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Principal's Message

Hello and welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. We have been busy getting started and have lots of great things to report. First, I would like to welcome back Mr. McDougall (A-L) and Mr. MacLellan (M-Z), our vice principals and our amazing team of teachers and support staff, cafeteria staff, care takers, new and returning students. I also want to welcome all our new staff, especially Ms. Saunders who has joined our team at Auburn Drive High in the main office. Please welcome Mrs. Saunders.

This year at Auburn, we are pleased to have 30 international students! These students are here from all corners of the world. We are so proud of our school and community and look forward to sharing our culture and overall high school experience.

Most of our sports teams are underway and I encourage our students to get involved anyway they can. There are lots of groups and clubs to join to suit everyone's interests. Part of a positive high school experience is to participate in school activities, get to know your peers and make great memories!

Since the beginning of September, there have been lots of things happening inside the walls of Auburn Drive High School; welcome week, curriculum night, spirit week, fire/lock down drills, home openers, games, fundraisers, school trips, school photos, school photo retakes, etc. We have had guest speakers, university, and college visitors with more to come. Make sure to check the board inside student services, google classroom, Instagram @auburnstudentservices regularly for up-to-date information on open houses, visits, scholarships and bursaries, job opportunities, summer programs and more. (cont.)



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

November

23—PD am / Parent Teacher Interviews pm
25—Silent Auction, 1pm

December

4—PD No Classes
6-15—Grad Photos
21—First Day of Break

January

2—Classes Resume
25-30—Exam Week
31— A&E Day—No Classes

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Principal's Message (cont.)

This year HRCE has rolled out a new attendance policy, I recommend reading it and then have 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 involved in the educational development of your child so we can work together to make every student a success! (cont.)

Thursday, November 23rd is parent teacher interviews. A messenger will be sent out via email with a link to book your time slots. Appointments are available in the afternoon and evening.

*** This year, Auburn Drive High School, in partnership with the SAC, will strongly focus efforts on raising funds for new bleachers; our old ones are outdated and need replacing. On Saturday, November 25, we are having a live auction at Big Leagues in Cole Harbour. The auction starts at 1 pm and YOU are invited! We are accepting new items, gift cards, or monetary donations in the main office at the school. Tax receipts will be provided. I thank you ahead of time for your donation. New bleachers are important to our school and our community, however very expensive, so any support is greatly appreciated.

Please remember Auburn Drive High remains a Scent Free School. We also are a strawberry and kiwi free school. Please be mindful when sending food with students.

I wish you a healthy and successful school year and look forward to the days ahead.

Karen Hudson



WELCOME NEW STAFF!

TEACHER- RYAN ESTABROOKS	ADMIN. ASSISTANT MICHELLE SAUNDERS
TEACHER SARAH PENNEY	EPA CHRISTEL HALL
TEACHER ANGELA TODD	EPA DAN COX
TEACHER- MARGARET WALLER	

MEET OUR SUPPORT STAFF!

VP A-L ANDREW MCDOUGALL	AFRICAN NS STUDENT SUPPORT IRA FRASER
VP M-Z CHRIS MACLELLAN	INDIGENOUS NS STUDENT SUPPORT RACHEL MERRICK
GUIDANCE A-L LINDSAY MUNROE	SOCIAL WORKER MARSHA HUDSON-ASH
GUIDANCE M-Z JANET ROSE	YHC JANE YEO
LANGUAGE SPECIALIST JACK WARD	

Yearbooks are now on sale! To purchase yours, go to the Auburn Webpage (<https://abn.hrce.ca/>) and click on the *Yearbook* icon to make your purchase. The cost is \$55 until December 20th and it will increase to \$60 from January 1 to March 22. Late payments will not be accepted!!



ATTENDANCE REPORTING

A reminder to families that all attendance at Auburn is done in writing. You can either send an email to msaunders@hrce.ca or your student can bring in a note when they return from their absence.

