

Hants North Rural High



UPCOMING

FEBRUARY

Semester 2 Starts 6
9 - 12 Reports Home 13
Winter Carnival 26 - 2

MARCH

School Dance 1
March Break 12 - 16

APRIL

7 & 8 Reports Home 3
9 - 12 Reports Home 17
Parent Teacher 6:30 - 8 19
Parent Teacher 9 - 11:45 20
No Classes 20

Principal

Mrs. Searle

Vice Principal

Mr. Hingley

Student Services

Mrs. Pertus

Admin Assistant

Mrs. Jackson

Inclement Weather

A reminder that school cancellations will be announced on the local radio stations early in the morning. Please listen for the Nova Family of schools. If you live on a dirt road and there are icy conditions, the students may need to come to the main road. If busses are not running on dirt roads in the morning, regardless of the "improvement" in weather over the course of the day, they will still not be running on those roads in the afternoon. You can also check the CCRSB website at www.ccrsb.ca for school closure information.



HNRH Basketball

Both the Sr Boys and the Sr Girls Basketball teams will be in Cape Breton from Feb 4th - Feb 11th to participate in the Coal Bowl Classic. You can see teams schedules and even get a Live Feed Link on the following website.

<http://www.cbv.ns.ca/coalbowl/xoops/#.WnSomfmGO70>

Check out next months newsletter for pictures of the teams and results!

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher meetings will be held on April 19th 6:30pm - 8:00pm and on April 20th from 9:00am - 11:45am for grades 7 - 12. Report cards will go home for grades 7 & 8 on April 3rd, and for grades 9 - 12 on April 17th.

We Act @ HNRH

Clothing Drive

In December clothing was collected, washed and sorted by type. Students and community members were invited to come in and take away any items they could use! Items that were not taken away were donated to local charities so more locals in need could benefit from the clothing donations.



Paper Cranes for Yuto

"A Japanese legend promises if one were to fold 1000 paper cranes, the recipient would be granted a wish by the Gods". A call went out from NSISP for a former Japanese student from the program. After Yuto had returned home to Japan from Cape Breton, he took ill. After hearing of Yuto and the Japanese legend, our We Act group at HNRH decided they wanted to add to the 250 cranes being sent. Our students made 700 paper cranes to deliver to the NSISP office. They were put with other paper Cranes from various schools in Nova Scotia for a total of 1474 cranes to be delivered to Yuto. What a wonderful act of kindness from our school to be shared with a student over in Japan. Yuto was so surprised and happy to have so many people thinking of him. Last we heard, he was out on a week pass after 4 months. Three of the tumors are gone and the last one is much smaller. He will still have more chemo and radiation but for now is strong and happy, and hoping to be released from hospital in early March. A huge Thank you To all of the students who helped with this paper crane wish for Yuto.



NSISP News!

February NSISP NEWS: In January, we welcomed Mr. Junseo Jwa (Jun), as an Intern in our school from South Korea. He will be here for 6 weeks. This month we will also welcome students, Yen Tran from Vietnam, Yeeun (Lucy) Jeong and Minchul (Mike) Kang from South Korea and Krystof (Kris) Psenicka from Czech. These students will be here for the semester. Welcome to all of you.

While we love to welcome new students, we also have to say Good Bye to some. Students that left at the end of the semester were Nanami from Japan, Leonie and Laurenz from Germany and Orhun from Turkey. They will be missed.

Speaking of activities, just a reminder that Chinese New Year will fall on February 16th^h this year. This is the year of the Dog and a very important holiday for our Asian students. Please don't hesitate to ask them questions about this important holiday!

We are soon placing students for September. We need families for short term, semester and full year students as well as families that are within walking distance to a school for our wonderful interns. If you or someone you know would like to give hosting a try, let's talk!

Carol Apesteguy

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Show off your wonderful Nova Scotia community!
Host families needed for Junior & Senior High School
students for local schools.

Have you considered hosting?
Why not give it a try?

- You have a willingness to share your culture and your community.
 - Families do not need to have children at the school.
 - Students have their own spending money and health insurance.
 - Tax free monthly stipend (\$575) provided to the host family.
 - Families have support of school board staff.
- 5 month students (Sep -Jan)
10 month students (Sep – Jun)
Various short term placements (1-3 months)

May 2018 - 10 day placements



<https://www.nsisp.ca/become-host-family>
902-956-3648

Student Attendance and Engagement Policy

Education and Early Childhood Development

Schools across the province now have a new student attendance and engagement policy to address the growing concern of student absenteeism.

The policy and a supporting operational plan were shared with the education system on September 20th, and took effect October 1st 2017.

The policy is intended to help improve student attendance through a balance of supports, incentives and consequences. The policy is designed to identify and address absenteeism before it becomes a problem for students through early and targeted interventions.

A copy of the policy, operational plan and more information is available at:

<https://www.ednet.ns.ca/student-attendance-and-engagement-policy>

HNRH Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy

Cell phones and other personal electronic devices have become a major distraction in the classrooms and other instructional areas. To help lessen this impact on students learning a policy has been developed that will help keep students engaged in classroom activities.

This policy was implemented on October 1st 2017.

Please visit the site listed below and review the policy with your child to be aware of its implications.

<https://goo.gl/TKFJhD>



Website and Facebook



We try to keep our website and our Facebook page up to date. If you are looking for important dates or links to student agendas or new policies, check out the school website at: www.hnrh.ccrsb.ca or search us out on Facebook at Hants North Rural High and Kennetcook District School.

**Have a teen who wants a job but
is having trouble finding one?**

**Please join us for a discussion on services
available to Youth at the Nova Scotia Works Centre.**

Parent Info Night: Youth Services at the Elmsdale Nova Scotia Works Centre

Where: Riverside Education Centre, Milford Station

When: 6:00 PM, Thursday, February 22

Your Presenter: Rui Ferrera, Nova Scotia Works Centre

Free to attend! Snacks! Door prizes!

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