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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I would like to take this opportunity to update our community about some recent staffing changes, school renovations and to inform you about the new Power School marking and attendance program.

We would like to wish Ms. Yorke and Ms. Lebens all the best as they take on new teaching positions. Ms. Yorke who took an educational leave in the fall to complete her guidance practicum, secured a guidance position at Bell Park Elementary for the remainder of the year and Ms Lebens received a term teaching position at Auburn Dr High School. Ms Monahan has graciously agreed to finish the year in Ms Yorke's position. I would like to wish both teachers the best of luck in their new assignments. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Dempsey who will be joining our English and Social Studies department and Ms. Tomlinson who will be covering for Ms. Keramaris also in the social studies department.

The school renovation project is moving along with 5 more North wing classrooms about to start being constructed and the larger gym receiving new lights, acoustical panels and a MBA quality wooden floor. More on the renovations will be reported in the spring once final drawings for the technology and innovation labs are complete.

Hopefully by now, both students and parents are using the new software Power Schools. Students should see Mr. Stewart to receive their login information. It is important that students have access to this software because this year, for the first time, students, along with their parents at home will be registering for next years courses. Please take the time to review the course selection handbook, which will be coming home early March and review the high school graduation requirements, which is on the front of the current report card. With this software, you now can see whether your child is in class, if they past in that assignment they have been working on or what mark they received on the last test. You will have all the answers at your fingertips. If you require a login please call 435-8452 ext. 4101004 or email rizzard@hrsb.ns.ca

REPORTING A STUDENT'S ABSENCE

Last October we changed our attendance procedures so that ALL absences are reported home. When a student is absent, the excused code is not entered until the day following the absence. If the absence has been excused, the call still goes home as unexcused and the message now indicates that if you have excused the absence to please disregard the call. As long as you call in or email the absence, you don't need to write a note (although you may if you wish) but you will still receive a call home. When excusing your child's absence, please either use the attached form or ensure you include all of the information on the form. Failure to include the necessary information may result in erroneous reporting of the student's attendance.

(Please refer to form on last page).

Please note that if you excuse your child for being late, their attendance records will still indicate an "L" code for that period as there is no separate code for "Excused Late". Also, if your child's attendance record indicates a "U" (unexcused) for a particular class and they were not absent, they must discuss it with the appropriate teacher and the teacher must contact me to change the code. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 435-8452 extension 4101004 or email me at rizzard@hrsb.ns.ca

CURRICULUM NIGHT

6:30 - 7:30 PM

March 2nd, 2011

Please print off your child's schedule
from Power School

GR 9 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

For Parents of Incoming Grade 10 Students

March 1st @ 6:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Following the registration information there will be:

O2 information event in Library and an
IB information event in Auditorium

FUNDRAISERS

CAR RAFFLE

Congratulations Chester Halliday the winner of the 2010 Honda Civic. Jessica Halliday, a current grade 12 student, sold the winning ticket #3526 to her father. There were a total of 2065 tickets sold for a total profit of just over \$22,700. Thank you to Portland Street and everyone who purchased a ticket.



Chester and Jessica at Portland Street Honda with their new 2010 Honda Civic.

GRADE 12 LEADERSHIP CLASS



Mrs. MacDonald's grade 12 leadership class raised close to \$2000 for Alice Housing, which provides housing and supportive counseling for women and children leaving domestic violence. The class created a 'house' on the gym floor made out of pennies and other coin. Great job 😊

LIBRARY NEWS

A new semester is starting. Make the library a regular destination for your studies. Support is available for study skills, time management, research, essay writing and projects. Just ask. Set your goals high. The PA Library is open from 7:45 am to 4:30 pm daily.

The PA Library would like to welcome Ms. Angela Connor, our new Library Assistant, who is coming to us with a wealth of experience from Dartmouth High School.

All students and staff are asked to return textbooks and library books signed out during first semester as soon as possible.

STUDENT SERVICES

Course selection books have been distributed to all the feeder junior high schools along with registration forms which are due back March 4. For our current grade 10 and grade 11 students, course selection booklets will be distributed beginning of March. As previously stated, students will be registering on line through the Power Schools systems. If students require a log in, please see Mr. Stewart.

