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March 2017

March is here already which means we are comfortably settled into second semester and hopefully spring is around the corner. It has been several weeks since Work-to-Rule ended with the implementation of Bill 75. Some teachers have made decisions to concentrate solely on working with students during the instructional day which may impact some of Avon View's lunchtime and extra-curricular activities. I ask everyone to be respectful and patient as teachers adjust to the contract that was imposed on them February 21, 2017.

March is registration month at Avon View. Students at AV, West Hants Middle School, and Uniacke District School have started registering for 2017-18 courses via the Student Portal (<https://sisavrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public>). Students received information and course registration handouts prior to registering and there have been opportunities for all students to register at school the week of March 6-10. The registration link will close sometime in the week of March 20-24 so I encourage students to register in the next week or two.

Congratulations are extended to AV teacher Mr. Reagan O'Hara who was chosen to serve on the provincial Council to Improve Classroom Conditions. Over 800 teachers applied provincially for this opportunity and Mr. O'Hara is one of 9 teachers to serve on this council. We are confident Mr. O'Hara will bring a competent and professional voice to the council table.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable March Break, and as always, please contact the school with any questions or concerns.

Peter Johnston, Principal

2016-2017 Yearbook On Sale Now!! March Special

All of March - Price: \$40 - Includes Name Personalization and Tax
Personalization Icons \$2.50 each (Max 4)

Important Update

Due to this year's Work to Rule conditions there has been a significant reduction in possible content for the 2016-2017 Yearbook. To try to compensate for this lack of content the Yearbook Committee has decided to delay delivery of the book until September. This will allow us to extend submission deadlines for photographs and events. One of the biggest advantages of this extension is the inclusion of spring clubs/sports, spring dances and most importantly prom photos. We are aware that this means Grads may not have the opportunity to have friends and teachers sign their yearbook before leaving Avon View. The Yearbook Committee is currently working on some solutions to this problem and we will keep you updated. If you are an international student and you will not be returning to Avon View in the fall please submit a mailing address to Mr. Goucher in room 221. We are very sorry for this inconvenience.



New This Year

Yearbook ordering can be done online this year. Visa, MasterCard, or Pay-Pal are accepted. You must order by the deadline indicated below; **no extra yearbooks** will be ordered. Don't miss out!

Important Dates and Deadlines

Deadline to order a yearbook: May 1, 2017

Deadline for Grad write-ups: April 1, 2017

Poster & Literary Contest – Royal Canadian Legion

Congratulations to **Mackenna Clarke** who placed second in the Intermediate Black and White Poster category for the annual Royal Canadian Legion Poster and Literary Contest at the Branch level.

There will be a "Homework Club" starting at Avon View after March Break.

Students in grade 9 will have the opportunity to come in for extra help, catch up on work, or just a place to finish homework or study on Tuesday and Thursday after school. It will take place in room 117 (Mr. Tye's) and will go from 3:30-4:30.

There will be at least one teacher present and hopefully a couple of grade 10/11 students from AV to help students if needed. We will try this for a month for all those who are interested improving their academic standing or just need a place to work after school. First session is scheduled to begin on March 21st. Please contact Mr. Tye if you require more info.



Grade 11 and 12 Career Workshop

If you are a student interested in learning more about setting career and life goals, then this workshop might be for you! We will explore the different options for life after high school. You will complete an in-depth exploratory of your interests, skills and abilities. You will also have an opportunity to see and use the different resources available- these resources will come in handy when making decisions about your future. During the two and a half hours, there will be group discussions, group/partner activities, individual personal reflection, career assessments, etc. As follow up to the group workshop, you are encouraged to book an (individual) appointment with Ms. Fraser to review your findings and to plan your 'next steps'.

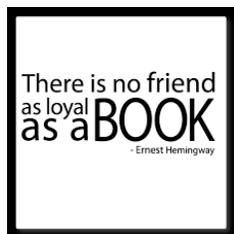


There is a maximum of **12** students per workshop. There are four (4) workshops from which to choose between now and the end of May. (See below for dates) **A commitment is required for students to attend the full two and a half hours- which are periods one and period two. You cannot arrive late and expect to participate.** If this is the case, you will be directed to class and to re-sign up for another workshop. Additionally, you are responsible for the work you miss in class(es). Your attendance will be marked as a "School Activity" if you attend.

Students are to sign up in Student Services office- first come, first serve. *Grade 10s will be considered if there is space available.* Our secretary, Ms. Church will assist you.

Choose one:

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| Wednesday, April 5 th | Day C | 9:00-11:35 am |
| Thursday, April 20 th | Day C | 9:00-11:35 am |
| Thursday, May 4 th | Day E | 9:00-11:35 am |
| Thursday, May 25 th | Day B | 9:00-11:35 am |



LIBRARY

March is National Reading Month in Canada. Each year at the beginning of **March**, school children kick off **National Reading Month** by

celebrating the birthday of the beloved Dr. Seuss. And who doesn't remember the beloved Dr. Seuss, aka Theodor Seuss Geisel. He was born on March 2, 1904 and published his first children's book [And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street](#) in 1937. Geisel also used the pen name "Theo LeSieg", for books that he wrote and others illustrated, starting with [I Wish That I Had Duck Feet](#) published in 1965. "LeSieg" is "Geisel" spelled backward. Geisel also published one book under the name Rosetta Stone. Can you figure out what book it was? Let me know! **Just a reminder...** There are still several students who have not returned their library books. Please do so as soon as possible. Books can be placed in the "Book Drop" in the library commons/ student common area. Mrs. Meuse ☺

Grade 11 Lieutenant Governor's Medal

Each year the Lieutenant Governor's Medal is awarded to two (2) students in grade 11 who have demonstrated

- Superior qualities of leadership and service in the school and community, and;
- Commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled.

Students who reflect these criteria are encouraged to nominate themselves or have a teacher nominate them. To do so, please fill out a nomination form in Student Services. Nominations are due on Monday, March 27th at 3:30 pm.

Important Upcoming Dates

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| March | 13th-17th | March Break |
| April | 7th | Friday- West Hants Inservice Day (no classes) |
| | 14th | Friday- Good Friday (no classes) |
| | 17th | Monday- Easter Monday (no classes) |
| | 20th | Thursday- Report Cards Released |
| | 27th | Thursday- Parent/Teacher (7:00-9:00pm) |
| | 28th | Friday- Early Dismissal- Parent/Teacher Parent/Teacher (1:00-3:30pm- no classes) |



Avon View works to maintain good relationships with our neighbours and when complaints are received we want to act positively on the concerns. Citizens along Payzant Drive and those living in The Crossing subdivision behind the school have concerns over speeding cars and vehicles taking illegal short-cuts. We ask all our students and families to drive responsibly to and from school and to not use fire lanes and non-municipal roads as shortcuts to school. We appreciate everyone's cooperation on these concerns.