



WEST HANTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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September 2017
WELCOME BACK!

Mrs. Wallace-Principal, Mr. Miller-Vice Principal, Mr. States-Vice Principal

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are back in full swing here at West Hants Middle School! Our Grade 6 students look like they have been here for a long time. They look comfortable and happy. Please let us know if you have any concerns or worries. Questions are always welcome. As many of you know, my background is elementary school and it is a process to transition to middle school. All extra-curriculars that are offered are on daily announcements which can be viewed on WHMS Web-site or the Parent Portal. It has started to be busy with soccer try-outs, golf is starting, and Cross Country Running is on the go! Clubs and groups often meet at recess and noon.

We have three administrators and two secretaries in the office at WHMS. Mr. States oversees the Student Services aspect of school and works with the EAs, the Resource staff, classroom teachers and families to help with programming for students. Mr. Miller looks after scheduling, registering students in classes and assigning teachers to those classes, and making sure the schedule meets the Department's requirements. My responsibilities are more global with communication with the Board Office, the parent community and the community at large, the basic operations of the building, and dealing with all aspects of staffing and finance. We work closely as a team and all three of us support each other as needed.

We currently have 530 students registered and approximately 60 adults in the building. If you have a classroom question, please contact the classroom teacher first before contacting Admin. Bussing questions should be directed to Scott Condon at 792-6731. Please be aware that we lost our part-time secretary this year and Vicki and Annette are working very hard to keep up with the busy main office.

Reminder to all parents or visitors

We ask that you please check in at the office when entering the school and not park in the handicapped parking spots unless there is a need.

BUS NOTES

Please keep in mind that West Hants Middle School still has a NO NOTE BUS POLICY. Therefore, students should be travelling home on their regular bus.

REMINDER TO STUDENT/PARENT

Students feeling ill while they are in school **should not** be texting their parents to come get them. The procedure is to come to the office and have one of the secretaries make the call home for them.

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 14 – Stand Up to Bullying (wear pink)**
- Sept 20 – EARLY DISMISSAL – 12:20**
- Sept 21 – Dance 7-9**
- Sept 26 – Picture Day**
- Sept 28 – Terry Fox Run**
- Sept 29 – NO SCHOOL - Inservice Day**
- Oct. 6 – World Girls Hockey Day**
- Oct 9 – NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving**
- Oct. 11/12 – Gr. 6 Provincial Assessment**
- Oct 16 – Home & School Mtg 6:30**
- Oct. 17/18 – Gr 6 Provincial Assessment**
- Oct 19 – Dance 7-9**
- Oct 20 – Early Dismissal 12:20 pm**
- Oct 24 – Picture Retake Day**
- Oct 27 – NO SCHOOL – Inservice**
- Nov 9 – Remem. Day Color Party**
- Nov 30 – No School – Inservice**
- Dec 1 - Reports Go Home**
- Dec 5 - EARLY DISMISSAL – 12:20**
- Dec 14 – Dance 7-9**
- Dec 18 – Home & School**
- Dec 21 – Early Dismissal – 12:20**

Dropping off Students

When dropping off a student after 9:05 please come into the office to sign them in or send a note in with them so they do not get marked Unexcused.

ABSENT LINE

If your child is not coming to school or is sick then please call our absent line at 902-757-4100 press "1" and clearly state your name, your child's full name, their homeroom and teacher and the reason for their absence.

PICKING UP A STUDENT

If picking up a student at the end of the day and you are waiting outside for them please make sure that either you sign them out or have your child sign themselves out if you have sent a note in and told us.

PICKING UP A STUDENT – MINIMIZE CLASS DISRUPTION

In an attempt to minimize class disruption, we are requesting the assistance of parents. If you are planning to pick up a student, please **send a note in with the student** stating the time of expected pickup. Please try to arrive at a time that coincides with **the end of the class, recess or noon**. At the end of the day, please come prepared to wait until the 3:20 bell for the student.