COLE HARBOUR COMMUNITY FRIDGE

The Cole Harbour Community Fridge had its grand opening on October 21. This project is a collaborative effort among many community groups, and Schools Plus staff members in the Auburn and Cole Harbour families of schools have helped support it coming into being.



The Schools Plus staff have helped by organizing meetings, supporting the opening event, and hosting the startup grant money. It operates on a take what you need, leave what you can model and is inspired by other community projects such

as the Dartmouth and Halifax fridges. Since the opening, we've seen community members using the fridge, contributing to it, and supporting it through fundraisers and food drives. We're so glad we have been able to be part of this community initiative!

BEST BUDDIES



The Best Buddies (above) had a Halloween lunch on October 31, their first social event of the year. They are now meeting weekly and having fun getting to know each other.

AUBURN TRIP TO GREECE

Many of our grade 11 and 12 students will be travelling to Greece over March Break to experience the culture and history of the country. To prepare us for the journey, we are providing drop-in sessions on an introduction to all things Greek in the library at lunchtime on Mondays. We are holding several fundraisers to offset some of the costs for the

students. Currently we are selling "Grand in the Hand" tickets at a cost of \$10 a piece or three for \$20. We will be doing the draw during our Bingo evening on November 30th. We will also be holding an online Auction which will conclude on the 30th. For all the Swifties out there, you will have the chance to show off all your knowledge during our Taylor Swift Trivia night on Tuesday, December 12th. There will be more events in January, please stay tuned! Your support is greatly appreciated.!



**Grad Photos are
December 6 -15!!
Click the link on
the school website
to book your
appointment!**

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our school breakfast program is up and running. In addition to fruit and small items like granola bars, this year Auburn has a healthy hot breakfast option available for students daily.

Upward Mobility Kitchen is here each morning providing items such as : breakfast egg and cheese sandwiches, breakfast quesadillas with salsa. yogurt parfaits and more. Students can stop by on their way to class to grab a healthy option from the warming cupboard.

The program has been a great success so far with many of our students participating!

take time for
school
BREAKFAST



“Did you know students who have a healthy breakfast will be better learners?” (Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection, 2007).

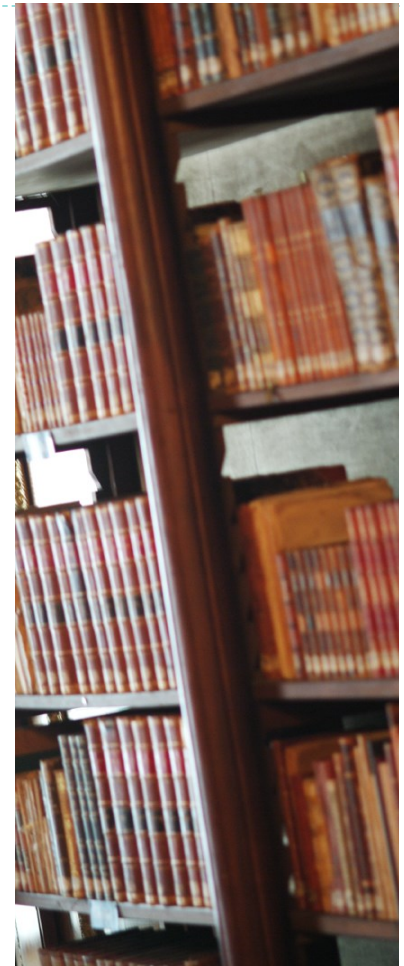
FROM THE LIBRARY

Our school library is open every day during regular school hours. If anyone would like to borrow a Chrome book, either for the year or for a shorter period, they can see Ms. Chambers., our librarian.

Students can access our library catalogue anytime from the school website, under "For Students." From that site or from their GNSPES account, students can also access SORA, HRCE's online library.

Here you can find many of the most popular e-books and audiobooks and download them right to your smartphone or other device.

Next month we will be running a Book Exchange and sale in time for people to get new reading materials before the Christmas break. Stay tuned for more details.



SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER FOR NEW BLEACHERS

The School Advisory Committee are launching a fundraiser for the purchase of new school bleachers as our current ones are in pretty rough shape. These new bleachers will not only benefit our students during sports events and assemblies but also enhance our school's overall appeal and functionality.

Our big fundraiser will be in form of a live auction, and we need your support to make it a success. This fundraiser promises to be both fun and rewarding, but we can't do it without your generous contributions!

We kindly ask for your assistance in donating auction items that will capture the attention and enthusiasm of our community. Whether it's unopened products, a gift basket, a unique piece of artwork, a service voucher, or anything else you think would be a great addition to our auction... every item counts!

How can you help?

1. **Donate an Auction Item**: Please consider contributing an item of value that can be auctioned off at our event. You can drop off your donations at the school office by Wednesday, November 22nd.

2. **Spread the Word**: Share this message with friends and family who might also be interested in contributing to this event.

3. **Attend the Auction !!!**: Mark your calendars for the auction event on Saturday, November 25th at 1:00pm. The event will take place at Big Leagues – 900 Cole Harbour Road. Your presence and participation will make a significant difference.

4. **Volunteer**: If you have some spare time and would like to help us organize and run the event, we'd love to have you on board.

We look forward to your support, and together we can make this fundraiser a remarkable success. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your donation, please feel free to contact the SAC members and organizers Adele Dionne (902) 802-1126 and Donna Horne (902) 221-6562

Thank you for being an integral part of our Auburn Drive High School community and helping us achieve our goals. Let's build better bleachers together!

YOUTH HEALTH CENTRE UPDATE

It has been a pleasure getting to know many students since starting in the position of Youth Health Centre Coordinator this fall at Auburn Drive High School.

The YHC is located on the third floor, at the top of main staircase, and works to champion youth health, health equity, and facilitates youth engagement as a component of Health Promoting Schools. We work with students to foster collaboration with school staff, primary health care, mental health and addictions and other community partners to facilitate youth access to supports, programs and services that promote youth health.

The YHC is currently supporting the student-led Gender Sexuality Alliance, coordinating youth programming at lunch with the Cole Harbour Public Libraries and the MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning. Students are encouraged to drop-in and share your ideas on how the YHC can help support you.

Jane Yeo

Youth Health Centre Coordinator

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Our school has an active Duke of Edinburgh Award program. We have students in all grades working on their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. These students will earn a personal development credit which will appear on their transcript. We are now busy preparing for our Adventurous Journeys (camping trips) this spring.

AUBURN ATHLETICS 2023-24

We have had an exciting start to the Athletic Season at Auburn so far this year. We had a strong showing by a few of our Athletes in Cross Country and even took our Girl's team to compete at Chéticamp in the Provincial Championship.

Both our Boy's and Girl's soccer teams had some success on the pitch and our Boy's Baseball team was once again very competitive.

The Football Season is in full swing, and we are one of the teams to beat. We had a close win in the Quarterfinals against Central Kings High, and are set to meet archrivals, Citadel High next week for a chance to go to the Provincial Championship.

Both of our Volleyball teams have had great success on the court this year and begin their Regional Qualifiers next week.

Our two hockey teams' seasons have officially begun and are optimistic for some successes on the ice.

And last, but not least, our basketball teams are recently picked, and Season play starts on the Hard-Court next week.

That's all for now. Go Eagles!

From Student Services

Follow us on Instagram, @auburnstudentservices and check on the board in Student Services regularly for updates on available scholarships and bursaries

New Attendance Policy

- As per policy if a student has missed 20% of the course (18.2 classes) throughout a semester they may be eligible to lose the credit for that course and will not be eligible for credit recovery.
- If a student has missed 20% of class time (15min) they are to be marked absent.
 - 15min late for class will be entered into PowerSchool as an absent.
 - If a student leaves 15min before the class has ended, they have missed 20% of the class time and should be marked absent.
 - Professional judgment may be needed to adjust for various school activities or specific situations.
 - If a student has been late for class five times an absence will be added to their total.

