

Great Academics and Treatment of Others..... Respectful School. **GATORS!**

Principal: Mr. B McGowan  
Vice-Principals: Mr. C. Williams  
Guidance: Mrs. A. Ummat



## School News

### Principal's Message

Can you believe that we are now part way through October? Wow, things really are clipping along. We are now all settled in, working hard, finding success and for our grade sevens realizing that they truly are part of a family. Please always remember if there is anything I or any member of my team can do to support your student's success do not hesitate to reach out to me at the school. This is an amazing school and a wonderful community and together we will insure that these exceptional students have the success they truly deserve.

It is my honor to be the principal of this very special school and always remember we are in this together...we are all part of an amazing family. Go Gators!

Brad McGowan  
"Peace begins with a smile..."  
Mother Teresa

### SAC and PTA News

**SAC:** Meeting Monday October 17, 5:30 pm.

**PTA:** Meeting Monday October 17, 6:30 pm. Please come and join the PTA at St. Agnes JHS

### Walk -A-Thon

On Friday afternoon October 7<sup>th</sup>, the students of St. Agnes will be participating in our annual fundraising walk-a-thon in memory of Steve Scott. Mr. Scott was a tireless supporter of students at St. Agnes through his teaching, mentoring and coaching. Funds raised by the walk-a-thon are used to support school activities including sports, clubs and field trips.

The students of St. Agnes Junior High would like to thank everyone in advance for their generous donations. Also a very special thank you to all of the parents who help out with the activities on the day of the walk-a-thon and to the local businesses for their donations of incentive prizes

### Take Our Kids to Work

November 4th is "Take Our Kids to Work Day" for Grade 9 students across Canada. On this day, students will be spending the day with their parents, relatives or friends, at their places of work. A form will be sent home shortly with each Grade 9 student that must be filled out, indicating where your child will be on that day. This is a wonderful opportunity to gain exposure to the world of work, and also to see their parents in a different context! There will be associated academic activities regarding this event. We hope that all of our Grade 9s will thoroughly enjoy their

day at work and have a wonderful experience where they learn to appreciate and understand their parents better. This will also give them the opportunity to realize the importance of planning a career path. To learn more about initiatives and programs, please visit their website at [thelearningpartnership.ca/TOKW](http://thelearningpartnership.ca/TOKW).

### Battle Of the Books

Battle of the Books will have their first meeting on Oct. 7th at lunch time. We are looking forward to defending our title as Wozzles Battle of the Books Champions.

### G.O.A.L.

Girls Only Active Lunch)has begun for the season. It runs every Thursday at lunch in the gymnasium. We are growing by leaps and bounds!

### Dance Survival Tips 101

(for Students and Parents)

Dance admissions are sold only in advance so that the school is aware of who should be arriving. Families of students who are expected but do not arrive by 7 pm. (without prior arrangement with the school) will be contacted.

Arrival for students is through the rear doors of the gym. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

For the Halloween dance costumes are encouraged but not necessary. Please no masks or weapons. Costumes should be school appropriate.

Students must leave coats and bags in the library which is supervised and then locked during the dance. **The use of cell phones, cameras and other electronic devices is not permitted during the dance.** If students bring cell phones they are to be left in their coats and may be used at the conclusion of the dance for communication home.

Students are to be picked up at 9 pm. at the front doors of the school. Students are not permitted to leave earlier than 9 pm. without communication between parents/guardians and the school.

A canteen that features water, juice and pizza slices will operate during most dances. Juice is \$0.75 water is \$1.00 and pizza is \$2.00

Most importantly, have lots of fun!!