If you have an unexpected pickup that is necessary and no note has been sent in with the student, please come to the office and we will get your student for you as soon as possible.

Below is the bell schedule for you to use as a guide:

GRADE 6 SCHEDULE 2017-2018

8:55-9:05	HR Bell/Announcements
9:05-10:05	1 st Period
10:05-11:05	2 nd Period
11:05-11:20	Recess
11:20-12:20	3 rd Period
12:20-12:40	Lunch
12:40-1:00	Quiet Bell
1:00-1:15	SSR
1:15-2:20	4 th Period
2:20-3:10	5 th Period
3:10-3:20	Homeroom/Lockers
3:20	Dismissal

GRADE 7 & 8 SCHEDULE 2017-2018

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12:20-1:20	4 th Period
1:20-1:40	Lunch
1:40-2:00	Quiet Bell
2:00-2:15	SSR
2:20-3:10	5 th Period
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ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER AND NOTICES

You will also be receiving this newsletter via email. If you do not receive this newsletter via email, please contact the school at 757-4115 and provide us with an updated email address.

After today, we will be sending home our newsletters and notices through email. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the office. Only those who have contacted us will receive a paper copy.

PARENT/STUDENT PORTAL ACCOUNT

It is extremely important that you support your child's education and the Parent portal allows you to monitor many aspects of your child's school. Student achievement information is now presented with a greater emphasis on the individual assessments and course outcomes for the entire course. An improved user experience is now in place for parents and students to view information related to assessments and outcomes. Information on attendance, late work, missing work, and achievement are all available to encourage ongoing communication and the improvement of student achievement.

Any parent who has not previously created a portal account can email the main office at whms@avrsb.ca to request portal information. This information will then be emailed to you.

Any parent who had previously created a parent/student portal account, and is having issues signing in, please call the school for help.



BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our breakfast program is a great program used very frequently by our students. We would like to keep the program running so that the students can benefit greatly from it. Donations of breakfast items such as fruit, whole grain cereal, breakfast bars, juice, yogurt, cheese, paper bowls, plastic spoons, and bread products are greatly appreciated.

The Program is run by Mrs. Brenda Brison and some wonderful students. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the breakfast program between 8:15am-9:00am, please contact Mrs. Wallace through the main office.



PASTE NEWS

PASTE Leadership will soon be underway once again at West Hants!! Applications will be available to pick up at the office, and must be returned on or before Friday, September 22nd. The full team afterschool training will take place Wednesday, Oct. 11th at WHMS from 3:20 to 5:30.

Physically Active, Ambassadors, Student Motivators, Technology, and Environment Teams will be posted at the training. This program gives students an opportunity to help out in various ways at their school, as well as to meet many new people with similar interests!

PASTE coordinators, facilitators, and mentors look forward to another amazing year!!



LIBRARY NEWS



Mrs. Lake will be in the library: Tuesday and Thursday – 9:00am – 3:30pm; Friday: 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Students can borrow up to three items for a two week sign out. Please remember to return books on time to avoid having your name added to the missing assignment list.

The library will be open during recess and lunch breaks. Please stop by and find something interesting to read. We also have Chess, Checkers, and Scrabble to help you pass the time.

Join us at our new location; Room 1106 opposite the small gym. Everyone welcome!



GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Guidance
Counselor

Hello Everyone,

The **Nourish Your Roots** healthy school-wide fundraiser will begin this **MONDAY**, Sept 11th!!

- **Students will be selling food boxes - \$30 each.**
- **\$9 from every box** comes directly back to our school.
- There will be a **PRIZE** for the class that sells the most boxes.



NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Hello parents, guardians, and students; welcome to a new and exciting year of music making at WHMS! A music newsletter outlining how our program works, details of upcoming events and more will be coming home soon. Our big event on the horizon is the Grade 7 Band Clinic.

