

Horton High School Newsletter - April 2018

Principal's Message

Spring will arrive eventually. I hope you had a relaxing March Break and were able to spend time with family.

It is nearly report card time, we will be releasing our report cards on April 19th, please watch for those. The next opportunity to meet with teachers will be April 25th and 26th; I hope to see you there. Every year I get calls from parents expressing their concern about not being able to get appointments with teachers during the two sessions we have, you have to understand that teachers may teach up to 120 students in a semester, which makes it difficult to schedule in-person appointments, my advice to you is to get the request sheet back to Student Services as quickly as possible; we attach that form to the report card. If you are unable to receive an in-person appointment with the teacher please email them to ask questions about your son/daughter's progress.

Please look for the Course Verification Sheets that will be sent home shortly, you will need to sign those and have them returned to Student Services so Mr. Routledge and I can continue to work on next year's schedule. As in previous years, students will have their next year's schedule in hand before this school year ends.

Since the Nova Scotia Government implemented the Attendance Policy, we have noticed an improvement in the number of students who are absent from school. Now that we are at the midpoint of semester two, we still have students who are in the 'danger zone' in terms of losing their credits. If the student misses 20 classes, they can be recommended to lose that credit, essentially this is 20% of the course. If your daughter/son is in this situation the grade level Vice Principal will contact you via telephone, email or through a letter. What we do is send letters after the student misses 10% and 15% so you are aware of the situation. As we all know, attendance is critical to student achievement and, if students are not in class, it is very difficult for them to get the necessary material to be successful.

Brad Stokes
Principal

Student Services Department

Graduation Fees - A reminder that the \$80 grade 12 fee is now due. A list will be posted outside of the Student Services office by April 20th for students who have paid their full grade 12 fees for 2017/2018. Students who have partially paid or who have not paid their \$80 fee to date, please see Mrs. Langille as soon as possible. This fee needs to be paid as Grad gowns will be ordered shortly. Only students who have spoken to Mrs. Langille or have their name on the list will have a gown ordered for graduation night.

Scholarships - Students and parents are encouraged to check for updated scholarships and bursaries on our website. Once an award has been updated, a morning announcement will be made and information will be placed in the file folders in Student Services. Grade 12 students who have accepted scholarship offers are asked to bring a copy of their offer to Student Services for inclusion in the graduation program.



Parent/Teacher appointment request forms will be sent home with the report cards on April 19th. Please ensure the forms are returned to our Student Services office no later than Monday, April 23rd. Thank you!

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On April 10th, the Romeo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative will be presenting “Performance and Storytelling with Evelyn Amony and Emmanuel Jal” at 6:30pm at Dalhousie University. Evelyn Amony and Emmanuel Jal, two former child soldiers, share their stories in an effort to create awareness of the issue. If students wish to attend, they should see Ms. Verri before April 5th.

The Romeo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative supports stopping the use of child soldiers around the world. It works with militaries, police, policy makers, academics and humanitarians in several countries to progressively eradicate the use and recruitment of child soldiers through a security sector approach. Their vision is a world where children are no longer recruited or used as weapons of war.

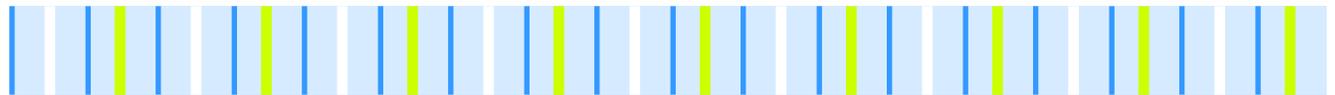
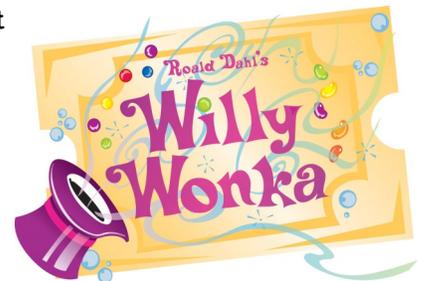
Please support Ms. Verri’s Global Geography 12 class, they will be having a bake sale / T-shirt sale on April 5th and 6th to raise money for this organization.



On April 7th Horton Brain Wars will take place in Horton Hall - if you would like to volunteer to help out please see Emma He or Mrs. Webb; if you'd like to compete with three of your best friends, let us know :) Registration is 11:30-12:00; competition should be over by 4:30.

Oceans 11 ~ On April 12th the Oceans 11 class is travelling to Truro. NSCC/Dalhousie University campus for a tour of the aquaculture facilities, lab, and student research projects.

Horton High School presents Roald Dahl’s *Willy Wonka!* Shows are at 7 pm on April 20th, 21st, 27th and 28th; matinees are at 2 pm on April 21st and 28th. This year, in addition to the fabulous talent of Horton students on stage, back stage and in the band, we also have the amazing team at Phantom FX onboard for some magical set, costumes and make-up! Stay tuned for info on where to get your tickets for this colourful, timeless show!



Registration numbers for next year are very healthy for both incoming grade 10 pre-IB and incoming grade 11 IB. Current grade 12 IB students will be writing their official IB exams during the month of May. Study hard IB’ers!

