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Principal’s Message

As we enter the last stretch of the school year there is so much to be proud of and there is still much to be done. Our students are making progress in their classes and others are preparing for their final exams, AP students are writing exams in May and Provincial and Final exams for all other classes will take place from June 19 -25. Teachers will continue to provide guidance and support for students on a regular basis. I encourage students to utilize peer tutoring and seek out extra help from their teachers as we enter the final months of school. Students will need to remain focused as the weather gets better. The next month will be busy; however, I know our students will meet every challenge.

In addition to athletics, the following activities are taking place this spring. May 5—National Day of Awareness for MMIWG, May 15- Black Excellence Day, Aubcon -May 24, grade 9 orientation on May 27 for our feeder schools, Our prom will take place on June 24th and graduation is on June 27th at 2pm at Zatzman Sportsplex in Dartmouth.

We would like to congratulate grade 11 students namely Emily Singleton and Stella Kminek being chosen to represent the school as our Lieutenant Governor’s award recipients at the ceremony in Halifax on May 20, 2025.

For those students going on to post-secondary university and college please check out the bulletin board in student services and/or follow the school on our Instagram page for scholarship information. There is still time to apply for financial support and scholarships. Do not hesitate to reach out for assistance and support.

Any student/family who has sent in an Out of Area Request Form, communication will be made to them during late May or early June.

Remember it takes a collective approach to ensure the success of a child. PowerSchool can provide you with a snapshot of what is taking place in the classroom; however, I encourage you to contact your child’s teacher before the end of the year. Your child’s attendance and participation are important.

Let’s continue to work together for the success of all.

Yours In Education,
Karen Hudson, Principal

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May Is.....

Asian Heritage Month

Canadian Jewish Heritage Month

Polish Heritage Month

Speech and Hearing Month

May 5 is Red Dress Day

May 11– 17 is Education Week

May 15 is Black Excellence Day

May 17 is the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

May 25 is Nova Scotia Access Awareness Week



Don't forget to check the school website: abn.hrce.ca for updates on what is happening at Auburn.

Instagram: @boomertheeagle for student council and sports updates.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May

- 5– National Day of Awareness for MMIWG
- 19– Victoria Day, No Classes,
- 24– Aubcon, 10am–5pm

June

- 19– 25 —Exams
- 24–Prom
- 26– 27—High School Assessment & Evaluation Days
- 27—Graduation Ceremony
- 30—Last Day of School

From Student Services

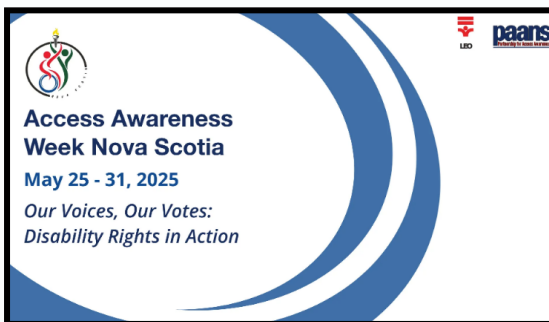
Follow us on Instagram, @auburnstudentservices and check on the bulletin board in Student Services & the website regularly for updates on available scholarships, bursaries and other school news.



Auburn's Robotics Team placed 3rd at Acadia University's Robofest.



Schools Plus hosted Franklyn the Newf, a St. John Ambulance therapy dog during lunch on Thursday, April 24. Many of our students stopped by to visit with this gentle giant and got some pets and snuggles in, all in support of mental wellness.



Access Awareness Week

Access Awareness Week takes place annually during the last week of May to raise awareness about disability, access and inclusion. This year, Access Awareness Week runs from May 25-31, and the provincial theme is "Our Voices, Our Votes: Disability Rights in Action."

For 38 years, Nova Scotians have organized community events, flag raising, forums, and concerts during Access Awareness Week to bring attention to the importance of removing barriers for people with disabilities. More information can be found [here](#).



NEWS FROM THE FINE ARTS DESK

February was a busy month for the fine arts scene at Auburn, featuring our fabulous dinner theatre performance of the show *All-Star* on Feb 26-28, phenomenal dancing talent displayed by our students at HRCE “Mascot Showdown” hosted by Auburn Drive, and our hard working Canada Improv Games Improv team making their way to a top 4 national finish in an online Wild Card event. Phew!

On March 20, **Neptune’s TourCo** brought a production of *Golden/Moose and Hawk* to Auburn drive with over 200 students and teachers in attendance. This was a cleverly written and well acted combo play that represented some strong cultural perspectives and voices of African Nova Scotians and Mi’kmaw peoples.

