

# Hants North Newsletter



October, 2018

## September is Behind Us!

We have had a great beginning to the 2018-2019 school year with all grades settling in nicely to another school year. Our academic programs, as well as some of our extra-curricular activities are in full swing. We would like to thank all students for such a positive “vibe” around the school!

Keep it up!

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## PowerSchool Student-Parent Portal and Web Site

This portal enables parents to see information such as students’ attendance, assessments and teacher’s comments at the higher grades, and upcoming school events – in real-time. Through our school’s website, parents and students can view newsletters, menus, teacher contact information, calendar dates, policies and other useful information. We encourage you to visit the site often. For classes that use Google Classroom, parents and students are encouraged to view the information by sitting down together and accessing the Google Classroom site or App. This is an excellent way of seeing what your child is accomplishing in the classes that are using it.



Our Web Site address is: [www.hnrh.ccrce.ca](http://www.hnrh.ccrce.ca).

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## Reminder to Parents/Guardians

All students are to be signed out at the office if they are being picked up during school hours. A reminder to all parents to check into the office to have your child called up and signed out. We thank you in advance for helping to keep our students safe.

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## Severe Allergies

A reminder that we are a nut sensitive school as we have students with severe / life threatening allergies to nuts. Peanut butter or other nut products are not be brought to school. We are also a scent sensitive school. This means that staff and students are not to use sprays or perfumes. This may be a real inconvenience for some families, but we are trying to create the safest environment possible for all of our students.

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## Message from Public Health

Public Health Services provides a school based immunization plan for all grade 7 students in NS. A consent form was sent home in September. The date of the immunization are October 25th.

## School Day Times

The school day has changed a bit for staff and students this year at Hants North. We are now operating on a four day cycle with four 75 minute periods per day, with a 40 minute lunch break.

The doors open at 8:25 am, if students or busses arrive before that time they have to wait until 8:25 before leaving the bus or entering the building. Please do not drop students before that time and expect that they can enter the building. Students have a 10 minute morning break at 10:00. Senior lunch is from 11:25 - 12:05 and junior lunch runs from 12:05 - 12:45. The school day ends at 2:35 with buses leaving at 2:40.

If students are participating in extracurricular activities they must be supervised by a coach or team liaison. **If a game or practice does not begin until 4:00 students should not be in the building until the coach or liaison invites them in. Students should not be staying to watch other teams practices.**

The above is all looking out for student safety, students must be supervised both before school and during extracurricular activities.

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## Contacting Students During the School Day

The cell phone policy that was brought in last year is still in effect. Students are not permitted to use their phones or tablets during instructional time unless permission is granted by their instructor. Devices are very distracting to the user, others around them and the instructor.

If you as a parent need to contact your child please do not expect them to answer texts or other messages during instructional time. If you need to get a message to, or talk to your child please call the office and a message can be relayed, or the student can be called to the office to speak directly to you.

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## 2019 Graduates!

Grad fees for 2019 graduates are \$50. This can be paid to Lisa in the office. Graduation pictures will be taken on October 30th and 31st. Listen to announcements for sign up times in the office



## Grade 12 Parent Information Evening

Ms. MacIntyre will be discussing information on University/College applications, scholarships, admission requirements, students loans, etc. on October 18th, 6 pm @ HNRH meeting room.

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## Attendance Policy

Consistent student attendance is crucial to student success. We have now entered the new era of a provincial attendance and engagement policy. The danger of frequent absences from school is that students will develop gaps in their learning that will hinder future knowledge. This new policy stresses the importance of regular school attendance. It states that 20 percent missed time could result in the loss of credit in High School courses, this number was generated based upon student missing just 1 day per week. However, communication is a key aspect of this policy, stressing that schools need to implement communication and interventions when students miss 10% and 15% of class time. We will ensure that there will be no surprise when a student is at risk for loss of credit. The policy can be found [here](#) or on our website.

## Note to Parents/Guardians:

Please contact the school should any of your contact information change. Accurate records ensure that we can contact you regarding your child.

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## Important Dates

OCTOBER 17	Grade 7 Immunization
OCTOBER 15	SAC 6:00 followed by KDS Home and School
OCTOBER 19	Picture Retake day
OCTOBER 26	Provincial Conference Day - No School
OCTOBER 30-31	Grad Pictures
NOVEMBER 12	Remembrance Day Observance - No School
NOVEMBER 14	Report Cards Distributed (Grades 9-12)
NOVEMBER 15	Evening Parent Teacher 6:30-8:00pm - ALL HNRH- Grades 7-12
NOVEMBER 16	No School-Parent Teacher Interviews 9:00-11:45 AM / Site-based PD (PM) - ALL HNRH
NOVEMBER 27	Report Cards Distributed (Grades 7-8)
DEC 24-JAN 02	CHRISTMAS BREAK
JANUARY 03	Classes resume
JANUARY 28-31	Semester 1 Exams (9-12)

## Webpage, Facebook and Calendar

For up to date information follow us on Facebook @HNRHKDS and check our website. We have added a Google calendar that will update automatically on our website as events are added.

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