

Horton High School ~ September 2018

Welcome back to another new school year, I hope you had a great summer. This has been a great start to 2018-2019! I am very pleased to welcome this year's new staff members to our team, Cynthia MacDonald, Ashley Crowell, Kyla Gillis, Travis Cox, Tavis Bragg, Catherine Surprenant, Chris Dowell, Kyle Guissio, Jamie Steeves, Tina Mailman, and Heidi Jollimore.

Each year I meet with grade levels to review expectations around behaviors, something new this year; students are not permitted to have vapes in their possession, they are illegal for anyone under the age of 19. The consequence for possessing and using a vape at school is an external suspension, please talk with your son or daughter to address this new policy.

Please refer to the numerous forms sent home for your signature, it is important to get those in as soon as possible.

This year we gave each student in grades 9, 10 and 11 a new HP Chromebook for their use, we had to replace the four year old Acers we started this initiative with. Unfortunately we were not able to give grade 12's a new one, so we took the best ACERs we had and distributed those. As I have corresponded in the past, these units are for school work, the only reason we considered in the decision to move forward; they are not meant for recreational use.

If you have any questions on the use of Chromebooks, please drop me a message and I will be eager to help.

Parent Orientation will take place on September 20th at 7:00 pm. Further details are included further on in the newsletter.

~B. Stokes, Principal

Student Services

Addiction Counselling - Every Monday, Tara Newcombe, an Addictions Counsellor, comes to our school to meet with students. Parents/students wishing to make a referral can do so through Student Services, by Mrs. Jacqueline Langille, Administrative Assistant, or one of our Counsellors, Mr. George Armstrong, or Mrs. Sandy Coldwell.

Breakfast Programme - All students are able to get breakfast (free!!) through the cafeteria: you can get milk or juice, fruit and a multigrain item. Students can simply go through the cafeteria and mention that you would "like the free breakfast". This is one of our health initiatives which is sponsored in part by "Annapolis Valley Health", AVRSB, and "Breakfast For Learning". We believe that good nutrition is a key to optimum school performance and healthy living. Anyone wishing to make a financial contribution to assist us in providing nutrition to our students, please contact Ms. Val Kennie, Financial Secretary.

Grad Fees - Reminder that Grad fees are \$80. You may pay by instalments. Please see Mrs. Langille in Student Services before December.

Post-Secondary Information Day - There will be a representative from approximately 40 universities and colleges available to grade 11 and 12 students on **Wednesday, September 26th**. Grade 12 students will attend period 1 for attendance and then be invited to Horton Hall for period 1 from 9:00—10:10 am. Grade 11 students will attend period 2 for attendance and will be invited to Horton Hall from 10:20 - 10:45 am.

Grade 12 Parent Information Evening - Mr. Armstrong will be discussing information on University/College applications, scholarships, admission requirements, students loans, etc. on **October 11th, 7-8 pm @ Horton**.

NSCC Applicants - Grade 12 students who applied for NSCC programs during grade 11 are reminded that they must send an *In Progress Transcript* to NSCC Admissions before September 30th to hold their spot in their prospective program.

Prefects - Any students who are interested in becoming a Prefect Leader here at Horton are asked to listen closely to the announcements the next couple weeks. We will be welcoming new leaders to join us and learn about how you can be involved in our school community.

Peer Tutors- Any student willing to be a peer tutor is asked to sign up in Student Services ASAP.

Orange Shirt Day—Friday, September 28th

Orange Shirt Day is coming up and has been established in order to acknowledge and remember children who attended Residential Schools in Canada. These schools were in operation between 1870 and 1996. Some children who attended Residential Schools survived; however many did not. Orange shirts have become a symbol for the day because of the story of Residential School Survivor Phyllis Webstad (link below). Orange Shirt Day takes place on September 30th each year. This year it falls on a Sunday. For this reason we have decided to honor the day of Friday, September 28th.

<http://www.orangeshirtday.org/phyllis-story.html>.

The Horton **Intervarsity Club** (formally known as Horton Christian Fellowship) will be meeting on Tuesday at Lunch in Room 1115.



Congratulations to the East Kings U-15 Girls Soccer team who brought home silver at the provincial championships held in North Sydney, the weekend of Sept. 8th and 9th. Twenty-two members attend Horton High:

Paige Acker, Dakota Andersen, Lindsey Atwell, Mary Cormier, Reanne Curry, Stella Ducarme, Sophie Edgar, Jana Forsyth, Sarah Hogan, Ida Hudson, Alex MacDonald, Anna MacDonald, Rachel MacDonald, Salena MacDonald, Brynna MacKenzie, Aidan MacLeod, Georgia Messom, Genna Miner, Julia Newcombe, Karlee Saulnier, Olivia Veale and Ella Walsh.

Schedule for Horton Parent Orientation Evening - September 20th

BRING YOUR CHILD'S DAY 1 SCHEDULE

7:00 pm - Welcome & Orientation - Performance Centre

7:15 pm - Parents will be directed to Day 1, Period 1 class

7:20 pm - Day 1, Period 1

7:30 pm - Class change for year-long courses

7:40 pm - Day 1, Period 2

7:50 pm - Class change for year-long courses

8:00 pm - Day 1, Period 3

8:10 pm - Class change for year-long courses

8:20 pm - Day 1, Period 4

8:30 pm - Class change for year-long courses

*Mr. Carver will break every 10 minutes to announce the session changes. **Note** that people in year-long (every other day) courses will spend 10 minutes in each class for a particular block (A/E, B/F, C/G, D/H) while those in semestered courses will have a 20 minute session in that particular class.

*If you are interested in gaining access to the **Parent Portal** at this time, please bring a piece of photo ID.



*To often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile,
a kind word, a listening ear,
an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring,
all of which have the potential to turn a life around.*

~Leo Buscaglia

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23	24	25	26 POST SECONDARY INFO DAY FOR GRADE 11 & 12 STUDENTS	27 EARLY DISMISSAL 12:15 PM	28 ORANGE SHIRT DAY	29
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