April has the Drama 11/12 class going to visit four of Auburn’s feeder schools with an original show that was done three years ago that developed with story and character inspiration from the students of the schools that are being visited. As part of the Drama 11/12 program, they act as a theatre company and devise original shows that suit the audiences they would like to play for with an emphasis on culture, community and creativity.

In May we will be carrying our second production to **Theatre Nova Scotia’s** Nova Scotia High School Dramafest at Dalhousie University. The show will be on one of the nights of May 7-9. Fifteen lucky students will be attending workshops at this same festival as they connect with professionals and artists from around the province and the country. The students will be part of a contingent of over 300 students from across the province. May might also be an opportunity for students to learn about creative make-up skills from the College of Makeup Art & Design / Road Show currently making a tour.

On May 2 there is also an opportunity for students to see a **Halifax Regional Arts** live production of William Shakespeare’s *Midsummer Night’s Dream* performed at Cole Harbour High

May will also have Auburn Drive hosting the second year of our rebooted annual gaming/sci-fi/fantasy convention: AUBCON! On May 24 from 10am-5pm students and staff will be running an exciting day of activities, gaming competitions of all kinds, vendor shopping and food for our guests. This event is open to the public and families are encouraged and is a safe space and encourages all the creative and special talents of our students and others from the HRM to come participate. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for students, and kids 10 and under are free. Come find out more about us on our instagram account @aubcon.eagles, and on Facebook!

Lastly, in one year’s time, Auburn Drive High is planning to produce our first foray into a big production musical! There will be a meeting of interest later in April or early May so please stay tuned to the Auburn social media and our school website. This musical will need a huge amount of support from the community and families if it is to work, and a booking in May at Woodlawn High School Theatre has already been put in place. Stay tuned for more information!

Thanks for your support of the performing arts,

Sincerely- Ryan Sadler



MOOSE HIDE
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MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN DAY

HELP END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

On **May 15, 2025** join Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians from across Canada to support reconciliation and help end violence against all women and children.

Moose Hide Campaign Day is a day for connecting, learning and sharing, where you can hear from inspiring speakers, share experiences and join workshops. It's a day of ceremony where we invite you to fast with us from sunrise to sunset in our **#FastToEndViolence**. Tune into the livestream or join us for our in-person Workshops and **#WalkToEndViolence** in Victoria, BC.

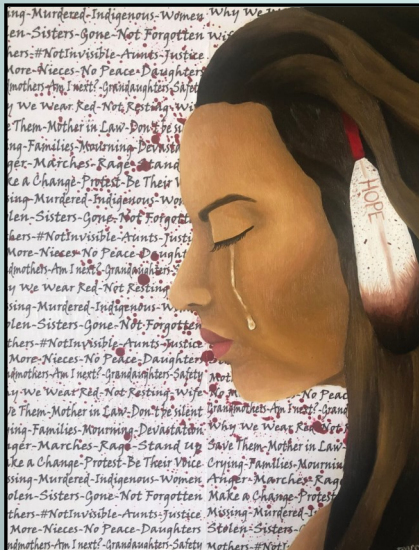
Supporters are encouraged to wear and share the moose hide pins on the day (and every day!) and organize events with their organizations, schools or communities. Fasters will be supported on their fasting journey throughout the day. Events are free for anyone to attend.

Learn more at moosehidecampaign.ca

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WEAR RED ON MAY 5TH

**National Day of
Awareness for
Missing and Murdered
Indigenous Women
and Girls**

niwrc.org

BLACK EXCELLENCE DAY



May 15 is Black Excellence Day

What is Black Excellence Day? In essence Black Excellence Day is about acknowledging, celebrating, and uplifting Black contributions while fostering a more inclusive and equitable environment. Black Excellence Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and successes of Black individuals within the community.



Finish the year off strong with Homework Hub!

- **GNSPES Access**
Easy access to online resources and tutoring through your GNSPES account (gnspes.ca) by clicking on the Nova Scotia Homework Hub icon.
- **24/7 Access**
Anytime access to video tutorials, practice questions and vocabulary review.
- **Bilingual Tutors**
Tutors available for students in:
 - Grade 4-6 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
 - Grade 7-12 on school nights 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Find the Homework Hub at
gnspes.ca or call 1-888-444-6607**





AFRICENTRIC LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

On April 16 the Auburn Drive Africentric Cohort hosted the Africentric Leadership Summit at Mount Saint Vincent University. The theme this year was “Knowledge is Power!” Approximately 200 students from various HRCE schools attended. The summit included speakers from the African Nova Scotian Community as well as panels and workshops to discuss and learn about topics such as: An Introduction to the Africentric Cohort for grade 9 students, Black Excellence in Sports, Music and Poetry, Black People in STEM and Black Narrative in the Media. The response by students was very positive with most saying they learned a lot and would attend again in the future.

