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## School News

### Principal's Message

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8 pm and again Thursday December 1st from 1-4 pm. There are no classes for students on December 1<sup>st</sup> as the morning is professional development for teachers. Interviews will be conducted in the gym and are on a first come first served basis. Ms. Ummat will be at the door to greet parents and we would ask that you check in with her to ensure that your students' registration form is accurate. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your student's success.

### Brad McGowan

*"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you"*  
Socrates

### SAC and PTA News

**SAC Meeting:** Monday November 14, 5:30 pm.

**PTA Meeting:** Monday November 14, 6:30 pm.  
Please come and join the PTA at St. Agnes JHS

### Lest We Forget

Our Remembrance Day assembly will be held on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 to 11:50 am. We invite all parents, relatives and community members to attend. Individuals who presently serve or have served in our forces are most welcome to dress in uniform and we have a designated seating area during the assembly.

### Students in the Community

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Lauren Purchase, Molly MacAvoy, Caroline Kelly and Emily Lake were guests on CTV Morning Live show with Heidi Petracek. It was a timely interview with the Teddy Bears for Care Crew as they described their fundraising efforts for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. Lauren wanted to make a difference because her grandfather had died from leukemia and so had Caroline's Aunt. The girls had collected stuffed animals from Springvale students last fall and winter. The girls collected enough stuffed animals to fill 2 vans and the Purchase and MacAvoy's basements. They also funded special prize baskets to encourage donations.

The Teddy Bears for Care Crew spent weekends at various community locations selling their furry friends to obtain donations. To date they have raised \$1220 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The Teddy Bears for Care Crew participated in the Light the Night Event on October 15<sup>th</sup> which raised over \$603,000 towards finding a cure for leukemia.

Principal: Mr. B McGowan

Vice-Principals: Mr. C. Williams

Guidance: Mrs. A. Ummat

Secretary: Mrs. S. Harrison

### Junior Achievement Program

All Grade nines will be participating in the Economics of Staying in School (ESIS) program on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The ESIS program is endorsed and directly sponsored by the Department of Education with the goal to deliver this program to every Grade 9 class in Nova Scotia.

This program provides opportunities for the student and encourages the student to consider and reflect on the advantages of remaining in school until they have gained knowledge, attitudes and skills to be needed for long-term career success. Volunteers from the local business area deliver the program.

The students learn to explore and manage their career and job choices by focusing on the direct links between further education and personal goals. The program provides them with the direct knowledge and information about financial futures. It also emphasizes a greater appreciation of the opportunities available through education and staying in school.

### Grade 9 Trip

We are pleased to announce that the Grade 9 trip this year is destined for Prince Edward Island. The trip dates are June 21 - June 23. A parent meeting will be held Monday December 5, at 7 pm. in the library at St. Agnes to review the itinerary and discuss fundraising/payment details. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Chuck Williams by telephone at 493-5132 or via e-mail at [cwilliams@hrsb.ca](mailto:cwilliams@hrsb.ca)

### Take Your Child to Work

November 2<sup>nd</sup> marked "Take Your Child to Work Day" for Grade 9 students across Canada. On this day, students spent the day with their parents, relatives or friends, at their place of work. Grade 9 students had previously received information and consent forms necessary to facilitate this day. This is always a wonderful opportunity to gain exposure to the world of work and to see parents in a different context! There will be associated academic activities regarding this event. We hope that all of our Grade 9's thoroughly enjoyed their day at work!

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<http://sajh.ednet.ns.ca>

### Students of the Month

Grade 7	Jenna Axell , Ty Martin
Grade 8	Andrew Clarke, Katie Duggan
Grade 9	Geraldine Lagon Niko Stappas

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### Homework on the Web!

<http://sajh.ednet.ns.ca/homework.htm>

### Bell Schedule

(Please note times)

8:40 a.m. Student Arrival Time  
8:50 a.m. First Class Begins  
11:50 a.m. Dismissal for Lunch  
1:15 p.m. Students Arrival Time  
1:20 p.m. First Class Begins  
3:20 p.m. Dismissal for the Day

## Sports Reports

### Hockey

The St. Agnes Hockey team currently stands with a 2-2 record. St. Agnes resumes action against Halifax Central Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

### Early Morning Gym:

Early morning gym continues to be a busy time for our eager, active students each and every morning! We consistently have 30-40 students each morning but there is always room for more to join. Come in and have a fun, active start to your day!

### Boys Soccer

The Boys soccer team had a fantastic fall season. The team was selected in early September and they quickly bonded and grew into a soccer family. The boys worked tremendously hard for everything they attained as seen in some solid victories and even in some tough defeats. In the end, the boys lost a hard fought 1-0 semi-final

game to Fairview on the Mainland Commons Field. Mr. Starzomski could not have been more proud of the effort that was given by the grade 7, 8, and 9s this season as they left everything on the field. More importantly, each member of the team has been a positive contributor to the St Agnes JH community and they continue to be leaders in their respective Phys Ed. classes and around the school. Great job boys!

### Inclement Weather Policy Reminder

The Halifax Regional School Board takes great care when making the decision to alter the normal operations of schools in the event of severe or inclement weather. Decisions on school closures and/or bus cancellations are posted on the board's website at [www.hrsb.ns.ca](http://www.hrsb.ns.ca), on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRSB\\_Official](http://www.twitter.com/HRSB_Official), recorded on 464-INFO (4636) and communicated to all local radio stations. You can also receive notice of school and bus cancellations by e-mail or text message by following the link on the front page (left side) of the HRSB website. If you are interested in learning more on how decisions regarding closures and cancellations are made, visit <http://www.hrsb.ns.ca/content/id/1137.html>.

## More School News

### Yearbook News

The yearbook is currently being worked on and the small yearbook team is busy designing the pages. Yearbook orders are currently being accepted. The order forms went home with the SAJH clothing orders. They can also be ordered on-line at <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09720100>

### Multicultural Club

There was a great turnout for the first meeting of St Agnes Junior High Multicultural Club. It was exciting to have a diverse group of students and staff representation, including Mr. Colley, Ms. Hache, Ms. Mullen, Ms. Calder and Ms. Ummat. This group will meet on Fridays at lunch and all are welcome.

We plan to have Lunch and Learn sessions each month to celebrate and learn about different cultures. Many thanks to Chenise Hache for the leading the first Lunch and Learn on November 4th about Mi'kmaw culture.

We also hope to have a school wide Multicultural Festival in the spring that celebrates cultural diversity, including food, art, dance and drama. The Multicultural Club is looking for volunteers in the community to lead future Friday Lunch and Learn sessions. This is a great way to informally share information about your culture. You don't have to be a teacher or an expert... just be ready to share your knowledge and passion about your culture. Anyone interested in leading a Lunch and Learn session should contact Johanna Calder at [jcalder@hrsb.ca](mailto:jcalder@hrsb.ca)

## Important Dates

Grade 9 Trip Parent Meeting December 5 at 7 pm SAJH Library

Assessment and Evaluation Day- November 14 (no classes)

Report Cards November 23

SAC Meeting Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm.

PTA Meeting Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm.

PD Day December 1 (Morning) no classes December 1<sup>st</sup> (whole day)

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