

St. Agnes Junior High

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Guidance News

Citadel High has scheduled a meeting specifically for parents interested in IB on Tuesday March 27th at 6:30 pm. The first 45 minutes or so will be dedicated to Pre- IB and the grade 11 year for parents of grade 9 and 10 students. There will be students who will share their experiences and will also talk about the schedule, assessment and expectations. At 7:15 the university registrars and IB grads will talk about the value of the IB Diploma from a university perspective.

This evening will be very informative and we encourage all to attend.

Venue: Citadel High

Topic: Pre-IB and IB Program

Date: March 27, 2018 @ 6:30 pm

Keeping this information session in mind, the date for passing in the Course Selection sheets has been extended to March 29, 2018. This will give enough time for the students to decide about the programs and courses they would like to study in the Grade 10 year at Citadel High.

Please feel free to contact our Guidance Counsellor, Amita Ummat at aummat@hrsb.ca for any kind of assistance with course selection.

School Website

Check out our new St. Agnes School website! You can find it at: sgn.hrsb.ca. Communication is important to us here at St. Agnes, and this new website is something we've been working on to make sure we're getting all important news to you in the clearest way possible. The new updates should make finding information easier and consolidate all of the links you need related to your child's education. Ms. Mullen worked hard to create an added section for newcomer info and Mr. Starzomski is keeping the athletics info up-to-date. Take a look at our Twitter feed to see some of the great things taking place at St. Agnes!



Upcoming Events

March 27

IB & Pre-IB meeting @ Citadel (6:30)

March 29

Grade 9 course selections finalized for Citadel

Grade 9 trip form & deposit due date

April 5

O2 application deadline

April 6

Report Cards go home

Athletics

The Gators' Athletics and Physical Education programs continue to roll in a positive direction.

The Physical Education program has seen a great push to March Break in doing yoga, Omnikin games, and some challenging Low Organized games.

Our badminton team is preparing for their City playdowns in early April while the basketball teams wrapped up their seasons in February.

The girls basketball team had a phenomenal season. They won the Citadel Zone banner and made it to the final game of regionals losing to a tough Rocky Lake team. The best run in almost 20 years. Ms. Baker and Mr. Carreiro wish our seniors all the best in the future: Lauren, Ellen, Grace, Isabelle, and Courtney.

The boys basketball team showcased their talents throughout the season and came up short in the quarter-final game. Mr. Colley and Mr. Matheson are proud of the poise and hard work the boys showed throughout the season. Good luck to all our grade 9s that are moving on: Mahdi, Davud, Deven, Jacob, Andrew, John, Thomas, Naween, Charlie S & Jackson.

The hard working hockey team made it to the league finals this season and we are awaiting the result of that game later this month. Thank you to our coach, Mr. Burgess for his dedication to the team. St Agnes wishes the senior Gators all the best in the future! Thomas F, Alex, Jacob, Jordyn, Isaac, and Charlie.



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

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ANNUAL YARD SALE & MARKET, Sat., May 12, 2018, 9-12 noon.

This annual event is a fundraiser for the PTA and the students. The event gives the Gr. 9 students an opportunity to sell items and raise funds for themselves towards their school trip in June. As well, it also gives the students in Gr. 7 and Gr. 8, the opportunity to earn some money for themselves and practice being an entrepreneur. Please encourage your student/s to become involved in this event by renting a table.

Table Rentals - Rent a table(s) for **\$3.00/table** from Ms. Harrison, at the Main Office at school by Wed., May 9. Tables are about 36 x 36” so you may wish to rent more than one.

Student Tables:

Students gather up NEW “Market” style items (artisan items/wooden products/knitted items/art/soaps/pottery/preserves/jewellery, etc.) or gently used “Yard Sale” items (toys, electronics, furniture, pictures, dishes, crockery, jewellery, games, sports equipment, tools,) and set up a table at this successful and fun event. Any food items sold at “Market” tables should have be wrapped and labelled. Please note: The PTA already has a “Bake Goods Table”.

The PTA Tables:

PTA - Delicious Baked Goods Table - We are looking for all the good bakers to donate an item/s such as breads, squares, cakes, cookies, muffins, cupcakes, jams, gluten free items, etc. NO nuts. Please label them. Donated item can be dropped off at the office May 11th.

PTA - Gift Basket Raffle - We are looking for donations of new items (chocolate, spa, sports, gardening, cooking, BBQ, beach, jewellery, magazines, etc.) for our Gift Basket Raffle which will be raffled off at event. Donations can be dropped off at the school by May 9th.

Garden/Plant Table - Donations of indoor plants and garden plants (from garden, store, or garden center) are needed. Please label if possible. Plant donations from any gardens that have a chance of fire ants or gout weed are not desired. Donations can be dropped off at the office May 11th.

Proceeds the PTA raises will go back to St. Agnes to support: books, technology items, a bursary, supplies for teachers, appreciation breakfast for teachers/staff, pancake breakfasts for entire school, Gr. 9 closing ceremony supplies, mugs, prizes, etc.

