

CENTRAL NEWS



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From the Desk of the Principal

Two months into the school year and we could not be happier with the progress and success of our students. Staff work hard each day to provide exciting and memorable lessons that motivate students to do their best. We have had several occasions for students to explore and learn beyond the classroom, and more opportunities will be coming up. As always, we thank parents/guardians and the surrounding community for their continued support of our many initiatives.

I want to recognize the current grade 9 students for their success in the grade 8 assessment last year in reading, writing and mathematics. The community report will be sent home shortly and I encourage you to read it so that you are aware of the great things that continue to happen at Halifax Central, and why we always score above the Board and Provincial averages!

Please know that any questions or concerns you may have about your child will be addressed immediately. Simply call a member of administration and we will be happy to facilitate a meeting to discuss.

Robert MacMillan

From the Desk of the Vice-Principal

Home and School is happy to report that the ***Just Us Coffee*** fundraiser generated almost \$400.00 for our school! Our next big fundraiser will be Cape Breton Fudge which is an extremely popular product. Forms will be sent out November 16th and will be due to come back Friday, December 2nd. This fudge makes a wonderful Holiday gift! Thanks for your support!

We are trying to enhance our lunch program here at Halifax Central! I am collecting old (but complete) board games which are collecting dust in our community's homes. If you have an oldie but a goodie board game(s), which you are able to donate/loan to us for this year we would really appreciate it! Please send it

November/ December Dates:

- Nov. 9th – SAC Meeting – 6 p.m.
- Nov. 10th – Remembrance Day Assembly -11 a.m.
- Nov. 11th – Remembrance Day - No Classes
- Nov. 14th – Assessment & Eval. Day – No Classes
- Nov. 17th – Gr. 7 Trip
- Nov. 24th – Redfish Performance – 2 p.m.
- Nov. 25th - Report Cards go Home
- Nov. 28th – MADD Canada Assembly – 2 p.m./H & S Mtg - 6
- Dec 1st – Parent-Teacher Interviews 1-3 pm ; 6-8 p.m.
- Dec. 6th – Evening of Festive Music – 7
- Dec. 8 – Ent. Fair – 6-8 p.m./Dec. 9 – 9 a.m.
- Dec. 22nd – Last Day before break – Back Jan. 3rd

Staff Phone numbers:

Main Office	Ext 0	
Safe Arrival	Ext 1	
V.P. – J. Flinn	Ext 2	
Prin.- R. MacMillan	Ext 3	
Guid.- C. MacDonald	Ext 4	
First Floor	Extension	Room
J. Keefe	5301104	Room 4
M. Maddalena	5301103	Room 3
K. Chisholm	5301110	Room 7
A.Wry	5301107	Gym Off.
Second Floor	Extension	Room
A.Wry	5301209	Room 10
J. Boutilier	5301214	Room 14
J. Legate	5301210	Room 11
A.Shannon	5301212	St. Supp.
S. Mantin	5301206	Perf. Arts
A. Jessome	5301218	Room 18
B. Vaughan	5301219	Room 19
B. Mrezar	5301220	Room 20

in with your child and they can drop it off to the main office. Thank-you for your support!

Jason Flinn

Sports

Congratulations to all those who participated on the soccer, football, and cross country teams. You all have a fun and wonderful season. Volleyball season is currently coming to an end, and basketball season will be starting up near the end of November. Try-out dates will be posted on the announcements and bulletin board when they are confirmed. Sports that are coming up in 2017 are badminton, track and field and softball near then end of the year.

School Clothing

School Clothing order forms can be found on the school website under our notice board. Sweatpants also come in grey-- just add grey as a colour choice on the order form. Simply drop off your order form and money to the office by Nov. 10. Water bottles are also available for \$2.00 each from the main office.

Guidance

Take Our Kid To Work Day

On Wednesday, November 2, our grade 9 students participated in *Take Our Kid to Work* Program, endorsed by the Nova Scotia Department of Education.

"Students had an opportunity to see what the workplace is like, appreciate the expectations, understand their parents better, and understand the importance of planning a career path."

For Parents/Employers- your company becomes eligible to apply for Canada's Outstanding Employers Award simply by registering your participation with the learning partnership. All registered companies that participate in *Take Our Kids to Work* day will be recognized on the website.

For more information please check out www.learningpartnership.ca

IWK HEALTH CAREER DAY

On Tuesday, Nov 8, Grade 9's will attend the 8th Annual IWK Career Health Fair to explore careers in health sciences. More information can be found on the guidance website.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Ongoing resource support is provided in various classrooms every day by Ms. Shannon or by Mr. Maher on Wednesdays. Numerous students are taking advantage of the additional help, which takes place in-class and the Student Centre. Adaptations have been sent home and we encourage parents/guardians to review them with your child, to ensure the support they're receiving is adequate. Please contact Ms. Shannon or the classroom teacher(s) if you feel any modifications are required. This can be done throughout the school year, as students' academic needs change.

