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Principal's Message

Lots of great things have happened around Auburn since our last newsletter. Students have been involved in university presentations, attending school sport events and games, participating in school spirit activities and even filling out applications for scholarships.

A huge thank you to our Auburn Air team, Mr. Sadler and Mr. Coombs for organizing the school virtual Remembrance Day event. Great job!

Also, in November, some of our classes chose to participate in the MADD presentation. This presentation never disappoints.

Our School Advisory Committee (SAC) met and will again in January.

Grad photos were taken and retakes will commence in the new year.

Time has gone swiftly so far this year and our school guidance counsellors are busy assisting our potential graduates with their next steps. If your son/daughter is graduating in June 2021, please encourage them to construct their letters for scholarships/bursaries. Students can also follow our Instagram page or check the board in Student Services

I would like to take this time to welcome some new staff to our team;

Sandra Hulan – Indigenous Support

Lee Boutin – EPA

Welcome to Auburn High School! We look forward to working with you.

Yearbooks are on sale in the main office for \$55 dollars. Make sure to order yours early so you do not miss the deadline. All grade 12 students must have their picture taken with our photographer in order to be in the yearbook and on the school composite.

Our very own Girls hockey team won the Auburn tournament in November.

And last but certainly not least, our Football team became the Provincial Champs after playing through the entire season without losing a single game. This was the first time for Auburn to win this big and we could not be any prouder. Congratulations to the students, coaches, team, parents, and everyone who supported them through their journey. Make sure to read the tribute page in this newsletter.

Auburn High School continues to be a scent free location. We have a number of severe allergies and ask you do not bring these items, or things containing them, into the building: strawberries, latex, peanuts, tree nuts. Thank you.

Wishing everyone a special holiday.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 13-21 Holiday Spirit Week

December 17 last day before break

January 4 Staff return to work

January 6 Students return to school

January 24-28 Exams

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Indigenous Holiday Tradition

Like many cultures, Mi'kmaw will gather around a tree on December 25 and open presents among family and friends. Many will attend church later in the day while some will not. Many may undergo a sweat or other ceremony to pay homage to the spirit world as their customs dictate

Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is an annual celebration of African-American culture that is held from December 26 to January 1, culminating in a communal feast called Karamu, usually held on the 6th day.

Hanukkah

(Hebrew: "Dedication") also called **Feast of Dedication**, **Festival of Lights**, or **Feast of the Macabees**, is a Jewish festival that begins on Kislev 25 and is celebrated for eight days. Hanukkah reaffirms the ideals of Judaism and commemorates in particular the rededication of the Second Temple of Jerusalem by the lighting of candles on each day of the festival.

Chinese New Year

Also called **Lunar New Year**, is an annual 15-day festival in China and Chinese communities around the world that begins with the new moon that occurs sometime between January 21 and February 20 according to Western calendars. Festivities last until the following full moon. Chinese New Year occurs on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, in many of the countries that celebrate it.

Chinese New Year 2022—The Year of the Tiger

Tiger according to Chinese zodiac. This is a Year of Water Tiger, starting from the 2022 Chinese New Year on Feb. 1 and lasting to 2023 Lunar New Year's Eve on Jan. 21. The Tiger ranks third in the 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodiac signs. The Years of the Tiger include 1914, 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022, 2034...

Tigers, considered to be brave, cruel, forceful, and terrifying, are the symbol of power and lordliness in Chinese culture. In ancient times, people usually compared emperors or kings with the tigers. Tigers are also considered as a patron deity for children and parents will prepare the shoes and hats with tiger designs for their babies.

The Chinese zodiac Tiger sign entitles people born in the Years of the Tiger to be natural leaders. They are adventurous, ambitious and have a strong sense of justice, but maybe also a little arrogant and im-

Student Council Presents Spirit Week December 13th -21st

Monday— Holiday Bling Day-Wear holiday accessories and visit our photo booth

Tuesday— Winter Wonderland Day-Dress head to toe on white. Play Antler Ring Toss

Wednesday— Holiday Sweater & Sock Day-Holiday sweater contest

Thursday— Holiday Vacation Day- Dress like you're on vacation, come get some hot chocolate

Friday— Dripmas Day-Wear your best outfit! Lip Sync Contest

On behalf of staff and students in the Learning Centre, we'd like to give a shout out to the Auburn Eagles Football Team. Way to go team!

The Learning Centre's very own technical wizard, Debbie Faloon is leaving Auburn. Debbie has worked tirelessly as an EPA for 24 years. Ms. Faloon is still with HRCE as Assistive Technology Support Worker. We will miss her positive energy and warm compassion. We all wish her the best in her new position as we welcome



Information From The Office:

#1792: Proclamation and Commemoration. Mayor Savage has declared January 15th, 2022 the 230th anniversary of Black Loyalists Exodus. Thank you Mr. Savage and thank you Ms. Hudson and the Auburn Drive High Afrocentric Cohort for all you

ATTENDANCE

Co-op and O2 attendance is done by the advisors once per week after they have checked in on with the placement managers. You will receive a phone call home on those days from our automated system.

****REMINDER** If your student is going to miss class/classes, you have two options; 1) send an email to jennifer.johns@hrce.ca asking her to mark the student as excused OR 2) send a note with the student upon his/her/their return. Messages left on voicemail will not be recorded. Please do not leave attendance voicemail messages.