A PTA representative will also try to attend the **Parent-Teacher meetings on April 19** and offer information on this event.

We need volunteers! We need help with various things to make this event come together so if you can help, please leave your name and phone number with Ms. Harrison at the School office, or contact wayday@ns.sympatico.ca. If you can donate baked good or plants for the PTA tables, please leave that information at: wayday@ns.sympatico.ca.

Reminders and more information will come out again within the next month. Looking forward to having all of the tables rented and lots of customers!

SAJH Annual Yard Sale & Market Committee.



Student Rights and Responsibilities

1. I have the **RIGHT** to learn in this school.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to be prepared to learn.

2. I have a **RIGHT** to hear and be heard.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to respect other’s contributions.

3. I have a **RIGHT** to be respected in this school.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to be considerate to other people.

4. I have a **RIGHT** to be safe in this school.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** not to threaten, and/or physically or psychologically harm anyone else at school or while going to and from school.

5. I have a **RIGHT** to privacy and to my own personal space.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to respect the personal property of others and to accept their right to privacy.

6. I have the **RIGHT** to be treated with courtesy and respect by adults.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to show respect and to treat courteously all adults in our school and the community.

7. I have the **RIGHT** to be knowledgeable about and proud of my ancestry and cultural heritage.

I have the **RESPONSIBILITY** to learn about and to be tolerant of the history and cultural background of others.

Grade 9 Trip Fundraiser

In an effort to support fundraising for the Grade 9 trip to Prince Edward Island, SAJH will be selling tickets for a Staycation Prize Package from April 16th until May 14th. Tickets for this draw are \$2 each with 100% of the proceeds going towards the seller's trip cost. All students going on the Grade 9 trip will be provided with 50 tickets (5 bundles of ten) and are responsible for returning money and unsold tickets to the school. Sales will be applied to each student's account. More tickets will be made available upon request.

The Grand Prize is a night for two at Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, two tickets to Neptune's Mamma Mia, two tickets for a cocktail cruise on the Tall Ship Silva and a gift card to Murphy's on the Water. This prize package is valued at approximately \$500.00!

For more information or tickets please contact Jarrett Feeney, Vice-Principal
jfeeney@hrsbc.ca

Library News

Coins for Books Update: The class that raised the most money on this year's campaign was 804 who enjoyed a pizza party as a result and have chosen what titles they would like to have added to the library's collection. There will be a final monetary update in a later newsletter.

Book Reviews:

All the Crooked Saints by Maggie Stiefvater

A story of magical realism taking place in 1960s Colorado. It is narrated in a voice similar to that of Carl Hiassen or Tom Robbins, the book chronicles the trials and tribulations of the miracle performing Soria family and the pilgrims who come to them for their help. The self discovery of these characters keep the pages turning well past bedtime.

Sons and Soldiers: The Untold Story of the Jews Who Escaped the Nazis and Returned with the U.S. to Fight Hitler by Bruce Henderson

This book is as readable as a Stephen Ambrose and tells the stories of six of the "Ritchie Boys" beginning with their childhoods in Europe, their escapes to America and eventual return to Europe as well trained soldiers. They were part of "small, elite teams to join every major combat unit in Europe, where they collected key tactical intelligence on enemy strength, troop and armored movements, and defensive positions that saved American lives and helped win the war. A postwar army report found that nearly 60 percent of the credible intelligence gathered in Europe came from the Ritchie Boys." --HarperCollins Publishers



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Guidelines for school and/or bus cancellations due to inclement weather

Nova Scotia winter weather can change quickly and can be challenging to predict. Here are the steps we take when deciding whether to cancel school and/or bussing.

A 6:00 am announcement could be:

- All schools are closed for the day
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day
- All schools are open, but some or all buses are not operating for the day
- All schools are delayed in opening by 2 hours

An 11:00 am announcement could be:

- Bussed students will be picked up 2 hours earlier than their regular dismissal time
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour

Remember: Parents/guardians always have the right to send their child home from school. If they believe that the traveling conditions are unsuitable.

How does HRSB decide on school and/or bus cancellations?

By 4:30 am, HRSB staff begin to gather information from:

- AMEC weather service which provides radar and satellite imagery, real-time road conditions and weather warnings;
- A meteorologist to discuss details of forecast, level and type of precipitation and impact on road conditions;
- Stuck Transportation consults bus drivers throughout HRSB about road conditions in their area;
- Municipal and provincial transportation staff; and
- Other local weather services, including Environment Canada and the Weather Network.

By 5:30 am, staff make recommendations to the Superintendent (or designees), who makes the final decision and communicates it by 6:00 am.

Where can cancellation information be found?

Website: www.hrsb.ca | Twitter: @HRSB_Schools | Phone: 902-464-9470 (4636) | Local media outlets
Subscribe to email/ratec notifications at www.hrsb.ca

