



Principal's Message

October 2026

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year. We have been busy getting started and have lots of remarkable things to report. First, I would like to welcome back our vice principals and our amazing team of teachers and support staff, cafeteria staff, care takers as well as new and returning students. I also want to welcome all our new staff.

This year Auburn is hosting 25 new and returning international students from all over the world. We are so proud of our school and community and look forward to sharing our culture and overall high school experience with them.

Many of our sports teams and groups are underway and I encourage students to get involved in any way they can. There are many groups and clubs to join that will suit all interests. Part of a positive high school experience comes from participating in school activities, getting to know your peers, and making great memories! Since the beginning of September, there have been many things happening at Auburn Drive High School; welcome week, curriculum night, spirit week, lock down drills, home openers games, the Terry Fox run, Anti-bullying day, fundraisers, planning school trips, and school photos, to name a few. In addition, we have completed our required drills for the month of September i.e.. Fire drill, Lockdown, and Hold and Secure. We have had guest speakers and post-secondary visitors with more to come. AARAO Tour visited October 2nd, with lots with lots of important information from the universities, colleges, career institutions, and trades programs.

This year all high schools have implemented the NS lunch program. As we work towards the transition from our regular cafeteria to the NS lunch program, we encourage all students to make sure they register during the period the program is open to order your meals. In addition, please make sure your child brings water or a recycled bottle to school for water. We are happy to have our former cafeteria person – Tony, Deepika, and Anna assist with the preparation of the food. Thank you for the care that you take every day.

Students are encouraged to check the board inside the student services office, google classroom, our Instagram page @auburnstudentservices regularly for up-to-date information on open houses, post secondary visits, scholarships, and bursaries. This is a great place for Grade 12 students to check for fun & exciting new and returning events and scholarships.

October is Mi'kmaw History month. As a school, we recognized Truth & Reconciliation, and we honour the rich culture and heritage of the Mi'kmaq people. I encourage each one of you to take time during this month and every month to learn something new about our Indigenous culture.

Dates to Remember

Now until March 31-
Yearbooks on sale **October**
1- Treaty Day
October 8- Homecoming dance
October 12- Thanksgiving, no classes
October 13- Boys Hockey home opener
October 19-23- Bus safety week
October 23- NSTU Conference Day, no classes pp-12
November 2- school photo retakes
November 10- ADHS Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 11- Remembrance Day, no classes
November 16-19 mid term reports
November 30-Dec 11 Grad photos
December 4- NSTU Conference Day, no classes pp-12
December 18- Last day for students for Holiday break
January 4- Studentss return from break

Once again, we will be following the cell phone policy as laid out by the province of Nova Scotia and the HRCE, I recommend reading it if you are not familiar with it already and having a conversation with your student about how important it is to abide by these guidelines. I strongly encourage you to continue to review PowerSchool for your child's progress and attendance. I also encourage you to stay in-volved in the educational development of your child so we can work together to help every student achieve success!

In the days ahead take note of important dates including picture retakes, grad photos, parent teacher interviews, etc.

Please remember Auburn Drive High remains a Scent Free School. Please be mindful when sending food with students we have staff and students who are allergic to strawberries, kiwis, and peanuts. I wish you a healthy and successful school year and look forward to the days ahead.

Karen Hudson, Principal



Here are some highlights from the assembly at Bell Park Elementary School where Rachel Merrick (our INS) attended along with a few of her students.



Look at all the students and staff who participated by wearing their orange shirts! Isn't that fantastic!

INDIGENOUS student union

We are thrilled to announce that Auburn now has an Indigenous Student Union!! If you would like to help plan events, share culture, create awareness, and make a difference around our school and community, we'd love to have your support. There are posters around the school with a class code to join. This is not just for Indigenous students but allies from all backgrounds who want to help us make Auburn a place where Indigenous culture, voices, and students are celebrated.





Hockey: The boys hockey home opener will be at CHP on Tuesday, October 13th, (Scotia 1) @ 6:30 pm. Home games will be every Tuesday night.



From the Drama

Department: This year Mr. Saddler and ADHS is excited to announce they will be putting on "Legally Blonde" Stay tuned for updates.

And from the yearbook committee...

Yearbooks are on sale now. To purchase a yearbook, go online to the Auburn Drive High School website and navigate to School Cash. Once on the page, select yearbook. Yearbooks are \$55 until December 1st. The cost will increase to \$60 from December 22nd to March 31st. No late payments will be accepted.

Baseball: The boy's and girl's baseball teams both won the Capital Region Championship this year. The boy's team have been perennial contenders every year, and the girl's team which is in it's second year of existence in the province, was able to win it's very first championship. They will both compete for the provincial title next weekend. The Boy's will compete here in Metro and the Girl's will travel to Cape Breton.

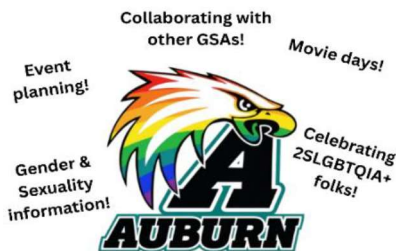
YOUTH HEALTH CENTRE

What is the Youth Health Centre?

Your Youth Health Centre (YHC) provides a safe, welcoming and supportive environment to help you make decisions about your health and well-being. The YHC Coordinator supports your health needs through confidential conversations, helps navigate you to health resources in the community if needed, and helps to create opportunities for health and well-being in the school.

The YHC is a partnership between the Halifax Regional Centre for Education and Nova Scotia Health, and is operated by Public Health.

ADHS YHC is located on the third floor at the top of the stairs. All are welcome



Gender & Sexuality Alliance meets the first day of the school week in room 304

All are welcome! Bring your lunch and a pal



Donate Today!

Auburn Drive High School's SAC is still accepting monetary donations for new bleachers!