STUDENT SERVICES

Its time for our grade 11 and 12 students to really start paying attention to our scholarship board in student services and checking

the Auburn High School website and most importantly, follow us on Instagram **@auburnstudentservices** for the latest scholarship and bursary information. Things really pick up in January so be sure take every opportunity and apply for financial offset for your post secondary education.

GRAD PHOTOS

Adams Photography was at Auburn in November taking grad photos. If you missed this opportunity but would still like your photo taken for the composite you can schedule a private session @ 902-434-0558. Mr. Adams will be returning in late January for retakes. You may have your photo taken at that time as well. *****ONLY PHOTOS TAKEN BY ADAMS PHOTOGRAPHY WILL**



On November 14, 2021, the Auburn Eagles Football Team made history! For the first time since the program began in 2009, the Eagles became the Provincial Division 1 High School Football Champions after defeating the Bayview Flames with a 30-20 victory! To lead up to the Championship Title, the Eagles finished the regular season undefeated, convincingly beating their opponents. The 2021 triumphs were many, including breaking the long-standing winning streak of the Citadel Phoenix. With a 38-9 victory over Citadel High School, the Auburn Eagles did what no other team had been able to achieve in several years! The scoreboard success is a tremendous accomplishment and a clear indication of the level of skill and talent amongst the athletes. In addition, and perhaps most importantly, it is a reflection of the culture and community unique to the Eagles football program.

Unlike most team sports, a standard football roster is made up of a large group of players, sometimes reaching 50 to 60 athletes. Tackle football is a full-contact sport - one of precision, speed and heart. The Eagles football program consists of a diverse group of athletes, representative of our cultural landscape. Inclusion is seamless on this team and it shows. The football season is short but intense. Starting in August, conditioning camp begins. The demanding schedule requires hard work, commitment and dedication. It brings together individuals of various fitness levels and backgrounds; some new to the sport and some highly skilled. This is where the magic begins for the Eagles. Having observed the team evolve since 2019, it is amazing to see the way these athletes come together. The Grade 12 veterans lead the team with the same grit and welcoming nature shown to them. The rookies arrive with new energy that feeds into the stamina needed to develop the Team physically and mentally for the upcoming season. The Grade 11 group is the perfect combination of both; they vividly recall the anticipation that comes with being new to high school and the Football Team, while continuing to evolve into the Team's future leaders. Once the regular season begins, the weeks pass with daily practices and a demanding game schedule.

Tackle football is a game of various positions. Players have an equal responsibility to look out for their teammates. With the objective of scoring touchdowns, the foot-

ball field is 100 yards filled with defensive obstacles meant to stop the process. Watching the Eagles protect their nest offensively and defensively is one of the most exciting aspects for any football fan and one that fills family members with great pride.

The 2021 Historic Title is a progressive victory on so many levels. The evolution of the Team dynamics you see today is an ongoing process that continues season after season. The dedicated coaching staff is largely responsible for instilling the spirit of family into every aspect of the game. The Eagles are fortunate to have an equally diverse group of coaches and staff. Some, including Head Coach Dion Thomas-Hodges have been with the Eagles Family a number years and the athletes are lucky to have Marty Cavanagh who has been a fixture on the sidelines since the Eagles football story began. The rest of the coaching staff ranges in age, background and brings a wealth of experience shared wholeheartedly with each player as the game plan evolves to make up the season. While the Eagles have always been a force to reckon with, the evolution since 2019 has been remarkable with the achievements of memorable milestones. The 2019 season saw the Auburn Eagles conquer the C.P. Allen Cheetahs for very first time since the program began but finish the playoff round with disappointment on the scoreboard. The hopes of the 2020 season were shattered due to the global pandemic. Provincial health restrictions robbed deserving Grade 12s of their final high school season and crushed the eager hopes of a strong group of rookies who had long awaited the opportunity to don the Teal jersey. The 2020 winter months saw staff brainstorm and scramble to put together a short spring season. A plan was finally in place and the Bluenose Spring Tackle Football season was just beginning only to be cut short by another Covid wave. During this time, the Eagles persevered and remained a strong unit through the few practices and clearly, losing the fall competitive season did not dim their light as a Team.

Finally, summer 2021 was promising and hope was restored with the beginning of

what we now know to be the Auburn Eagles most successful season to date. As General Manager and proud parent, I can say with conviction that the enthusiasm on that field was evident from players, staff and families from the first day of training camp. The greatest group of fans, families and dedicated volunteers stood on those sidelines daily and supported each athlete. There were critics, Covid restrictions, changing priorities, fear and uncertainty embedded into every aspect of the season. However, there was also resilience through injuries, laughter, quirky coaching antics, film study pizza parties, endless group chat planning sessions, talent development and true Eagles spirit that lead to the 2021 undefeated season and made it the sweetest. It's the Eagles that came before us, stood on those sidelines, or cheered from away, and the future Eagles who dream in Teal that help us through the countless hours

of work to deliver a program worthy of the Auburn name. As I finish writing this, my Grade 12 Auburn Eagle puts on his Teal jersey for the last time as he prepares to head to school and celebrate the success of the 2021 season with fellow Eagles and schoolmates. I know that I speak for everyone in our Eagles Football Family when I salute Head Coach Dion and his entire team and congratulate the 2021 Auburn Eagles Football Team on truly giving us all the Perfect Season! This first of many titles to come is ALL FOR YOU! #GoEagles

