



# Horton High School Newsletter

## ~ March 2018

### Principal's Message

March Break is just around the corner! 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 2nd and will close on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Please communicate with your son/daughter to ensure they register for their 2018-2019 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 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>; I hope to see you there. We are planning our feeder school parent orientation for March 7<sup>th</sup>; this is an information session and tour of the school for those parents. The grade 8 student orientation is happening on March 6<sup>th</sup>; 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!

Just another reminder about the importance of school attendance, this year we are under the direction of the Nova Scotia Government to track attendance. Essentially if a student from grades 10-12 misses 20 classes, they can lose the credit, this would be detrimental to their graduation plan. Please ensure your daughter/son attends school each day.

Presently in Nova Scotia there is a debate about the effectiveness of our education system, in the following weeks there is a possibility of job action by the NSTU, while we hope to avert this disruption, if it does happen you would be best served to contact your local MLA for answers to any questions you may have.

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Principal

### Registration Timeline:

**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.

Any questions should be directed to Mr. Routledge at [jodye.routledge@avrsb.ca](mailto:jodye.routledge@avrsb.ca)

Remember **doing**  
**reminders**  
remember  
**don't** forget **to do**

## 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 contact Student Services)

<https://www.ewc-rdc.ca/pub/>

**Great opportunity for students in grade 10 or 11:** Youth Legion Leadership Training Camp - June 23-July 1st at NSAC, Truro. Students interested in this opportunity to improve their leadership skills can pick up an application form in student services. Applications due date: April 30th: [ns.legion.ca](http://ns.legion.ca)

**March Break Arts Camps 2018** - Ross Creek - pamphlets in Student Services.

**Marine Mammal Summer Camp on August 4-13, 2018:** You must apply by April 6th, and this is put on by Saint Mary's University and the Canadian Whale Institute. Check out the link [smu.ca/marinemammalcamp](http://smu.ca/marinemammalcamp) or see Mrs. Bekkers in student services!

**University of King's College** offers a summer camp for students aged 15-17 called Humanities for Young People, July 7-15th. HYP will help students develop their analytical, interpersonal, and verbal skills, and pursue their passion for writing, reading and thoughtful inquiry. If this interests you, please apply online, <http://hyp.ukings.ca> by May 18th.

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Congratulations to the **Horton Lego Robotics** team " Robust Legacy" for their recent second place finish at the Provincial Lego Robotics Competition held at Acadia. This win qualifies the team to compete at the Lego World Championships in Michigan.

Congratulations to the The Horton High "Robots" who claimed second place in the bottle sumo competition this year.

Great job to all those that participated.



### Co-operative Education

We are now accepting applications for Co-operative Education 12. Students who are interested should:

1. Go to <https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/coop12/co-op-12> for information about the course.
2. Pick up an application packet from the office and follow the instructions carefully.
3. Complete the steps of the application on time (see application packet).
4. Attend the applicants' meeting (see application packet).

For more information please contact Ms Brown at [hbrown@gnspes.ca](mailto:hbrown@gnspes.ca).



## RBC Training Ground: Coming to Your Area

### *Could it be You?*

Have you ever wondered if you could separate yourself from the pack? Do you have speed, power, endurance, strength? Enough to rise to the top? Enough to compete on the world stage?

RBC Training Ground is searching for the next Canadian Olympian. Identified athletes are eligible to receive funding and support to help fuel their Olympic dreams.

\*The first RBC Training Ground combines are:

**Wolfville – Acadia University Athletics Complex**  
**(15 University Avenue)**  
**Saturday March 24, 9:00am**

**Antigonish - St FX University – Oland Centre**  
**(5005 Chapel Square)**  
**Sunday March 25, 9:00am**

Find out more and register at [RBCTrainingGround.ca](http://RBCTrainingGround.ca)

### Kentville Minor Baseball - 2018 Registration



Registration for Kentville Minor Baseball is open. If your child is interested in playing ball this summer, visit our website at [www.kentvilleminorbaseball.com](http://www.kentvilleminorbaseball.com) for more information on our Programs and the Registration Process.

There's something for all ages and stages of players: from those just starting out (as young as 4 years old) to our competitive AAA teams.

All players **MUST** register online. Check out our website [www.kentvilleminorbaseball.com](http://www.kentvilleminorbaseball.com) for all the details.

Go WILDCATS!

# March 2018

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|     |                   |                   |                   | 1<br>Online registration<br>begins | 2                                 | 3   |
| 4   | 5                 | 6                 | 7                 | 8                                  | 9<br>Early Dismissal<br>~12:15 pm | 10  |
| 11  | 12<br>March Break | 13<br>March Break | 14<br>March Break | 15<br>March Break                  | 16<br>March Break                 | 17  |
| 18  | 19                | 20                | 21                | 22                                 | 23                                | 24  |
| 25  | 26                | 27                | 28                | 29                                 | 30 Good Friday<br>~NO SCHOOL~     | 31  |



What to do on March Break? If you are searching for activities to keep your kids busy over the March Break, Valley Connect.ca will put you on the Direct Route to March Break Fun.

Valley Connect.ca is a free online database loaded with recreation, sport, festivals and cultural programming for the entire family. It is one of 5 Connect resources across Nova Scotia.

Whether you are looking for cultural programs or special events, valleyconnect.ca is where you will find it. Just go to valleyconnect.ca and click on what you want to do and where and simply choose. Do you have an event or program you want to promote? Visit Valley Connect and enter your information directly onto the web site. Valley Connect.ca, the Direct Route to March Break fun in Nova Scotia's beautiful Annapolis Valley.

*You cannot get through a single day  
without having an impact on the  
world around you. What you do  
makes a difference, and you have to  
decide what kind of difference you  
want to make.*

*~ Jane Goodall*