Following the break, we will be holding two assemblies (one for grade 10 and the other for grade 11) to talk about course selection for next year. There will also be a Course Fair, which will allow all grade 10 and grade 11

students an opportunity to find out details about any courses they are interested in registering for. While this is taking place, we will be hosting a grade 12 assembly to discuss scholarships and safe grad.

GRADE 12 INFORMATION

GRAD FEES

This is a reminder to all potential graduates and parents of grade 12 students. The graduation fee of \$50 must be paid by Friday, March 4th. The order for graduation gowns will go out late March and once the order is placed, no additional gowns can be ordered. Please see Mr. McLellan in room 103 to pay your fees and get measured for your gown. No student will walk across the stage in June without the rental of a gown. You can pay with cash or cheque written out to Prince Andrew High School. If there are circumstances that prohibit you from affording this payment, please see the administration, guidance counsellors or Mr. McLellan.



SAFE GRAD

Safe Grad will be held Friday June 24 at the Dartmouth Holiday Inn and tickets cost \$80. Tickets will be going on sale Wednesday, March 23 at lunch. Students wishing to make part payments can do so at this time. Once the ticket is paid for in full and both the student and parent sign a contract, a ticket will be issued.

SAFE GRAD NEEDS HELP

Perhaps you or someone you know could donate one or more of these items. Please contact them for us and then give us a call with the information (435-8452 ext 4101115).

#1-BEVERAGES - ANYTHING NON-ALCOHOLIC!!

Water, Pop, Fruit Drinks. We provide refreshments all night long. We need to provide beverages for over 400 people for 7 hours!!

We also need paper/plastic glasses to pour the drink into. We do not hand out full cans/bottles - TOO MUCH WASTE!

#2 - PRIZES!! We would like to give away a prize to every GRAD at the end of the Safe Grad celebration. We do this during the (Fake) auction (play money), raffles and draws from 4:00am to 5:30am. It's a great way to end the celebration.

PLEASE DONATE OR GET AN ITEM (S) DONATED and DROP IT OFF AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE (MARK IT 'SAFE GRAD') AT ANY TIME. IF YOU WANT THE DONATION ACKNOWLEDGED, INCLUDE THE INFORMATION.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Amaral at 435-8452 ext. 4101115 or 233-2789 or email lamaral@staff.ednet.ns.ca

P.A.ACTS

This is a group for students interested in making a difference in their community and on the global scene. We are doing fund raising for groups such as Mental Health Nova Scotia; The Nova Scotia Gambia Association; Run for the Cure and Plan Canada. Our long term goals includes building a school in Rwanda by 2013. We meet Mondays at lunch in Room 201. Come and see what we are all about and take part in something that will make YOU feel good about what you are doing!

MATH LEAGUE



Congratulations to the PA Math League competitors for finishing third place among all HRM schools in the last Math League competition on January 15th. The next competition will be held on Saturday, March 5th from 9am to 12pm. Anyone interested in attending are asked to see Mr. McLellan in room 103 or Mr. Brown in room 102

MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On January 6, the PAHS Youth Health Committee (consisting of students and staff) put on its first ever school-wide Mental Health Day. This school-wide mental health promotion event was intended to decrease stigma and increase awareness of mental illness as well as promote healthy coping skills at a critical time in the school calendar-leading into exams.

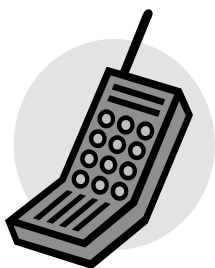
The first period of Mental Health Day featured an all-school assembly delivered by Laing House's Youth Speak. Laing House is a peer support organization for youth with mental illness. Our 3 guests were young men who spoke about their experiences with bipolar disorder, psychosis and schizophrenia. They did a great job at combating stigma by helping students understand that mental illnesses are brain illnesses.

The second period featured 35 break-out activities that were focused on coping skills. Prior to the event, students had the opportunity to choose their first and second choices from a list that included sport, creative art, creative writing and music-themed activities. At the beginning of their activity, the staff leader showed a presentation created by Youth Committee detailing mental health diagnoses and also facilitated a dialogue about how the activity of choice can be used to cope with stress.

