



WEST HANTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had such a wonderful fall with great temperatures! Students will need to start wearing layers for the very cold mornings and possibly warmer afternoons. This means many lost and found items as students forget their layers in various spots throughout the school. Lost and found items are piled on tables outside of the cafeteria, and inside each change room. Feel free to come in and check through the piles!

Mrs. Betty Davison is retiring! After 29 years at West Hants Middle School, as an Educational Assistant and then as our Head Cafeteria Worker, Betty is going to spend some time relaxing. We wish her well, and hope she has a healthy and happy retirement!

Some school activities:

Exploratory - We are getting ready for our final day of exploratory studies. The students have had the choice of 27 different activities. Our hope to expose them to some new skills, opportunities or time spent with a hobby.

Athletics – Many students are currently involved in team activities. Currently, Cheer, Hockey, and Basketball are being offered.

Events coming up:

Christmas Concert – December 13

School Dance – December 14

Mrs. Betty Davison 's last day in the cafeteria - December 15

Department of Education Survey on Inclusion

Survey – The Department of Education is conducting a survey around Inclusion in Education to gather opinions from students and parents. Please find the link below if you or your child would like to participate.

That survey can be found here: https://rdh.qfimir.com/CIE17_Student

OVERDUE ASSIGNMENTS

At WHMS we are trying hard to keep students accountable for their classroom assignments. Students are reminded twice a week when the homework list is sent to teachers. All students can also check the student portal to see what assignments are outstanding. Parents can also check on the parent portal for each subject. Most teachers are available at quiet bell for students to receive extra help.

Generosity from our WHMS Families

We have had an over-whelming response to our tree tags. Many gifts and gift cards were donated to help Hants County families in need. In addition, a number of kind-hearted individuals have brought in donations and gift-cards to be used at our discretion for families in need. We would all like to send our thanks to all of you for your kindness!

Student Teachers at WHMS

We have been fortunate to have eight student teachers from Acadia with us for six weeks. They will also return in the spring for another practicum.

West Hants Middle School is now finding new ways to use our Alert System to contact parents. This makes it very important that parents/guardians keep their contact information up-to-date.

If in doubt, please log on to your parent portal and select "Alert Solutions" from the menu items listed down the left side. Then select "Preferences by Contact Field". This will display the contact information the school has on file for your family. If you need to update this information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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.

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.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 13 – Christmas Concert
Dec 14 – Dance 7-9
Dec 21 – Early Dismissal – 12:20
Jan 3 – 1st Day Back –X-Mas Break
Jan 17 - Early Dismissal 12:20 pm
Jan 18 - Dance 7-9 pm
Jan 22 – Home & School 6:30 pm
Jan 31 – Tech Ed & Family Study Switch
Feb 1 – No School – Shut Down Day
Feb 12-16 – Winter Carnival Week
Feb 15 – Dance 7-9 pm
Feb 19 – No School – Heritage Day
Feb 26 – Home & School 6:30 pm
Feb 27 – Gr 6 French Meeting 6:30 pm
Mar 6 – Gr 8 Photos
Mar 12-16 – March Break
Mar 19 – Home & School 6:30 pm
Mar 22 – Dance 7-9
Mar 23 – No School - Marking Day
Mar 29 – Report Cards go home
Mar 30 – No School - Good Friday
Apr 2 – No School – Easter Monday
Apr 4 – Photo Retake – Gr 8
Apr 5 – Parent/Teacher Aft/Evening
Apr 5 - Early Dismissal 12:20 pm
Apr 16 - Home & School 6:30 pm
Apr 19 – Dance 7-9 pm
Apr 20 – Early Dismissal 12:20 pm
May 3 – Early Dismissal 12:20 pm
May 17 – Dance 7-9 pm
May 21 – No School – Victoria Day
May 28 – Home & School 6:30 pm
May 31 – Gr 7 Immunizations
June 6 – Early Dismissal 12:20 pm
June 7 - Gr 5 Visits
June 12 - Gr 5 Parent Meeting
June 14 –Athletic Banquet
June 22 – Early Dismissal 12:20
June 28 – No School – Marking Day
June 29 – Last Day

CLOSED CAMPUS

This is a reminder that our school is a closed campus. Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds regardless of receiving permission from a parent/guardian.

