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Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

February 6th marks the beginning of Semester 2. This is an opportunity for a reset or a fresh new beginning for many students. Please encourage your child to take advantage of the beginning of Semester 2 and this opportunity for a fresh start.

February is also the month when we reflect on and celebrate the contributions of people of African descent to our communities. We recognize that diversity creates richness. Through the leadership of our Support Worker, Shawn Johnson, we will be offering a number of events in celebration of African heritage throughout the month.

February is also the month when we register students in courses for the next school year. We will begin this process on February 15th with a Course Fair for students. Grades 9-11 students will be called to an assembly where they will have an opportunity to hear from teachers about courses available to them for the next school year. It is important that students entering Grade 10 understand course requirements for graduation and select courses which not only result in graduation, but also prepare them for potential career pathways. All Grade 9 and 10 students will be expected to take a full course load. Students in grades 11 and 12 must register for 7 of 8 courses allowing for a student study period. Grade 12 students also have the option of applying for a second student study period. It is important that students select appropriate courses as course change opportunities will be very limited.

I would also like to highlight a few important extra-curricular events happening in the next few months. Ms. Donna MacMillan is working hard with her team to organize a school musical: Rock of Ages. This will be a wonderful opportunity to experience creative student talents as they share their artistic abilities. Our Senior Boys Basketball team is currently representing AVHS at the Coal Bowl Classic in New Waterford. What a great athletic and cultural experience! Finally, our Senior Girls Hockey team will be hosting provincials later this winter. This team is highly skilled and having a very successful season.

Everett MacPherson, Principal

Celebrate and Educate (African Heritage)

Part of the Annapolis Valley Initiatives in Diversity (AVID) Series: AVID is a series of guest lectures/presentations on Race Relations, Cross Cultural Understanding, and Human Rights (RCH) related issues. The Purpose of the AVID Series is to provide opportunities to engage further with diversity issues in a meaningful and challenging way, from which the information and inspiration will be tools for reflection and action

When: Wednesday, February 7 @ 7:00

Where: Horton High School Performance Centre

Cost: Free (free will offering/items for food bank are appreciated – all food bank proceeds will be donated to Feed Nova Scotia)

for more info contact: RCH@avrsb.ca or 902-533-4735

Special Guest Performers: Rhythms of Life



Rhythms of Life will do more than merely explain the many aspects of our shared history, it will present it through music, spoken word, outstanding imagery, costume, and colours. This musical documentary will allow audiences to complete a journey from the Gerrish Street Hall in Halifax in 1925, back to the Mississippi Delta, the Caribbean, and Africa, as performers weave culture and history. "Rhythms of Life" will captivate audiences and have those questioning how culture has become so divided.



2017-2018 Yearbooks

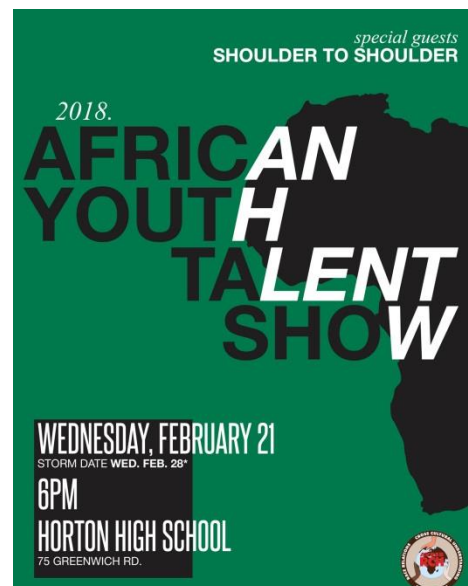
Yearbook ordering can be done online. Visa, MasterCard, or Pay-Pal is accepted. You must order by the deadline indicated below; very few *extra yearbooks* will be ordered. Don't miss out!