SCIENCE FAIR 2011

All science ten diploma prep students participated in the 2011 PAHS Science Fair on Monday, January 17. Thirty-two projects entered the competition and three projects were selected to represent Prince Andrew High School at the regional science fair. Kody Crowell's project on diodes, Melissa Mackley and Victoria Cullen's project on the lifespan of a bubble and Dena Pourhamzeh and Priya Gupta's project on laundry detergents will go on to the Halifax Science-Tech Expo on March 18, 2011. Stephanie Johnston, Mitchell Thompson and Najla Salehi were selected as alternates and many additional projects received honourable mention by the volunteer judges. Thank you to all judges including Ms. Christensen, Ms. Cormier, Mr. Dalziel, Mr. Gallant, Mr. Jamieson, Ms. Louth, Ms. MacDonald, Ms. Monaghan, Ms. Regan, and Ms. Skinner. Congratulations to all participants on a very successful science fair. Your commitment, hard work and enthusiasm about your projects was clearly evident.

CELL PHONE POLICY



When not used appropriately, cell phones can present safety issues, compromise privacy, cause disruptions to learning and to the operations of the school, cause issues of academic integrity and raise issues of legal concern. **Therefore, cell phones and other electronic communication devices must be kept turned off and cannot be used in any part of the building when classes are occurring.**

The school administration recognizes that there will be occasional instances where a parent/guardian must get in contact with their son/daughter throughout the school day. Students may be contacted through the main office.

FINE ARTS

GREASE IS THE WORLD

The PA Players are now well into rehearsals for their production of Grease running from April 13 - 16th. It promises to be a fabulous show so get your leather jackets and poodle skirts out of storage and be sure to brush up on your hand jive 'cause Danny and Sandy along with the Greasers and the Pink Ladies are comin' to town!

PA AT DISNEY

The PA Band and PA Singers under the direction of Ms. Doiron and Mrs. Breen are gearing up to represent Prince Andrew High School at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida. The group, who have been busy practicing and fund-raising will not only have the opportunity to perform live at Disney World in front of a Disney audience but will be partaking in Disney Magic Music Days which will include a series of Disney musical workshops.

IB at PA

Please visit the new IB @ PA website by clicking on International Baccalaureate from the Quick Links bar on the main PA webpage. Your feedback is always welcome!

IB Year 2 students have completed their Extended Essays – a task they should be proud of! The IB Year 1 students are in the beginning stages of their Extended Essays. These students participated in a two-day workshop that focused on developing their topic into a research question and how to go about finding appropriate sources to support their essays. Students and teachers will participate in an Extended Essay workshop at the University of Kings College on Saturday March 5th with IB students from other IB schools in Metro Halifax.

Pre-IB Grade 10 students had an opportunity to ask questions and to meet students in the IB diploma program at an ice cream social organised by IB year 1 student Alysha Roberts.

IB Year 2 students will be completing the remaining Internal Assessment pieces in the next little while and gearing up for the exam session beginning on May 3rd. Final IB Examinations will be conducted in a quiet, academic space at the Akerley Campus of the NSCC with the exception of the IB French exam that will be written at Prince Andrew on May 23rd.

Registration for next year will begin in the next few weeks. All interested IB students will have an opportunity to discuss their options with the IB Coordinators before making a final decision. Please contact Christine Christensen at cchriste@staff.ednet.ns.ca or 435-8452 with any questions.

TOURISM ADVENTURES

Students in Ms. Duncan's Tourism 11 class got to experience the industry first-hand by taking a tour of Halifax on Ambassatour's pink double decker bus. They also took on the role of travel agents and put on a tourism expo, showcasing international destinations, including some great food samples.



THE OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

The Options and Opportunities Program is in its second year at Prince Andrew with a grade 10 class of 20 students and a grade 11 class of 12 students. Our grade 10 class has been busy learning about who they are, their skills, abilities and work place knowledge. So far this year, our grade 10 students have been certified in First Aid, WHMIS, OH & S, and Counterfeit Detection. Many also participated in the eight week culinary program where **Chef James Henderson** taught food safety, preparation and knife skills. Our grade 11 have also been focused on safety and participated in a two day workshop on Scaffolding Safety and Fall Arrest. They are also enrolled in Co-Op program where they will get first hand knowledge on the career of their choice.

