

# Horton High School Newsletter ~ February 2018

## Principal's Message:

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

A big thank you to Mr. Routledge and Ms. Greene, who filled in for me while I was away first semester; both did an outstanding job. Mr. Routledge kept me abreast of things that were happening, which makes the transition back much easier.

We are currently in the process of gathering information for our 2018-2019 course registration handbook, students will need to refer to this document for online registration, which begins March 5th, all student registrations should be completed by the beginning of March Break. Please watch for 2018-2019 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.

Report cards will be released on February 15th, please watch for those. Our next early dismissal is February 16th, staff will be continuing work on the Student Success Planning.

As semester gets going, please be reminded that attendance is being monitored and excess absences may result in loss of credits at the high school level; attendance is critical for student success so please help us get students to school, and on time.

There will be a parent information session for next year's grade 9 parents on Wednesday, March 7th at 7:00 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.

~B. Stokes

## Registration Timeline:

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

### Online registration Week:

March 1st—March 9th

### 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 9th

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 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 no issues, they will have their schedule for 2018-2019.

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.



## Student Services

**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 13th and will contain first semester final marks.



**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 (April 29—May 2, 2018), 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. 23, 2018.

**Grade 12 Fees** ~ Please remember to see Mrs. Langille to pay your grade 12 fee. This fee may be paid in installments.

## 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/>

**Italy and Greece 2019 March Break** - this trip of a lifetime will take place next March Break! Rates are still low along with the free Greek Dinner bonus, so if you are interested and need more information, please see Mrs. Webb room 2811 or email [tawebb@gnspecs.ca](mailto:tawebb@gnspecs.ca)

**Reach for the Top** every Thursday at lunch, room 2811 - feel free to drop in and try it out!

**Brain Wars** every Friday at lunch - all welcome! Room 2811

## French NS/Québec exchange Information

A reminder to students and staff that students who participate in this exchange can apply for the EXC 12 credit but the application for credit must be completed by the April 10th 2018 deadline. Students are NOT ELIGIBLE for the EXC 12 credit unless they apply before they participate in the exchange.

<https://fsl.ednet.ns.ca/content/student-exchange-program-quebec>

*special guests*  
**SHOULDER TO SHOULDER**

2018.  
**AFRICAN  
YOUTH  
TALENT  
SHOW**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**  
STORM DATE WED. FEB. 28\*

**6PM**  
**HORTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
75 GREENWICH RD.



\*Girls Rugby practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4-5pm at the Kentville Soccer Stadium Starting Thursday Feb 1.

\*Boys Rugby practices on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4-5pm at the Kentville Soccer Stadium Starting Monday Feb 5.

\*Practices at the Soccer Stadium will be in Feb, March and the first two weeks of April. Practices will move between Acadia and Horton in mid April.

*Josten's  
Graduation Ring Order Day  
February 20th at lunch hour  
For more information, contact:  
1-844-750-9050*



Horton Safe Grad

# Lion's Breakfast

## and cake auction

Pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausages, hash browns, toast, baked beans

Wolfville Lions Hall

**\$8.00**

pay at the door or (buy in advance to secure a spot)



**Sat. Feb. 24** 7:30-10am

Reserve tickets in advance: [jillct2@eastlink.ca](mailto:jillct2@eastlink.ca) or call 902-698-9309 or on the Horton Safe Grade Facebook Page

**\*\*Grade 12 parents are reminded to pay their \$40 safe grad fee. This fee ensures your graduate a fun filled, chemical free Safe Grad night. We will have a table set up at the Thursday night band concert to collect your fee.**

# February 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Report Cards go home	16 Early Dismissal 12:15 pm	17
18	19 Heritage Day NO SCHOOL	20 Grad ring sales at lunch hour	21 -African Youth Talent Show @ 6 pm -Grad photo retakes	22	23	24 Safe Grad Pancake Breakfast— Wolfville Lions – 7:30-10:00 am
25	26	27	28			

*The real things haven't changed.  
It is still best to be honest and  
truthful; to make the most of  
what we have; to be happy with  
simple pleasures; and have  
courage when things go wrong.  
~Laura Ingalls Wilder*



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