

CENTRAL NEWS



HALIFAX CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH

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From the Desk of the Acting-Principal

Good Day Parents/Guardians: I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is David Reed and I will be in the A/Principal's position for a part of this school year. I am excited about working here with the Halifax Central Junior High school community. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff members: Mr. Legate, Mr. Thibault, Ms. Thurber, Ms. Whiting, Ms. LeBlanc and Mr. Zinck. The rest of our dedicated staff returned to welcome us new staff very generously. I would also like to welcome the new grade 7 students and their families to the HCJH family. During my opening address to the students, I asked them to be very welcoming of the incoming students and so far they have met my expectations.

I look forward to meeting you on our annual Curriculum Night which will held on Wednesday, September 16th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Parents/guardians will be asked to attend an opening information session in the Gymnasium. Parents/guardians will be handed an information pack to help connect with teachers. This will give you an opportunity to meet and speak to teachers regarding units of study and assessment practices. I will remind staff, parents and guardians that the night is not intended to be a Parent/Teacher interview night. Spirit wear will also be sold that night if you would like to purchase school clothing.

I will be sending out information regarding upcoming events and general announcements using the automated phone and email system. I will try to remember to send phone calls to home phone and parent/guardian cell phones. If you would like us to eliminate any of the home or cell phone lines, please let Ms. Reinhardt or Ms. Nickerson know via email. At that point, we will change your preferences as required. Power-School is an important communication tool for students and families to access information about school progress and attendance. If you need an account set up, please contact Ms. Nickerson.

We do have some important new policies that have been introduced by the Department of Education. Among them are the provincial wide Provincial Code of Conduct. This will replace the regional and school Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct is now available on our school website for your review. As well, I welcome you to review the new provincial Homework Policy which is also on our website.

September Dates:

Sept. 16 – Curriculum Night – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sept. 23rd – SAC Meeting – 6-7 p.m.

Oct. 1st and 2nd – Gr. 7 Trip – Bayside

Oct. 5th – School Photos – a.m.

Oct. 6th – Symphony N. S. Performs – 9:15

Oct 12th – Thanksgiving – No Classes

Oct 13th – Student Vote 2015

Oct 23rd – Prov. Conf. Day – No Classes

Staff Phone numbers:

Main Office	Ext 0
Safe Arrival	Ext 1
V.P. – M. MacPhee	Ext 2
Act.-Prin.- D. Reed	Ext 3
Guid.- K. Nickerson	Ext 4

First Floor	Extension	Room
J. Keefe	5301104	Room 4
D. Thibault	5301103	Room 3
K. Gillis	5301107	Gym Off.
Second Floor	Extension	Room
K. Gillis	5301209	Room 10
A. Zinck	5301214	Room 14
J. Legate	5301210	Room 11
P. Hunson	5301213	Room 13
S. Mantin	5301206	Perf. Arts
A. Jessome/B. Mrezar	5301218	Room 18
B. Vaughan	5301219	Room 19
M. Ledger	5301220	Room 20

Our initial SAC meeting will be held Wednesday, September 23rd, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Finally, on behalf of the entire staff, I want to wish our entire student body success in their academic achievements this year. I would also like to extend an invitation to all students to get involved in extra-curricular activities offered by our school to further enhance your school experience.

Respectfully,

David Reed

A/Principal, Halifax Central Junior High

From the Desk of the Vice-Principal

Late Arrivals

As a school community we continue to ask for your support in ensuring your son/daughter arrive at school on time. Late arrivals not only disrupts the learning of the late student but also of their peers. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

School Hours

8:45 Students should have arrived (doors for morning entry open at 8:30)
8:55 Homeroom
11:55 Nutrition Break
12:00 Lunch Bell
1:10 Afternoon Homeroom (doors for afternoon entry are 1:00)
3:15 Dismissal Bell

School Photos

Adams photography will be at our school on October 5th taking photos. Order forms and proofs will be sent home within a few days of the photos being taken.

Boot Camp

Our grade 7 students are off to Boot Camp on October 1st and 2nd. We look forward to two days of team building activities and fostering new and existing friendships. Boot Camp would not be possible without the work and dedication of many different individuals. We want to thank parents/guardians for allowing their child to attend, financial donors who help provide sponsorships and to teaching staff who spend time away from their families.

