



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 on May 13 and May 15 and Provincial and Final exams 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.

Recently, our students took part in the Student Success Survey. Thank you to everyone for their participation. In athletics, our students won gold for Girls Ringette and our Lacrosse team came second at provincials. We currently have students participating in Track and Field, Rugby, Slow Pitch, and Ultimate Frisbee. Our students also recognized our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women on May 6. There is still lots of work to be done towards reconciliation and the commitment begins today.

In addition to athletics, the following activities are taking place in May – Black Excellence Day, May 15, Games for Ghana -May 16 and t-shirts will be sold for our sister school in Ghana at a cost of \$10, Aubcon on May 25, grade 9 orientation on May 30 for our feeder schools, Aubscar for the drama classes on June 10, and the Athletic Banquet on June 13. Our prom will take place on June 25th and graduation is on June 27 at 2pm at Zatzman Sportsplex in Dartmouth.

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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 Mrs. Saunders in the main office.

Principal's Message (continued)...

This year we have been raising money to replace our bleachers as the current ones are 29 years old and cannot be repaired. To raise money, we are doing a 50/50 fundraiser, please visit abn.hrce.ca, click on the 50/50 click and select Auburn to support our efforts.

We would like to congratulate grade 11 students Ashley Hannah and Sydney Stonehouse on being chosen to represent the school as our Lieutenant Governor's award recipients at the ceremony in Halifax on May 1.

For those students going on to post-secondary university and college please check out the bulletin board and/or follow the school on our Instagram post for scholarships information. There is still time to apply for financial support.

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

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 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

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.



DATES TO REMEMBER

May

- 16– Games for Ghana
- 20– Victoria Day, no classes
- 22-24– Dramafest
- 25– Aubcon

June

- 19– 25 —Exams
- 25–Prom
- 26– 27–High School Assessment & Evaluation Day
- 27–Graduation Ceremony

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

Instagram: [@boomertheeagle](https://www.instagram.com/boomertheeagle) for student council and sports updates.



Our SAC has a new email address:

hrce-sac-abn@gnsps.ca

50/50 BLEACHER FUNDRAISER

Auburn Drive High School along with three other schools in the HRCE are hosting a Rafflebox 50/50 Fundraiser to help raise money to replace our aging gym Bleachers.

To buy tickets, scan the QR code or visit the school website.

Draw Date: May 30, 2024!



And the Winner is...

Congratulations to Steve Logan who was the winner of April's 50/50 Bleacher Rafflebox. Steve won \$3380 and purchased his ticket in support of Auburn Drive High School. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets.



ON THE FINE ARTS FRONT

AUBCON 2024

AUBCON is back! On May 25th from 10–5. Auburn Drive High School’s annual comic-style convention is back with a bang, we have over 20 vendors with arts, crafts, food and more, that will have a sci-fi fantasy theme! We also will be hosting a Magic: The Gathering card tournament, two video game tournaments, as well as a host of classic video games that anyone can come and enjoy. There will be an open room full of a variety of board games for everyone to try. We also have some student designed games that will be demonstrated during the convention. There will be some costumes designed by students and other cosplayers on display. Lastly, there will be three invitational D&D campaigns that day for players of a different levels of experience.

So set the day for May 25: children under 12 are free, students \$5 and regular admission is \$7.

THE ARTS IN EVERY FIELD—MUSIC, DRAMA, SCULPTURE, PAINTING—WE CAN LEARN TO APPRECIATE AND ENJOY. WE NEED NOT BE ARTISTS, BUT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO APPRECIATE THE WORK OF ARTISTS.- ELEANOR ROOSEVELT-

DRAMA 11/12

Our Drama 11/12 class has been busy preparing two shows for public performances over the past month! One part of the class is taking a show to the Nova Scotia High School Dramafest from May 22-24 and the second group is taking a show to two of our feeder schools: Bell Park Academy and Caldwell Rd Elementary. The students are proud of their accomplishments and are still in the middle of final rehearsals prior to their big shows. Break a leg!

Student Council elections will take place at the end of May.! Look for posters around the school! Representatives will have the opportunity to campaign through the week and presentations will take place on Friday, May 31!



BLACK EXCELLENCE DAY



Celebrating Black Excellence Day on May 15, 2024, within Halifax Regional Centre for Education is important for several reasons:

1. Representation and Recognition: Black Excellence Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and successes of Black individuals within the community. It highlights the talent and accomplishments within the Black community, ensuring that Black students have an opportunity to highlight all their positive contributions within the educational system.

2. Empowerment and Inspiration: By celebrating Black Excellence, students are inspired and empowered to pursue their own goals and dreams. Seeing examples of successful Black individuals from various fields, such as science, arts, politics and sports, can motivate students to strive for their own excellence.

3. Education and Awareness: Black Excellence Day serves as an educational opportunity to raise awareness about the rich history, culture, and achievements of Black people. It provides a platform to share stories of resilience, innovation, and leadership, helping to combat stereotypes and promote understanding and appreciation of Black heritage.

4. Equity and Inclusion: Recognizing Black Excellence fosters a culture of equity and inclusion within schools. It sends a message that all students, regardless of their background, have the potential to excel and make valuable contributions to society. By celebrating diversity and promoting inclusivity, schools create a more welcoming and supportive environment for all students.

5. Community Engagement: Black Excellence Day can serve as a platform for community engagement and collaboration. It provides an opportunity for schools to partner with local organizations, leaders, and activists within the Black community to organize events, workshops, and discussions that promote dialogue and understanding.

Overall, celebrating Black Excellence Day within HRCE schools is important for fostering a culture of inclusivity, empowerment, and appreciation for the diverse talents and contributions of Black individuals.