Important Dates and Deadlines

February 1, 2018 to April 16, 2018 - Yearbook \$50 - Includes Name Personalization

April 17, 2018 to May 21, 2018 - Yearbook \$55 - Includes Name Personalization

Extra Yearbooks sold after May 21, 2018 will be \$55 NO Personalization



Heritage Day, February 19, 2018



Celebrate Heritage Day with **FREE admission** from 9 am to 5 pm at the Museum of Industry.

This year Nova Scotia's honoree is Mona Louise Parsons. A Canadian hero of the Second World War, Parsons worked with the Dutch resistance to rescue downed Allied airmen, was arrested by the Gestapo, and escaped from a Nazi prison camp before contacting Canadian soldiers at the end of the war. Parsons never wore a military uniform, but she was willing to lay her life on the line for freedom. She became the only Canadian female civilian to be imprisoned by the Germans during the Second World War.

To commemorate the contribution made by Parsons and other women during the Second World War, visitors can see a uniform worn by the Canadian Women's Army Corps, and practice sending secret messages in Morse code, as members of the Resistance did.

Visit our self-directed craft tables to keep the kids busy and be sure to visit our temporary exhibits, *Hope and Survival: The Halifax Explosion Memorial Quilt Project*, and *Art in the Hall 2*, featuring works of art by seven Pictou County artists. The Museum's hands-on exhibits will be open throughout the day.

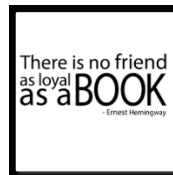


Once upon a castle....

Valiant knights and fearless princesses are summoned to the Museum of Industry this March Break. Kids can build castle walls with wooden blocks, and then knock them down again with a catapult. Dress as a Lord, Lady or Jester, and act out a medieval skit in costume. Escape from a dungeon maze, practice jousting skills, and quest for treasure through the Museum's galleries. Be the King or Queen of the Castle, March 10 – 19 at the Museum of Industry, Stellarton.

Visit: museumofindustry@novascotia.ca

As of December, the **Youth Health Center (YHC)** is open again! The mission of the Youth Health Centre is to work in partnership with youth, the school, and the community to optimize the health of AVHS students. The YHC is somewhere youth can come to receive accurate and non-judgmental health related information. Students come to the YHC to discuss a variety of topics related to relationship issues, sexual health, alcohol, drug or tobacco use, and mental and physical health. The YHC also offers groups to help youth get involved in school life, and creates leadership opportunities for those students wanting to learn new skills. The YHC is located in the main lobby and all students are welcome!



Library



The Scholastic Teen Readers Flyers will be available in February, anyone interested in ordering please see me in the library. We offered this the last couple of years and it was pretty popular.

≈ 100 new books have been added to the collection. Come in and have a look!

Reminder: There are a number of overdue library books. Please remember to renew them or return them when you are finished reading them as someone else may be waiting. On days when the library is not opened...books may be placed in the **BOOK DROP** in the Library Commons!

Important Upcoming Dates

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| February | 5 th Monday- Marking Day |
| | 6 th Tuesday- First Day of Semester 2 (Full Day) |
| | 15 th Thursday- Report Cards
Student Course Fair |
| | 16 th Friday- Grade 9 classroom visits in support of course registration |
| | 19 th Monday- Heritage Day (No school) |
| 22 nd Thursday- Parent Orientation Evening (Gr. 9 into Gr. 10) | |
| March | 1 st & 2 nd Thursday/Friday- Gr. 9-11 Course Registration |
| | 7 th Wednesday- Early Dismissal (12:20pm) |
| | 12 th -16 th Monday-Friday- March Break (No school) |
| | 30 th Friday- Good Friday (No school) |
| April | 2 nd Monday- Easter Monday (No school) |
| | 12 th Thursday- Report Cards |
| | 19 th Thursday- Early Dismissal
Parent Teacher (7pm-9pm) |
| | 20 th Friday- Inservice (No school)
Parent Teacher (1:15pm-3:15pm) |

