Co-op is a great course for you, whether you want to be an accountant, hairstylist, lawyer, carpenter, veterinarian, or pretty much anything else.

You need to be:

- 16 or older
- In grade 11 or 12
- Able to work independently
- Able to meet Co-op course readiness requirements

Here's what you get:

- Real work experience
- Skills you will use the rest of your life
- Information that will help you decide what to do after graduation and at college or university
- Contacts in the working world
- Flexibility – as long as your employer agrees, you can schedule your placement during school, after school, on weekends, even during vacations
- Elective academic credits towards graduation requirements

The more Co-op courses you take, the more you learn about different careers so you can decide what's right for you.

For more information visit <https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/coop12/home> or email Ms. Brown at hbrown@gnspes.ca.

“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

March 2017

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			<i>1 Online Registration begins</i>	<i>2 Course Orientation Day</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>6 Grade 8 Student Orientation</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8 Grade 8 Parent Orientation Evening</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10 Last day for registration</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>13 March Break</i>	<i>14 March Break</i>	<i>15 March Break</i>	<i>16 March Break</i>	<i>17 March Break</i>	<i>18</i>
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**SOMETIMES ME THINK,
"WHAT IS FRIEND?"
AND THEN ME SAY,
"FRIEND IS SOMEONE TO SHARE LAST COOKIE WITH."
~COOKIE MONSTER**