

September , 2021 Volume 1



Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2021-2022 academic school year. We are excited for the wonderful start. As principal, I look forward to the opportunity to get to know your student. I want to welcome back our Vice – Principal – Mr. McDougall (responsible for surnames A-L) and our new VP joining us this year is Mr. MacLellan (responsible for surnames M-Z). Please feel free to contact them if you have any issues relating to your student.

We are excited that students are able to engage in athletic teams, as well as extra-curricular clubs. I encourage students to get involved and develop relationships with their teachers as well as their coaches. This is a great opportunity to meet new people.

Our first curriculum night took place on Thursday, September 16 at 6:30pm. Teachers sent out a link to their classroom video. This gave you a glimpse of the outcomes and the breakdown for each class. Please contact your child's teacher if you did not receive an email from them.

We strongly encourage you to continue to review PowerSchool for your child's progress and attendance. We also encourage you to stay involved in the educational development of your child.

Our school is required to hold six fire drills, lock down and hold secure drills. A messenger will be sent home to confirm the dates of the drills.

On Thursday, September 9th, many students as well as staff wore pink shirts to show their support for anti-bully day. We have come so far but still have a way to go.

Students are encouraged to wear orange on September 29 as a way to celebrate and recognize Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30. October is Mi'kmaq Heritage Month

Please remember Auburn Drive High remains a cent Free School. I wish you a healthy and successful school year

Ms. Hudson



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September 16
Curriculum Night
September 24
PD No Classes
September 29
Orange Shirt Day For Auburn High
September 30
"Truth and Reconciliation Day" No Classes

October 22

PD No Classes

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AUBURN DRIVE HIGH WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING STAFF MEMBERS:

VP M-Z **CHRIS MACLELLAN**

ENGLISH & FINE ARTS JAMES LECK

GUIDANCE A-L (10%) CRYSTAL BLACKLER

LEARNING CENTRE **ELIZABETH OLMSTEAD**

LEARNING CENTRE **SHANNON DOYLE**

LYN WATTS

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER **MELODIE SKEET**

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO **FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH OUR SUPPORT STAFF:**

VP A-L ANDREW MCDOUGALL

VP M-Z **CHRIS MACLELLAN**

GUIDANCE A-L LINDSAY MUNROE

GUIDANCE M-Z JANET ROSE

EAL FIONA MCCOOL

AFRICAN SUPPORT WORKER **IRA FRASER**

INDIGENOUS SUPPORT WORKER TERRY DRYSDALE

From The Learning Centre...

Auburn Drives Learning Centre would like to welcome their new teachers and EPA's. They are also happy to welcome two new students this year.

COVID 19 **UPDATE**

Nova Scotia extended phase 4 until October 4th, All rules will remain the same and be reassessed on that date.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY

As you likely are aware, the Federal Government passed legislation this spring recognizing September 30th as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, beginning in 2021. On September 3, 2021, the



Province of Nova Scotia announced it will annually recognize September 30th as Truth and Reconciliation Day and provincial government offices, public schools and regulated child care will be closed. All HRCE schools and offices will be closed on Thursday, September 30, 2021.

The purpose of the day is to honour First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Survivors and their families and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of our history and the harm caused by residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process. Please utilize September 30 as a

day of reflection and further learning.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) was officially launched in 2008 as part of the Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (IRSSA). Intended to be a process that would guide Canadians through the difficult discovery of the facts behind the residential school system, the

TRC was also meant to lay the foundation for lasting reconciliation across Canada. In June 2021, the Government of Canada declared September 30th as National Truth and Reconciliation Day to honor those who attended Residential School and their families. On Wednesday September 29th, Auburn Staff and Students are asked to wear orange to show respect for those who were in Residential school and their families. On September 29th, we will be selling "Every Child Matters" shirts for a cost of \$7. Wela'lin (thank vou). Msit no'kmaq (all my relations). We encourage you to support the "Every Child Matters" campaign by purchasing a shirt. They will be on sale at a first come first serve basis. If you are unable to buy one, please show your support by wearing orange.

Terry Fox/Student Council

The Student Council would like to organize a Terry Fox Walk for Friday, October 1st during the second period of the day. That day follows a Wednesday schedule so it would be during block 4A.

We are hoping to donate more than we usually do to the Terry Fox Foundation this year so the students will be asked to donate a minimum of \$5 to participate in the walk. (this will take 1/2 a period)

And in Sports...

Some teams are already underway! New this year is CHEERLEADING and DANCE!









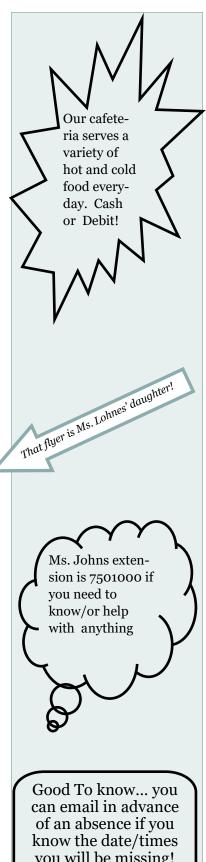
Interested dancers can sign up in Student Services Interested cheerleaders meet Tuesday at lunch in room 225

From The French Department

The 11s and 12s are rocking it-working hard and the grade 10s are getting into the groove of high school. Mme. Martin is blown away by the Géographie Planétaire class and their work ethic. M. Chiasson and his daughter Mia made some name signs for our doors over the summer with our heritage on them if anyone wants to check them out.

Mr. Mackenzie's message

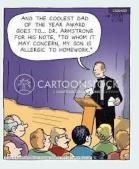
Federal election contest in all the classes I teach. Students try and predict number of seats the parties will end with at the end.



you will be missing!



A reminder to families that all attendance at Auburn is done in writing. You can either send an email to jennifer.johns@hrce.ca or your student can bring in a note when they return from their absence, which ever is easiest for you.



School Cash Online is now available for parents/students!

Click on the 'School Cash Online' button on our web page or this link:

https://hrce.schoolcashonline.com/

When using it for the first time you will click on 'Register' (on the left-hand side). Once you have set up your account you will be able to just sign in and see anything that applies to your student.

The details of payment options are on the website. Help with any website issues is available 24/7 through their help lines.

A note from Ms. Johns in the main office:

My apologies for misunderstandings regarding the delivery of the link. I had thought initially it was to be emailed to each of you automatically, thus some confusion. We are all straightened away now. Please contact me in the main office if you have further questions. 902-462-6900, ext 7501000

~Ms. Johns

From The Guidance Department

Make sure to follow us on Instagram for information on Bursary's and Scholarships!

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