HEALTH SCORE

'I can't believe we're doing this again'

Cole Harbour teen needs second double-lung transplant

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It's impossible to watch your kid suffer.

"As a parent, I just wish that I could take it all away so she doesn't have to go through all that," said Lisa Ali, mom of Tahlia Ali.

After finally getting a double-lung transplant in 2020 after COVID delays, Lisa thought her daughter would finally be able to live her life.

But then COVID reared its ugly head again and now, at 19, Tahlia is waiting for her second double-lung transplant.

"I feel like I can't believe we're doing this again and it feels like we just did this and we just left Toronto (for the surgery) and here we are again," Lisa said in a phone interview on Tuesday. "It just feels disheartening. She had all these goals and it was a very short window."

'WE WERE SET AND READY TO GO'

After her transplant when she was 16, Tahlia got into cheerleading — something she could never do before.

Tahlia had idiopathic pulmonary hypertension. It's rare and it means the pulmonary arteries which carry blood to the lungs are progressively restricted, causing pressure to build and not enough oxygenated blood reached her lungs. She also had holes in her heart.

After the surgery, she joined an adaptive ability cheer team and this weekend they were supposed to compete in an international competition in Florida.

"We were set and ready to go. It's kind of strange because this weekend we were supposed to be in Florida



Tahlia Ali, 19, from Cole Harbour is currently in Toronto hoping to get on a waitlist for her second double-lung transplant. **CONTRIBUTED**

and instead we're moving to Toronto where she can have another double-lung transplant."

Lisa said Tahlia is "on autopilot" dealing with this and her emotions "are all over the place."

"She's so used to having things like this happen that it's almost like it doesn't faze her anymore."

Tahlia's grandmother, Judy Robichaud, set up another GoFundMe to pay for the family's expenses while they're in Toronto. It's now over \$11,000.

"If you were to ask me if I thought I would be sitting at my computer setting up yet

another fundraiser to help save Tahlia's life once again, I would not have believed it," Robichaud wrote.

Tahlia said she's "managing" and that it doesn't feel the same as when she was in Toronto for her first surgery.

"We're not in the middle of lockdown again so my friends and family can come visit now."

INFECTION, REJECTION

There's no way of knowing for sure how big a role COVID played in the organ rejection, Lisa said, but Tahlia tested positive for COVID for the second time in October and was given Remdesivir

injections to treat it.

It was after a bronchoscopy to see the effects on her lungs that Tahlia developed a fever.

"And in the beginning of December she was not eating, still the fever was on and off," said Lisa.

Since she's 19 now, Tahlia was no longer going to the IWK and Lisa said it was frustrating that she had to push the medical team at the Halifax Infirmary to take her daughter's symptoms seriously.

"As a parent, I knew something was wrong," Lisa said, adding Tahlia was getting worse but they were told the doctors weren't worried

about it.

For a time this winter, Tahlia was treated at the IWK and, while staff considered moving her over, "there were like 40 people waiting for beds," Lisa said.

By mid-February, Tahlia's pulmonary function tests were going down and it didn't look good. She underwent several treatments, including one that required a catheter inserted into her neck.

"That was quite horrific," Lisa said. "That worked but it was too late because there was too much damage done to her lungs."

It was at that point doctors told them that they would have to head back to Toronto — where Tahlia had her first transplant surgery in 2020 — for another transplant.

Lisa said they planned to head to Toronto in July, but Tahlia's tests worsened and an ER doctor discovered that Tahlia had blood clots in her lungs.

They expedited the timeline and drove to Toronto last week.

NOW WHAT?

In a horrendous case of déjà vu, the family moved into an Airbnb in Toronto last week and are waiting to see a doctor about a transplant.

"On (May) 8th we meet with a transplant doctor," said Lisa.

Tahlia has some conditions to meet for the surgery but the hope is to get her on the organ donation waitlist ASAP.

A LOT TO GET TO

Tahlia has goals. She said she's looking forward to getting back into cheerleading as soon as possible.

"She wants to get these lungs and she wants to recover and get back into cheer," Lisa said.

The Moose Hide Campaign is an Indigenous-led grassroots movement of men and boys - and all Canadians - who are standing up against violence towards women and children.



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Wearing the moose hide pin signifies your commitment to honor, respect, and protect the women and children in your life and to work together to end violence against women and children, and all those along the gender continuum.

May 16, 2024

A Special

“Thank You”

**to Cole Harbour/
Westphal**

**Councillor Trish
Purdy for her
donation to our
Bleacher Project!**

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR’S AWARD

The Lieutenant Governor’s award is Administered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and is awarded annually to grade 11 students at high schools in Nova Scotia.

Students are nominated by their school based on academic performance and qualities of leadership and service demonstrated in their school and community.

Congratulations to Auburn’s 2024 award winners Ashley Hannah and Sydney Stonehouse!



DANCING IN THE LEARNING CENTRE PAL CLASS



Prom & Graduation



The Prom organizers would like to say thank you to all the families who participated in fundraising to help reduce the cost of prom.

Stay Tuned as Prom tickets will be on sale soon!

Reminder: Prom will be held on June 25th at Pier 21 doors open at 6pm & Prom starts at 7pm.

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



HOMEWORK HUB



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Easy access to online resources and tutoring through your GNSPES account (gnspecs.ca) by clicking on the Nova Scotia Homework Hub icon.
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Tutors available for students in:
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 - Grade 4-6 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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CHESS CLUB

Auburn's Chess Club finished up another successful year of exciting chess action. Each Thursday at lunch students met in Mr. Dalesandro's room and challenged one another over the board for chess supremacy. A few even beat Mr. Dalesandro to his great chagrin! Congrats on another year of fun and mental acuity on the part of the members of our Chess Club. Can't wait to see all returning members of the club in September.