Did you know that Horton High is one of 4000 schools worldwide in over 140 countries that offer the IB Diploma Program? Students in IB World schools like Horton are provided a unique education if they choose to pursue this alternate, open-access pathway through high school. They will be encouraged to think independently and drive their own learning, take part in programs of education that can lead them to some of the highest ranking universities around the world, become more culturally aware, develop proficiency in a second language and be able to engage with people in an increasingly globalized, rapidly changing world.

More info? Contact Mr. Fuller, IB Coordinator (jasfuller@gnspes.ca) and/or check out the Horton IB website (follow the “Students” link) or www.ibo.org



In the December 2017 newsletter (page 3) I wrote about how Horton High was now part of the *Motus Wildlife Tracking System*. Below please see an update from *Motus* for 2017:

Horton High is now adding to one of the most ambitious animal tracking, research, and conservation projects in the world. We have continued to significantly expand our network throughout North America, and have increased coverage in South America and Europe. You can see our past and present receiver locations at <https://motus.org/data/receiversMap>, by moving the date slider back and forth at the top of the map.

In 2017 we radio-tagged 111 species and 3626 individuals including birds, bats, and insects. These animals were then tracked throughout the array, providing otherwise unobtainable information about migratory routes, breeding behaviours, and habitat and landscape use. Cumulatively, we have had over 600 receiver stations, 180 research projects with over 109 different collaborators and tagged more than 11928 individuals consisting of 156 different species since Motus began in 2013. You can now view customizable animated tracks of all the tags within the Motus network here: <https://motus.org/data/tracksSearch>, see highlights of Motus in the news <https://motus.org/data/news>, and view scientific papers published using this data: <https://motus.org/data/publications>.

To view what tags have been detected at the Horton High station, visit the interactive map and click on your site: <https://motus.org/data/receiversMap>. This will show the information for the most recent deployment period, if any tags were detected during this period you will be able to open a table which will contain information on the species and date they were tagged, and when they were detected by your station. To view further information on a tag, simply click on the tag ID, you will be brought to a page with links to a timeline and map of detections of that individual. As many stations have multiple deployments throughout the year, make sure you move the date slider at the top of the map to see detections during past deployments. [Submitted by Jason Fuller, IB Diploma Program Coordinator, jasfuller@gnspes.ca]

Horton Daycare

Students who wish to secure a place in daycare for their child in September 2018, should contact Pat Messemer at the daycare center 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.

Do you like working with children?

Are you interested in making a difference in the educational experience of a student?

The Annapolis Valley Regional School Board continues to need to hire Educational Assistants, including casual, part-time, and full-time. Educational Assistants work under the direction of a teacher to support students who are identified through the program planning process as requiring support with medical, personal care, safety and/or behaviour management. A program plan is developed by teachers, parents, and specialists to best address student's individual needs.

The hours of work are based on the instructional school day and Educational Assistants generally work between 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The days of work are Monday to Friday, and do not include holidays and the Christmas, March and summer breaks.

If you believe that you have the ability and interest in this type of work, please contact the Human Resources Department of the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board at 902-538-4600 or view the job postings available on the Board website at www.avrsb.ca. For any assistance required to apply for positions, do not hesitate to contact the Human Resources Department as we have staff available to support you.

Educational Assistants are a valued member of our larger school community that support school based activities and the "whole life" of the school.

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 NO SCHOOL Easter Monday	3	4	5 Global Geography bake sale/t-shirt sale	6 Global Geography bake sale/t-shirt sale	7 Horton Brain Wars
8	9	10	11	12 Music Concert 7 pm	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Report Cards & Parent/Teacher Request forms are sent home	20 Willy Wonka Musical	21 Willy Wonka Musical
22	23 Parent/Teacher request forms due back to Student Services Department	24	25 NO SCHOOL AM—In service PM—Parent/Teacher Interviews	26 Parent/Teacher evening appointments	27 Willy Wonka Musical	28 Willy Wonka Musical
29	30					

Back by popular demand **Exercise is Medicine on Campus – Acadia University** is hosting a 5k fun run on April 8th at 3:00.

Come enjoy the most colourful 5k in the Valley! We don't care if you run, walk, or skip your way across the finish line, we are all about having fun and making memories for all ages and abilities. Whether you are celebrating the end of another school year, or the beginning of spring, this event is for everyone. Come dressed in white and get covered head to toe in bright, beautiful colour.

Registration is \$25.00 without a race kit, and \$30.00 with a race kit until March 18th. After March 18th registration is \$30, no race kit option. Registration is available through Raceroster.com, with links on the Facebook event site, and ValleyEvents.ca

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Acadia Midget B hockey team who are the League Champions for 2018. The team is headed to Provincials on Friday, April 6th in Truro. Ten members attend Horton High:



Riley Curry
Thomas Hillis
Simon Tracy
Eoin Broome
Curtis Davison
Ethan Morrison
Daniel Henri
Jaden MacEachern
Mitch Miller
Billy MacLeod

North Kings Minor Baseball Registration

When: April 7th, 2018 Saturday, 9am to 12pm
April 21st, 2018 Saturday, 9am to 12pm
Where: Percy A. Lydiard Park, Centreville

For more information you can contact Kelly Lee at kelly.lee@live.ca
Forms can be found at
<http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=northkingseagles>
Baseball hats will be sold at registration \$15 – Velcro back \$20 - Flexfit

Open your eyes to the beauty around you, open your mind to the wonders of life, open your heart to those who love you, and always be true to yourself.

~Maya Angelou