This year we are pleased to welcome some grade 9 student leaders to Boot Camp who will assist us in running activities. This is a wonderful peer mentoring opportunity for all students involved.

Symphony Nova Scotia

Symphony Nova Scotia will be performing at our school on the morning of October 6th.

Grade 7 Immunization

Our immunization clinic will be on Friday **November 6th**. Consent forms and packages were sent home last week. Parents/guardians should contact the school if they have questions regarding how the immunization clinic will run. As an additional resource the following videos have been developed to support parents: <https://vimeo.com/134234183> and students: <https://vimeo.com/134234182> throughout this process.

Grade 9 Trip

Student and parents will receive information on the grade 9 trip shortly.

Home and School

We are still looking for additional volunteers. If anyone is interested please contact Mr. MacPhee at 902-421-6777, option 2 or mmacphee@hrrsb.ca

Lockers

Students are encouraged to store their belongings in their locker and keep it locked at all times. The school has been encouraging all students who leave their lockers unlocked to lock them as we are not responsible for missing or stolen items.

Scent Reduction

A reminder that Halifax Central Junior High School and all HRSB buildings operate in a scent reduced environment. We ask all students and staff **to refrain from wearing scented products**. These products can cause a variety of medical reactions which are problematic for those who suffer from sensitivities to scents.

Twitter

If you are on twitter and you would like to follow the school our twitter handle is **@hfxcentjh**

Yours, in the spirit of learning and community,

Mark MacPhee
Vice-Principal



Sports

Halifax Central offers many opportunities for your son/daughter to participate in sports. The following chart indicates which teams will be offered this year

Halifax Central Sports Teams

Team	Try-outs will begin	Season
Soccer	September	Sept.- Oct.
Cross Country	September	Sept. - Oct.
Touch Football	September	Sept. - Oct.
Hockey	September	Oct. - Jan.
Volleyball	October	Oct. - Dec.
Basketball	December	Jan. - Feb.
Badminton	January	Feb. - Mar.
Track and Field	May	May- June
Softball	May	June

Listen to the daily announcements, check the Sports Board, or use Mrs. Gillis website for specific try-out dates and times

Art Extra Help

The art room will be open on Wednesdays at lunch for students to work on art projects. This is an ideal time for students to catch up if they have missed a class or if they are behind on any art work

Student Vote 2015

During the month of September and early October the students at Halifax Central Junior High will participate in Student Vote 2015. The purpose of this program is to teach students, through lessons and activities about democracy, government and the electoral process. The students are encouraged to research the parties, candidates and issues regarding the upcoming federal election and have informed, engaging dialogue with their classmates and family members. They will then have an opportunity to experience the voting process. On Tuesday, October 13, 2015, all students at HCJH will head to the polls to vote for their candidate. A classroom will be set up as a polling station with authentic election materials and some students will take on the roles of deputy returning officers and polling clerks. The ballots will be counted and the results will be kept confidential until after the polls close on election day, October 19, 2015 in the Halifax riding.

Many schools in our Halifax riding will hold their own federal mock election. In fact, it is estimated that over 500,000 students will participate across Canada. The results will be released by CIVIX on election night and shared with the media for broadcast. So, be sure to stay tuned to see how the students in our Halifax riding voted!

School Clothing

School Clothing is still available for purchase. Hooded sweatshirts are \$38.00, Full Zip Sweatshirts are \$35.00, Cotton T-shirts are \$15.00, Long sleeved T-Shirts are \$20.00, sweatpants are \$30.00 and hats are \$15.00. All items are in blue. If you would like an item, just come to the office with your money or cheque (made out to Halifax Central Junior High)

Library

I am looking forward to another busy year in the library.

The Library will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Library will be open during lunch hour for students who are in the lunch program.

Students can attend if they would like to quietly read, work on their assignments/project or browse the collection to borrow books. In moving forward with the learning commons we have now added e-readers, and a computer. We also have created a space with some comfy chairs and stools.

If you would like to come in for a visit please feel free I would love to meet you.

Library Support Specialist
Mrs.Finch

