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## School News

### Principal's Message

Welcome to another wonderful school year at St. Agnes Jr. High School. Our teachers, support staff and administration are truly committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for each student, as together we ensure the highest standard of learning. Each day we place students at the center of every choice we make. Our focus is on learning ...we are flexible and creative, ensuring an individualized approach to student learning. At St. Agnes Jr. High School we view all assessment as an opportunity for both students and teachers to learn and to grow and regularly provide multiple opportunities for students to demonstrate learning success.

Our students are truly important to us and their success is absolutely necessary. It is important that each child has social, emotional and academic success while at SAJH. If at any time you have questions, comments or concerns do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of my team. We are in this together. This school, this amazing community and these wonderful students and staff members are a family and each day we will grow, learn, discover and support one another.

**Brad McGowan**  
Principal  
St. Agnes Junior High

### SAC and PTA News

SAC: Meeting Monday September 19, 5:30 pm.

PTA: Meeting Monday September 19, 6:30 pm.

Please feel welcome to come and join the SAC or PTA here at St. Agnes JHS. Your support is appreciated!

### Walk -A-Thon

Again this year, St. Agnes Jr. High School will be participating in our annual walk-a-thon. This year's walk-a-thon will take place on Friday, October 7th. We are hopeful that as many students as possible will collect pledges for this fundraiser, as the proceeds will be used to support students and school community activities.

Every pledge sheet is validated with a St. Agnes Jr. High stamp. It is each student's responsibility to return the sheet to the school regardless of how many pledges are recorded. (The pledge sheet is only to be used as the fundraiser it is intended.)

The teachers and students of St. Agnes Jr. High thank you in advance for your support with our fundraiser. Your help and continued support is greatly appreciated. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

### Walk -A-Thon Route and Activities

Students will enjoy activities on the St. Agnes soccer field as well as walking around the periphery of the Westmount community. These supervised activities will be taking place from 1:20 - 3:20 pm. The route the students walk is along the Shopping Center Road, up to Bayers Road along to Connaught Avenue, along Connaught to Chebucto Road, down Chebucto to Mumford Road and back to the school. Members of the school's leadership team, along with the school staff, will be positioned along the route to ensure safety and proper conduct.

Individuals who are able to help out with the donation of small incentive prizes for the walk-a-thon are asked to contact Mr. Williams at the school 902- 493-5132 [cwilliams@hrsbc.ca](mailto:cwilliams@hrsbc.ca)

### Safe Scent & Nut Aware Policy

SAJH is designated as a Scent Safe Site & a Nut Aware School. Please note that some of our students and staff are scent & nut sensitive. Persons entering the building wearing scented products may cause breathing difficulties for others in our building. We ask, and thank you, for assisting us with making this a safe environment for those attending St. Agnes.

### SAJH Supervised Lunch Program

Student Behaviour Expectations:

- Students are expected to attend the supervised lunch program in the assigned lunch room.
- Students must remain in their seats during the lunch sitting.
- Students are expected to bring their own lunch. They may not leave school property to purchase a lunch and return to the lunch room.
- Students are advised not to share their lunch as some students may have allergies.
- Students are not permitted to bother other students for food.
- Students are required to recycle, clean-up and return the lunch room to the condition in which it was found.
- Students must remain on the school grounds during the entire lunch period.

At all times, respect for the lunch monitor is expected.

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We're on the Web!  
<http://sajh.ednet.ns.ca>

### Student Council News

We are now preparing to elect the general student council and s executive. Each homeroom elects a member to council. The executive is elected at large. Our Student Council staff advisors are Mr. Brophy and Ms. Targett .Council meetings will take place every other week once membership is finalized. Student Council welcomes suggestions and ideas from all students. We're really looking forward to a great year!

We're on Twitter!

<http://twitter.com/sajhnews>

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### Safe Arrival Line

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### Homework on the Web!

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

### Bell Schedule

8:40 am. - Student Arrival Time  
8:50 am. - First Class Begins  
11:50 am. - Dismissal for Lunch  
1:15 pm. - Student Arrival Time  
1:20 pm. - First Class Begins  
3:20 pm. - Dismissal for the Day

## Sports Reports

### Hockey

The St. Agnes Hockey team will hold two evaluation sessions at the Halifax Forum. The first session is from 6:30 am. until 7:30 am. Thursday September 22<sup>nd</sup> and the second Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 am. until 7:30 am. Students are asked to attend both sessions. The cost of the evaluations is \$10 in total and consent forms are available from Mr. Williams. Junior High hockey is a co-educational sport. Regular season games will be played Friday afternoons and evenings at Centennial Arena beginning on or about October 7.

### Early Morning Gym

Early morning gym with start Monday September 12. We know it's going to be a "hit" with the students. In past years upwards of 35 students per morning made their way into the gym to get a "sweaty" start to the day! Hopefully we can continue to grow the morning program and have more students continue to join us!

### Intramurals ,Cross Country,

Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Football will all commence in the next few weeks. Please listen for the daily announcements as to tryout dates and the location of the sign ups. This information will all be posted in announcements section on the school homepage. <http://sajh.ednet.ns.ca/>

## More School News

### Video Monitoring

We are committed to providing a safe environment for all members of the St. Agnes School community and to this end we would like to remind you that we have video cameras within the school monitoring entrances, stairs and hallways. The technology has the capability to record information for a period of time and would only be reviewed in the event of an incident taking place in the school. These cameras will not be used to monitor regular activity of students, which is done regularly by school staff. The system will be active twenty four hours a day. Signs are posted at all entrances to inform all visitors, staff, and students of the use of the technology. The installation and use is in accordance with section 24 of Nova Scotia's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the main office at 493-5132 or [stagnes@hrsb.ns.ca](mailto:stagnes@hrsb.ns.ca).

### 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 please visit, <http://www.hrsb.ns.ca/content/id/1137.html>

## Important Dates

**Pink Day** - Stand Up Against Bullying September 15

**Curriculum Night** Thursday September 22 6:00 pm.-8:00 pm.

**Walk-a-Thon** - Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Please support our school!

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

**SAC Meeting** - Monday September 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm.

**PTA Meeting** - Monday September 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm.

**NSTU Conference Day** Friday October 28<sup>rd</sup> No school for students.