



WEST HANTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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APRIL
2018
Spring!

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring Everyone! We have a variety of sights first thing in the morning. Some are still wrapped up in winter gear and others are toughing it out with shorts and t-shirts. Our Track & Field Team are patiently waiting for spring-like weather so they can get on the field. We have had a number of successes in recent weeks that have been proud moments for students, staff and families.

REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

This was held at Kingstec during the first week of April. Please see the results below:

Grade 6

Charles Ford – Bronze Medal

Sarah Leopold – Silver Medal

Alistair Stockdale – Gold Medal

Kailyn Beaton – Gold Medal, Agriculture Award (\$100.00)

Amy Amirault – Gold Medal, Top Project Elementary Level

Grade 7

Jack Pemberton – Gold Medal, NSTU Award (\$50.00)

Alex Labrecque – Gold Medal, Top Energy Project 7-12

Lucas Hilden – Gold Medal

Grade 8

Abby Leopold & Erin Burgess – Silver Medal

Erik Giswold – Silver Medal

Joy Bannerman – Silver Medal, Agriculture Award, People's Choice Award

Lucas Hilden (gr. 7) was selected as one of the top four projects in the competition and will be travelling to Ottawa in May to compete in the National Fair. Mr. Davies has been selected to attend the National Fair as one of the Nova Scotia Delegates.



2018 TURNAROUND ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

We recognized one student from each grade level for all grades 6 – 12 and a student from WHEC.

- Gr. 6 – Isiah Fraser
- Gr. 7 – Isaac McLeod
- Gr. 8 – Brayden Hood
- Gr. 9 – Ally Murphy
- Gr. 10 – Kendra Carr
- Gr. 11 – Chase Hiltz
- Gr. 12 – Jessica Lloyd

Mrs. Ashley Connors from Avon View was given the Teacher Award for her work with various events throughout the school.

TRANSITION SEASON

We are well on our way to preparing our Grade 8 students for their move to Avon View High School. They have registered for their courses and had a visit. There will be additional visits for those that need extra support.

With our six feeder schools, there has already been some meeting, as well as some visits. All Grade Five students will be coming in June and there will be a Parent Presentation and Open House. The WHMS Administration will visit all of the elementary schools for some question & answer periods with the students. All six feeder schools will also take part in a Field Day at AV in May so they can get to know some students from other schools.

2017 POSTER AND LITERARY CONTEST

We are pleased to inform you that the following students were winners at the Branch Level with the Royal Canadian Legion Poster and Literary Contest:

Hants County Branch No. 9 2017 Poster and Literary Contest

We have recently had the results sent back to us from the contest. Once again our students did very well.

Grade 6:

Mason Wickens – 1st Jr. B&W Poster; his entry went on to place 2nd at the Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Level

Jayden Redden-Beaton – 2nd Jr. B&W Poster

Amy Amirault – 1st Jr. Colour Poster

Makiah Sansford – 2nd Jr. Colour Poster

Savana Patenaude – 1st Jr. Poem; her entry went on to place 1st at the Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Level and has been forwarded to Dominion in Ottawa for further judging

Lily Meyers – 2nd Jr. Poem

Grade 7:

Emma Tattrie – 1st Int. B&W Poster

Evan Baxter – 2nd Int. B&W Poster

Arianna Cutler – 1st Int. Colour Poster

Ainslie Gibbon – 2nd Int. Essay

BUS NOTES

Reminder that the following buses do not take notes:

505-Ken Swan, 501-Roy Wheeler, 514-Mike Mahar, 509-Nancy Hartt

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 in a note or called and told us.

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

Apr 19 – Dance 7-9 pm
Apr 20 – Early Dismissal 12:20 pm
Apr 24 – Home & School 6:30 pm
May 2/3 – Caribou Math Contest
May 3 – Early Dismissal 12:20 pm
May 15 – Jump Rope For Heart Day
May 17 – Dance 7-9 pm
May 21 – No School – Victoria Day
May 23/24 – Gr. 8 Assessment
May 28 – Home & School 6:30 pm
May 29/30 – Gr. 8 Assessment
May 31 – Dance 7-9 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 21 – Grade Level Trips
June 22 – Early Dismissal 12:20
June 27– No School – PD Day
June 28- No School - Marking Day
June 29 – Last Day –Closing Ceremonies
Gr. 6 - 10:15
Gr. 7 & 8 - 10:15

A reminder to all Parents/Guardians

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

Also please do not send in a note regarding any student other than your own as we cannot accept them.

ABSENT LINE

If your child is not coming to school 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 the absence.

CONFLICT IN DATE - JUNE DANCE

Please note that due to a conflict in dates the June 7th Dance has been rescheduled to May 31st.

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 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.