Contact Mrs. Amaral for more information, lamaral@staff.ednet.ns.ca or 435-8452 ext. 4101115. **Applications for the 2011-2012 school year are due March 4, 2011.**



Scaffolding Training

Grade 11's at the
Carpentry Millwright
College in Sackville



ATHLETICS AT PA

Congratulations to the PA girls hockey team who are playing well and are at the top of their league! The Boys hockey team is also playing hard and just gearing up for a tournament in Cape Breton. Our girls and boys basketball teams are proudly representing PA and have participated in some tournament play in addition to the regularly scheduled league games. All home Basketball games have been rescheduled so please check the High School Metro Basketball League website for details. The Competitive Cheerleading team is preparing an excellent routine this year and they are looking forward to CheerExpo and the start of league competitions in March. PA will be entering both the boys and the mixed divisions for curling. February means the start-up of several teams at PA. The boys and girls rugby teams, the badminton as well as the girl's field hockey team are starting practices this week. Practice times are being worked out around the renovation of the gymnasium. Track and Field tryouts will begin at the start of March! Keep a look out for the start-up of the boys and girls softball teams!

Good luck to our PA Panthers who will be representing Nova Scotia at the Canada Games!

CANADA GAMES

Prince Andrew would like to wish good luck to all athletes competing in this years Canada Games, especially PA students Erin MacIsaac (girl's hockey), Colin Sutherland (snowboarding), Curtis Gibbs (alpine skiing), Nick Burdock (curling), Eric Sampson (curling), Evan MacEachern (boy's hockey) and Jesse Doucette (synchronized swimming).

CO-OP

Prince Andrew High School would like to thank the businesses and organizations that worked with our CO-OP students during first semester. Their commitment, mentorship and guidance is what makes this program such a successful one:

Atlantic Superstore (Braemar Market)
Blossoms Fresh Fruit Arrangements
Brookhouse Elementary
Caledonia Junior High
Chebucto Ford
Dartmouth Seniors Service Centre
Halifax Regional Police Department
Jon Mullane (Flying Disk Records)
Lindsay Construction
Parts For Trucks
Portland Street Honda
Rod's Machine Shop
The Growing Place

Atlantica Hotel
Boys and Girls Club of East Dartmouth
Caldwell Road School
Capital Health
Children's Wish Foundation
Galante's European Hair Design
Hillside Family Dental
Kimberly's Total Image
Long and McQuade
Petworks
RCMP (Halifax Detachment)
Sobeys (Tacoma Drive)

If you would like more information on the cooperative education program at Prince Andrew High School or if your business/organization would like to become a partner, please contact the program coordinator, Mark Savoury via email - msavoury@staff.ednet.ns.ca

INCOME TAX PREPERATION SESSION (For Student's Only)

Did you have a part-time/full time job in 2010? Did you work last summer? Do you need help completing your 2010 income tax? Come see Mrs. Amaral in room 115 on Wednesday, March 30 with all your tax information slips. Mrs. Amaral will have the necessary forms that need to be completed. Please see Mrs. Amaral to sign up by March 23, 2011.



EXCUSED ABSENCE FORM

Today's Date _____ Student Last Name _____

Grade _____ Student First Name _____

Date(s) & Period(s) of Student Absence

Date(s) _____ P1 _ P2 _ P3 _ P4 _ or All Day ____

Date _____ P1 _ P2 _ P3 _ P4 _ or All Day ____

Date _____ P1 _ P2 _ P3 _ P4 _ or All Day ____

Date _____ P1 _ P2 _ P3 _ P4 _ or All Day ____

Date _____ P1 _ P2 _ P3 _ P4 _ or All Day ____

Reason for absence _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____ Phone Number(s) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____



PRINCE ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

An up-to-date, monthly calendar is available on our school website.

FEBRUARY

14 -25 Canada Games Break – No School

MARCH

- 1 Grade 9 Information Meeting
- 2 Curriculum Night - 6:30 – 7:30 PM
- 4 Grad Fees payable to Mr. McLellan
- 18 **Anecdotal Reports Distributed to Students**
- 23 Safe Grad Tickets go on Sale: Room 115
- 25 Professional Development Day – No School

APRIL

- 19 **Midterm Reports Distributed to Students**
- 19 Parent Teacher Meeting 6:30 – 8:30
- 20 Parent Teacher Meeting 1 – 3 PM
- 22 Good Friday – No School
- 25 Easter Monday – No School



PANTHER PRIDE!