Attention Grads!

If you are attending a post– secondary institution and have received a scholarship or a bursary that you would like acknowledged at graduation, please bring a copy of both your scholarship letter and the letter of acceptance to a post-secondary institution to Mrs. Saunders in the main office.



On Wednesday May 7th, 40 Auburn students will be taking part in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) - an important international assessment that measures the skills and knowledge of 15-year-old students in science, mathematics, and reading, as well as a newly introduced innovative domain: learning in the digital world. PISA has been conducted every three years since 2000. Approximately 90 countries participate in PISA, including Canada.



The West Bedford High School GSA is gearing up for another awesome night of talent from our 2SLGBTQIA+ youth in high schools in the central zone. The Halifax Gay Men's Chorus is returning as ECMA nominees!

- The date is Thursday, June 12th, 7-9 pm.
- Location is West Bedford High School.
- Purpose is to provide opportunity for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth to showcase their talents, foster connections across high schools, strengthen safe school environments and create a sense of belonging that is focused on celebration and joy!
- It is only for high school GSAs in the central zone.
- It is a 'family friendly' event therefore G rated performances only.

Empowering Futures:
Innovation in Education

**Education
Week**
May 11-17
2025



Education Week is a special opportunity to acknowledge educators, school support staff and partners for their outstanding work. This year's theme, *Empowering Futures: Innovation in Education*, celebrates educators who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to infuse innovation into their classrooms and schools. We applaud educators, school staff, and partners who embrace innovation in meeting the evolving needs of students in preparing them for a rapidly changing future. Please take a moment, if you feel inspired, to send a note of appreciation to an educator in your child's life who is having a positive impact!



Prom & Graduation

The prom organizers are hosting an online fundraising auction on the "Auburn High Prom Spring Auction 2025" Facebook page. Spread the word! Bidding will open on May 4. We are still looking for donations for the auction. Donations can be dropped off in the Main Office.

We are seeking volunteers to sort bottles for our bottle drive on May 3 from 9am until 12 Auburn Drive high school. Please contact the prom committee if you can help out.

Prom will be held on June 24th at The Annex by Glow parties (7107 Chebucto Rd, Halifax).
Ticket Prices will be announced after fundraising totals have been calculated in mid-late May.

**Our Graduation Ceremony will take place on
June 27 at 2 pm in the Zatzman Sportsplex
110 Wyse Rd, Dartmouth.**





Congratulations!

We've got some amazing news to share—our students are making waves in both math and robotics!

First, we are thrilled to announce that Auburn Drive has achieved 1st place for Nova Scotia in the prestigious University of Waterloo Cayley Math Contest! This University of Waterloo Math Contest is recognized nationwide for its challenging problems that test logic, reasoning, and creativity.

A huge shoutout to Luke Coombs and Ali Ferrier, who tied for 1st place! Their hard work and sharp problem-solving skills really paid off.

We also want to recognize Len Shen and Noah Johnson for scoring in the top 25% nationally—an amazing achievement in such a challenging competition.

Sydney Stonehouse, Fay Wu, Liam MacDonald, Natalia Rodrigues and Zachary Morash make Auburn's Robotics Team. We would like to congratulate the team for bringing home 3rd place from Robofest at Acadia University! Even more exciting—they've been invited to the World Robofest Competition in Michigan this May. We're so proud of their creativity, teamwork, and engineering smarts.

Please join us in congratulating these students and celebrating these impressive achievements that bring pride and recognition to Auburn Drive High School.

Measles prevention in Nova Scotia

We are sharing the following on behalf of Nova Scotia Public Health:

Measles cases are rising in Canada. Measles is a virus that spreads easily and can cause serious complications. **The best way to prevent measles is vaccination.**

Nova Scotia offers free vaccines to eligible people. These can be given by primary care providers, pharmacists and Public Health.

Parents are encouraged to check their family's vaccine records and get the measles vaccine if missing doses. Check your vaccine records at vaxrecords.nshealth.ca.

Who should get vaccinated?

- ◆ Anyone born in or after 1970 should get **two doses** of vaccine, typically given at 12 and 18 months. If missed, children and adults can catch up for free.
- ◆ Adults born before 1970 are generally considered immune but can get a single dose if travelling.
- ◆ Infants 6-12 months old can get a single dose if travelling but still require two doses after their first birthday to complete the series.

Find out more about measles vaccination: www.nshealth.ca/measles.