## Contents

School News	1
More School News	2
Sports Reports	2
Important Dates	2

### Students of the Month

Grade 7	Ahmed Alzoubi Maya Metlej
Grade 8	Sophia Cuni-Hall Naween Wasala
Grade 9	Nilan Ekanayake Eliana Massan

### Student Council

SAJH Student Council executives and class representatives have been elected. Our executives are:

Grade 9 - Co-Presidents  
Sophia Wedderburn, Thomas Duck

Grade 8 - Secretary and Treasurer  
Naween Wasala, Teddy Chisholm

Grade 7 - Social Promotions Reps  
Genevieve Curry, Cameron Lusby

Our teacher advisors this year are Mr. Greg Brophy and Ms. Targett

Our first dance of the school year will take place on Thursday, Oct. 27 (from 6:30 pm - 9 pm) and it will be a costume themed dance with a prize for the two best costumes as part of the evening. Tickets will go on sale for this dance on Monday, October 24 at lunch in the main foyer.



St. Agnes Junior High  
6981 Mumford Rd.  
Halifax, N.S.,  
B3L 2H7

Phone:  
(902) 493-5132

E-mail:  
stagnes@hrsb.ns.ca

Safe Arrival Line

493-5132

We're on Twitter!

<http://twitter.com/sajhnews>

We're on the Web!

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

### Bell Schedule

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 Enter  
1:20 p.m. - First Class Begins  
3:20 p.m. - Dismissal for the Day

## Sports Reports

### School Athletics Recap

"The SAJH Athletics program is off to a great start. They boys and girls soccer teams have represented St. Agnes both on and off the field in a positive way. Also, the cross country team had their first meet and were successful on a blustery fall day. Girls Only Active lunch as well as Early Morning Gym programs have been a resounding success with upwards of 35-45 students each day in the gym and room for more if students desire. Volleyball season is approaching, stay tuned for tryout dates!"

### Cross Country

The 1st Cross Country meet was the City Championship at Point Pleasant Park on September 27th. The juniors boys placed 2nd overall and the junior girls placed 4th. An excellent showing by our young team. The Regional Meet will take place at Point Pleasant on October 13th, an all day event. Thanks go out to all the players for an excellent effort thus far. Go Gators Go!

### Hockey

The St. Agnes Hockey team faces Sacred Heart on Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. All games are held at Centennial arena and general admission is \$3. The complete schedule can be found on the school website.

### Touch Football

SAJH Football season is underway this season. Games are played at the Halifax Commons on Mondays and Wednesdays with make-up games on Fridays. The full schedule is available on the school website. Go Gators

Early Morning Gym: Early morning gym has kicked off with a great turn out for morning badminton. Students are reminded that the gym opens daily at 8 am. and students must be in by 8:20 am.



## More School News

The 2016-2017 Nova Scotia Assessment: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics in Grade 8 will be administered over 4-days between May 23 and June 2, 2016 for 90 minutes each day.

This assessment includes the following:

- reading and writing tasks that reflect grade 8 curriculum outcome expectations
- reading passages in the narrative, information, poetry/song, and visual text genres
- reading comprehension questions in selected response format
- reading comprehension questions that are designed to provide a broad range of challenge, thereby providing more information about individual student performance
- one essay writing task and one story writing task
- mathematics questions that reflect the end of grade 8 curriculum outcome expectations
- selected response (multiple choice) questions in all mathematics domains
- tasks designed to assess students' ability to solve problems
- tasks requiring different levels of cognitive demands to solve, thereby providing more

information about student performance

Results of the 2015-2016 Nova Scotia Assessment: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics in Grade 8 were sent home to parents/guardians of students currently in grade 9. The reports are also available through the Parent Portal of PowerSchool. If you have any questions about the assessments you may contact the school at 902-493-5132 or via email at [sajh@ednet.ns.ca](mailto:sajh@ednet.ns.ca)

If you require a login for PowerSchool please contact Ms. Harrison in the Main Office 902-493-5132.



## Important Dates

Walk-a-thon Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> (afternoon)

SAC Meeting - Monday October 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm.

PTA Meeting - Monday October 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm.

Picture Day- Adams Photography - Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

School Dance - Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:00 pm.

PD Day - Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> - No school for students.