Central Support Staff

Math

From Central's Math Team:

The **TOP TEN** finishers in the October **Grade 7/8** Caribou Contest are:

Brogan Bishop	Grade 8;	Mei Yin Sanford	Grade 8;	Fiona McClure	Grade 8;
Julia Shirokov	Grade 8;	Kristian Presnal	Grade 8;	Owen Harris	Grade 8;
William Watson	Grade 7;	Amelie Gallant	Grade 8;	Harper Boyle	Grade 8;
Abby Jolly	Grade 7				

The **TOP TEN** finishers in the October **Grade 9** Caribou Contest are:

Sarah Tawil ; Shaw Nicholson ; Shivam Aggarwal ; Zac Grass ; Charlie Brake ;
Sam MacDonald ; Mykeo Parker-Christmas ; Jake Janson ; Catherine Robbins ; Jacob Yazbek

In the next newsletter we will report the top ten Caribou finishers for November, as well as results for the Caribou Cup, which is a combined total of all Caribou Contests to date. We will also have results for the Grade 7/8 Beaver Computing Challenge taking place on Wednesday, November 9th.

On Thursday, November 10th the Grades 7 & 8 students will partake in a math workshop put on by a program run by Dalhousie University students called **Nova Scotia Math Circles**. *Nova Scotia Math Circles* is dedicated to enriching the experiences of Nova Scotia students in all areas of mathematics. Their vision for the program is to foster enthusiasm for math through interactive, creative, and meaningful presentations.

Brenda Vaughan
Grade 7 & 8 Math Teacher

The Great Grade 7 Geocaching Adventure!

The grade 7's will partake in a bonding experience and outdoor adventure at the Natural Resources Education Centre in the beautiful Musquodoboit Valley. Upon returning to the school, there will be a pizza party with juice and a showing of the film **Private Peaceful**. Please refer to your itinerary page for details regarding specific departure times and what to pack.

The School Advisory Council (SAC)

The SAC has two new members, Kelly Mir, and Max in gr. 7. The SAC has also approached a community group that uses HCJH facilities and has multiple partnerships with youth-centered organizations. They indicated that they would like to send a representative to the SAC.

Several members attended an HRSB training session for SAC members on Nov 3, 2016. The next SAC Meeting will be Wednesday Nov. 9th at 6 p.m.

Home and School

The next Home and School Meeting is Monday, Nov. 28th at 6 p.m.

Music

Halifax Central Junior High Music Students will host an Evening of Festive Music on Tuesday Dec. 6th at 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Music students are asked to arrive for 6:30

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held in the gym Thursday, Dec. 1st from 1-3 p.m. and 6-8pm.

Canteen

For the information of parents/guardians, at 10:55 a.m. daily, our canteen is open for students to purchase healthy snacks, all of which are acceptable under the Food and Nutrition Policy. We sell 2% and skim milk for \$0.40, chocolate milk for \$1.25, baked chips for \$1.00, juice for \$0.75, juice squeeze ups for \$1.25 as well as nutrigrain bars, chewy bars and Rice Krispy squares for \$0.50.

Entrepreneur Fair

Our grade 9 students will be hosting their annual Entrepreneurial Fair on Thursday, December 8th during the morning for students and from 6-8 pm in the evening for parents/guardians. Students will be offering crafts, products, gifts and games for purchase in our school gym. Please join in the fun and don't forget to bring lots of small bills and change!

Remembrance Day Ceremony

This Thursday, November 10, at 11am, our school will be presenting its annual Remembrance Day Ceremony. This ceremony is open to families of our students and members of the community. This will be an opportunity to say "thank you," and to remember those Canadians who fought and who still fight on behalf of Canada.

Good Earth Society

It is November and The Good Earth Society is off to a great start! We recently held a two week long Scare Away Hunger campaign in support of Feed Nova Scotia. The competition was staged as a competition among the homeroom classes. One thousand and forty four (1044) non-perishable food items were donated to Feed Nova Scotia. The success of this event was attributed to the competitive spirit and generosity of the students, parents/guardians and staff of the HCJH community. Congratulations HCJH to 701 for bringing in the most food items and 801 for organizing the most creative sculpture and photo with their non-perishable food items. The Good Earth Society is currently in the planning stages of their next local initiatives for Movember and the Five Days of Giving. Stay tuned – details will follow within the next couple of weeks.

Battle of the Books

Preparing for the Battle

A wonderful group of ravenous readers is gearing up for Wozzles' Battle of the Books.

55 great titles to read, 16 down already! How many can we master in November?

Art Club

Starting on Monday, November 21st, I will be starting an after school art club every Monday. The club will include large scale projects and an open studio space where students can use materials available to create and work on their own projects. Bigger projects that I would like to do over the course of the school year include book binding, zines, silk screen t-shirts, and a mural for the school. I'm also interested in finding out what sort of techniques and projects the students would like to learn about.

The club will run from 3:30 - 5:00 on Mondays, and the cost to join **for the year** is \$20. All funds will go towards art supplies for the club. If your child is interested, they can come visit me to ask any questions and to sign up and pay their fee.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at kchisholm@hrsb.ca

Kaitlin Chisholm