Guardians of grade 7 students and those grade 8 students new to their instrument: please mark Wednesday September 27th on your calendar! There will be an important clinic from 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm where students will receive their instrument and be led through the basics by a specialist on their specific instrument. At 7:00 this same evening there is an important information meeting for parents new to our music program, followed by student demonstrations and performances on their new instruments. This fun and exciting experience is a vital foundation to our music program. All grade 7 music students and grade 8 students new to their instrument should plan to be in attendance! More information will be coming home shortly.

Important Dates:

Date	Time	Event
Wed. Sept. 27th	3:30 to 8:00pm	Grade 7 Band Clinic
Wed. Sept. 27th	7:00 to 8:00pm	Information Session and Demonstrations for Gr. 7 Parents
Tuesday Oct. 3rd	7:30 to 8:45am	First Concert Band rehearsal
Thursday Oct. 5th	3:30 to 4:30pm	First Jazz Band Rehearsal

Please feel free to get in touch with me at any time. It is best to reach me by email at smreid@nspes.ca or by leaving a message at the school (757-4100). I'm looking forward to an exciting school year filled with music!

Mr. Steve Reid

RIVERVIEW SKATING CLUB

Registration for Fall programs (10 weeks) – **Friday Sept. 8th 5 – 7pm**, at Newport and District Rink. Registration will be ongoing. Skating begins September 9th at Newport Rink.

The Riverview Skating Club offers programs for beginners to competitive skaters. See website for Calendar and Ice Schedule for more details, www.riverviewskatingclub.weebly.com. You can also find us on Facebook or e-mail c_t_corbin@hotmail.com for more details.

EDALENE THEATRE

Edalene Theatre is pleased to be offering theatre classes for children ages 4-18 at the Al Whittle Theatre's Studio Z starting in October, 2017. With 16 years of theatre education experience, Edalene is excited to bring their love of theatre to children of the Annapolis Valley! To see a full list of classes, information about enrollment, or to contact Kerri with questions, go to www.edalenetheatre.ca or call [902-799-9009](tel:902-799-9009).



REGISTRATION:



THURSDAY SEPT. 14 6:00-8:00PM AVON VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

Programs Available: Little Dribblers- 8 week coed program for Grades P thru

Male & Female Teams:

Jr. Mini (players born 2008 & 2009)

Mini (players born 2006 & 2007)

Bantam (players born 2004 & 2005)

Midget (players born 2001 and 2003)

www.shootingstarbasketball.ca

Email: shootingstar@shootingstarbasketball.ca

WELLNESS CHECK FOR SCHOOL ENTRY 2019

*Do you or someone you know have a child born between
January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014?*

If you do, register now for

This FREE wellness check is taking place this fall. It provides speech, hearing, vision, dental and other developmental screening for children 2-3 years old who will start school in 2019. Parents will also receive information packages about healthy development and ways to better prepare children for school. The check is open to families with children who will be attending elementary schools in West Hants and Mount Uniacke and those who will be homeschooled.

To register call Lisa at **790-2299** and leave your name and phone number, or register online at www.wellnesscheck.ca and Lisa will call you back to book an appointment. ***Sponsored by Family and Community First***

FALL DANCE CLASSES STARTING NOW

Parent and Tot, Preschool Dance, Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Modern, Acro, Hip Hop, Ballroom, Adult Classes

All AT: Avon Dance Academy, 1699 King St., Windsor, NS B0N 2T0

www.avondance.ca, avondanceacademy0@gmail.com or call 902-22-6620

The 3rd Falmouth Scouting Group

is now accepting registrations for youth age 6-17.
Beavers | Cubs | Scouts | Venturers.

No prior Scouting experience needed.

We will be holding a registration information session on September 12th. At Falmouth District School from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

Come out and find out more about what the scouting program has to offer. Meet some of the great Scouter volunteers we have on our leadership team, and let them answer any questions you might have.

Or Register Online at any time by visiting: www.myscouts.ca

If you have any questions prior to the event please reach out to us via email at 3rdfalmouthscouting@gmail.com or by facebook message to 3rd Falmouth Scouting