GUIDANCE

Babysitting Basics Course (St. John Ambulance) is being offered at WHMS on Friday, April 20th, 9-4pm.

This is an early dismissal day, so students will need to be picked up from school, and will need to pack a lunch since the cafeteria will not be open.

Cost is \$40. Please see Ms. Power for details and registration.

SABER MUSIC: Important Dates

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday May 1 st	10:00am	Grade 7 Band Performs at the Annapolis Valley Music Festival
Tuesday May 1 st	2:45pm	Concert Band Performs at the Annapolis Valley Music Festival
Wednesday May 2 nd	10:00am	Grade 8 Band Performs at the Annapolis Valley Music Festival
Friday May 4 th	10:45am	Jazz Band Performs at the Annapolis Valley Music Festival
Monday May 14 th	7:00pm	BPA meeting at AVHS
Wednesday May 23 rd	7:00pm	WHMS Spring Concert

For more information see the news section at mrreidsite.weebly.com or get in touch with Mr. Reid at smreid@gnsps.ca



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.



THE BREAD RUN

The Bread Run Organizing Committee are pleased that we are able to offer the 5th annual Bread Run. This event was thoughtfully organized by a group of local runners wanting to give back to their community. Our kids run will take place the evening of Friday May 11th at the Brooklyn Civic Centre. The Bread Run offers both 5k and 10k race options, on Saturday May 12th. There will be a registration fee for all entrants. Each year we choose a non-profit organization to donate all of our proceeds to that focus on helping kids participate in living a healthy and active lifestyle through sports in the community. This year all proceeds will be donated to Jumpstart. For more information find us on Facebook (The Bread Run 5 and 10 K) or Google The Bread Run 2018.

Come Join Edalene Theatre for an Amazing Summer Intensive Camp!

This summer's production is *Bugsy Malone*. Based on the 1970's movie of the same name, *Bugsy Malone* is about two gangs comprised completely of children in New York City. The show sees them square off in a 1920s rivalry of Capone-ian standards. Camp will be offered for students 10-18 and run for three weeks in August (August 6th-24), from Monday-Friday. During this camp the students will be trained in dance, music and theatre technique while rehearsing for a full scale musical production.

Auditions will be in May. All who audition will be accepted, auditions help us to find the best part to showcase you. However, if you would like to come to camp and be part of the chorus, no audition is required, just fill out a registration form.

If you interested in auditioning, please email kerri@edalenetheatre.ca or call Kerri Leier at 902-799-9009

CHILDREN OF EDEN

Music and colour fill the air as the St. Joseph's Stage Prophets present *Children of Eden* in Wolfville. Stage Prophets 16th production brings this family-friendly storyline to life with universal themes and catchy music that has been performed by thousands of schools and theatre groups.

Children of Eden is a touching musical about parents and children. The show focuses on the challenges of making choices, forgiveness, letting go and the obvious good and evil that live within all of us. It's an inspiring story through music, costumes, acting and magnificent life- sized animal puppets. The production features cast from the Annapolis Valley and Halifax, many whom are returning to the stage from last year's production of "Anne & Gilbert"

There will be six performances of *Children of Eden* taking place from May 17th – 20th at Festival Theatre in Wolfville. Nightly performances start at 7pm with 1:30pm matinees on May 19th and 20th. Tickets are \$20 and available at the following locations:

Occasions Gifts and Décor, Kentville
Box of Delights, Wolfville
Acadia Box Office – 902-542-5500

GRAND OPENING OF MAKERS

Please join us for the GRAND OPENING of MAKERS Windsor, NS, 21 Gerrish Street Saturday, April 28, 2018 Open House:
10am - 6pm Family Activities and Demonstrations
Evening Reception: 7pm - 10pm Food, Wine, Entertainment, Door Prizes

DREAM. LEARN. DO.

Makers is a not for profit social enterprise where the community can make, learn, teach, tinker, gather, collaborate, share, innovate, socialize, build, create, buy and sell.

Located in an historic brick building in Windsor which has been renovated into a unique maker space, Makers is part trade school, part art center, part traditional makerspace and part social club. Conceived as a community project to inspire creativity, enhance skills, foster economic growth and add to local cultural and social opportunities, Makers is a labour of love that is, in a way, a community's gift to itself.

Please come and join the celebration as we open this wonderful new social enterprise in downtown Windsor. We'll see you there!

For more information please visit our website or find us on Facebook. www.makerswindsor.com @windsormakers

GRADE 8 SEMI FORMAL

Tickets will be on sale for the grade 8 semi formal on Friday, April 27th and May 4th on Lunch Break in the Conference Room.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be sold to grade 8 students only.

Dance will be held on Friday, June 15th at the Brooklyn Civic Center

This is not a school event so any question please direct them to –Nanette Fisher at nandsfisher@EastLink.ca