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.

Also a reminder to all parents/guardians

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

STUDENT SERVICES

Student Support Groups

WHMS is currently offering a number of student support groups for various student development needs. There are groups to support social, emotional and personal development needs for students, as well as an anxiety coping skills group currently being offered at the school. If at any time parents are interested in learning more about the student groups please contact Ms. Wellwood, the school counselor at (902) 757 - 4105 or email wellwoods@gnspe.ca.

“WINNERS OF THE FOOD FOR THOUGHT TICKETS”

The winners of the Food For Thought Tickets of \$100 Sobeys gift cards are:

1. Gwen Salter of Windsor
2. Lorna Turner of Brooklyn
3. Roland Schofield of Panuke Road
4. Leon Beaton of Windsor
5. Luke Regnier of Avondale

Thanks to all those who supported this program.



BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our breakfast program is a great program used very frequently by our students. Donations of breakfast items such as fruit, whole grain, cereal, breakfast bars, juice, yogurt, cheese, paper bowls, Dixie cups and plastic spoons are greatly appreciated.



FAMILY STUDIES



The West Hants Middle School **Family Studies** programs are looking for donations.

Clothing and Textiles 7 could make use of needles, pins, thread, fabric and other sewing supplies.

Grade 8 Foods and Nutrition students are in need of kitchen equipment such as utensils, measuring devices and small appliances like blenders and electric skillets.

Thank you for supporting our Family Studies program.

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NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Upcoming Dates

Date	Time	Event
Tues Dec 11 th	7:00pm	Band Parent's Meeting at WHMS
Wed. Dec. 13 th	7:00pm	Holiday Concert
Wed. Dec. 18 th	7:00pm	Holiday Concert Storm Date

For more information on what's up in the music department please see mrreidsite.weebly.com or contact Mr. Reid at smreid@gnspecs.ca.



Holiday Activities with Windsor Recreation



Drop In Gym at the Windsor Community Centre

Dec. 21, 27, 28, Jan 2 - Parent/Child/Family drop in for **young children 10:00am – 11:45am**

Cost is \$2.00 per person or \$4.00 per family or pay what you can afford. Parents/caregivers must provide supervision at all times. A variety of equipment will be provided.

Dec 21, 28, Jan 2 - Drop in gym for **ages 5 and up 2:00 – 4:30pm**

December 27 - Drop in gym for **ages 5 and up 3:00 – 4:30pm**

Cost is \$2.00 per person or \$4.00 per family or pay what you can afford. Windsor Recreation staff will be on hand to facilitate activities.

Dec 21, 28, Jan 2 -Drop in Gym for **ages 12 and up 6:30 – 8:00pm**

Cost is \$2.00 per person or \$4.00 per family or pay what you can afford. Windsor Recreation staff will be on hand to facilitate activities.



Free Holiday Skates at the Windsor Exhibition Arena



Helmets are mandatory! We have some for loan at the rink. Ask the skate patrol for assistance.

Dec 22, 24, 27, 28, 29, Jan 2 Everyone Welcome **12noon to 12:50pm**

December 23, 30 Everyone Welcome **9:00 – 9:50am**

December 31 Everyone Welcome **1:00 – 1:50pm**

Not Just for Kids – Holiday Activities for Adults

Indoor Walking – Windsor Community Centre Free!

Dec. 21, 22, 27, 28 and January 2 8:30 - 10:00am and 11:45am – 12:45pm

Pickleball for Adults – Windsor Community Centre \$2.00 drop in December 27 1:00 – 3:00pm



For more information call 902-798-1162 or email dlevy@town.windsor.ns.ca

