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## School News

### Principal's Message

Welcome back! I just wanted to let everyone know that we are all looking forward to starting what I know will be an amazing year. We at St. Agnes Jr. High School are a family and that family includes each of you...all of our incredible students and the adults that are fortunate to spend our days with you. The GATOR family also includes all of our families and guardians and the entire greater school community. We are in this together and as a family we will place these wonderful students at the center of all we do.

Please know that my door is always open and it is my honour to be the principal of this amazing school.

Brad McGowan  
Principal  
St. Agnes Junior High

### Welcome Back Students

The first day back for students is **Thursday September 7**. Students are asked to assemble outside the main doors no later than **8:40 am**. Grade 7 students will be welcomed in first and will proceed to the gymnasium for introduction to their homeroom teachers. Grade 8 and 9 students will be welcomed into the building separately and from lists posted in the main foyer will determine their homeroom and room number. Grade 8 and 9 students will proceed directly to their homeroom where they will be greeted by their homeroom teacher.

### Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night will be held **Thursday September 14** from 6 to 8 pm. Parents and Guardians will have an opportunity to meet with teachers in their classrooms to discuss a variety of topics including, learning outcomes, course content and assessment and evaluation.

### 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>

**Principal: Mr. B McGowan**  
**Vice-Principals: Mr. C. Williams**  
**Guidance: Mrs. A. Ummat**  
**Secretary: Mrs. S. Harrison**

### 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

The lunch program at St. Agnes operates daily on a drop in basis, no registration is required. Student are asked to adhere to the program expectations.

#### Program Expectations:

- Students are expected to attend the supervised lunch program in the assigned lunch room.
- Students must sign in upon their arrival in the lunch room.
- 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 must provide their own utensils.
- 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 under the supervision of the lunch monitor.
- Students are asked to respect the lunch monitor and their requests.

### 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).

## Important Dates



Safe Arrival Line

493-5132

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. - End of Day Dismissal

### St. Agnes Junior High Calendar 2017-2018

September 7	First Day of School for students
September 14	Stand Up Against Bullying
September 14	Curriculum Night
September 29	PD Day
October 9	Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
October 25	School Picture Day
October 26	Dance 6:30 - 9 pm.
October 27	NSTU Provincial Conference Day (no classes)
November 6	Grade 7 Immunizations
November 13	Remembrance Day observed (no classes)
November 22	Assessment Day (no classes)
November 27	Term 2 begins
November 29	Term 1 Report Cards
December 7	PD day AM Parent-Teacher Conferences 1-4 pm. & 6-8 pm. (no classes whole day)
December 14	Dance 6:30 - 9 pm.
December 21	Last day of classes
January 3	School Re-Opens
February 8	Dance 6:30 - 9 pm.
February 19	Mona Louise Parsons Heritage Day (no classes)
March 9	Assessment Day (no classes)
March 12-16	March Break
March 19	Term 3 begins
March 21	Term 2 Reports Cards
March 30	Good Friday (no classes)
April 2	Easter Monday (no classes)
April 19	PD day AM Parent-Teacher Conferences 1-4 and 6 -8 pm. (no classes whole day)
May 1	Grade 7 Immunizations
May 18	PD Day (no classes)
May 21	Victoria Day (no classes)
May 24	Dance 6:30 - 9 pm
June 28	Assessment Day (no classes)
June 28	Grade 9 Closing 2 pm.
June 29	Last Day - Final Report Cards