



# North Queens Community School



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## Administration Message

### Welcome Back!

I am excited to begin the 2016/2017 school year. In my new role as principal. I'm also looking forward to working with Cameron Strong who is our new vice principal.

As we open our new school year, I would like to remind parents and community members of the importance of communication at North Queens Community School. Communica-

tion is vital to a successful school year, and I encourage you to call, email or visit the school at any time.

I would like to extend a special welcome to all of our new students, families and staff as we look forward to another great year.

The following staff are new to our school:

Ms. Erika Kirk—  
Behaviour Support, Ms. Errin Monahan—

Guidance, Ms. Meg Sawler—Jr/Sr Science and Career Development, Ms. Melody Seamone—Music and Ms. Brenda Wagner— Physical Education.

We welcome everyone back to North Queens Community School! Have a wonderful school year!

Ms. Baker

### Important Dates:

September 20—24 - Queens County Exhibition

September 21—Parade Day—Early Dismissal, 11:45 am

September 30—Professional Development Day (No School for Students)

October 5—CLT, Dismissal at 1:15 pm

October 10—Thanksgiving Day—No School for Students

October 17—Picture Retakes

October 19—CLT, Dismissal at 1:15 pm

October 28—Professional Development Day (No School for Students)

November 2—CLT, Dismissal at 1:15 pm

November 11—Remembrance Day—No School for Students

November 16—CLT, Dismissal at 1:15 pm

November 30—Professional Development Day (No School for Students)

## Bicycle Helmets! They're the law!

S.170(A)(2) of the Motor Vehicle Act of Nova Scotia stipulates EVERY-

ONE, regardless of age, must wear a helmet while riding a bicycle.

The fine is \$151.25

## Breakfast Program

Breakfast is important because being well nourished means students have an improved ability to learn which gives them a better chance of success in life!

The breakfast program provides a healthy start to the day. It is available

for all students at North Queens Community School. The foods served include milk, juice, cereal, yogurt, toast, bagels, and fruit.

Anyone wishing to volunteer please see Ms. Baker.



*“Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.”*  
 ~ Albert Einstein

## Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders

Parents coming to the school during school hours are asked to use the door by the office and to check in at the office. Please note, students are not to be dropped off before 8:20 am. Parents that are

picking up students at the end of the day are asked to please come into the school after the busses depart. We appreciate your cooperation in this routine, as it greatly assists with the safe and

smooth operation of the school.



## Student Information

Registration forms were sent home in the spring and we have been working to update the database. If you did not return

a form in the spring, or if there have been changes since then please contact the school so that our information is up to date.

Please remember to keep us notified of any changes that may occur throughout the year.

## Student Attendance: Tardy to School

It is very important that students arrive on time for school. Our school day begins at 8:45 am.

In the Elementary School students will be recorded late if they arrive after 10:50 am.

For High School students the following criteria is in place:

- First late arrival—verbal reminder to the student of the ex-

pected appropriate behavior.

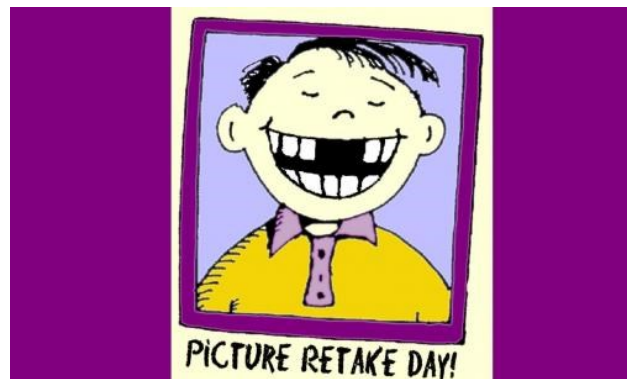
- Second late arrival—Verbal reminder and restitution by the student.
- Third late arrival—Verbal reminder, restitution by the student, home contact made by administration
- Fourth late arrival—Referral to administration, home con-

tact made by administration, consequence in the form of a 1-3 day Inschool Suspension, conference between administration, student and parent/guardian to look at alternate strategies to deal with the chronic behaviour, possible out of school suspension if the chronic behaviour continues.



## Picture Day!

Picture day was on Monday for our students. Our picture retake date is October 17. Please mark this date on your calendar.



## Communication Information

Communication with parents/guardians is essential for a successful school year for all students. Teachers will also be sending home communication plans to enhance communication between home and school.

Teachers may also com-

municate with parents through daily journals, homework notebooks, emails, letters and telephone conversations. Parents are encouraged to respond in the student journals or notebooks if questions arise or to contact the school to request

that a teacher(s) contact the home when convenient for the teacher.

Our monthly newsletter is on our school website. If you would prefer to not receive a paper copy, please let your child's teacher know or contact the office.

*"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."*

*~ Anatole France*

## Bus Notes

We would like to remind students and parents that bus transfers are approved by bus drivers which means we need to give them notice. Please make sure that instructions are clear regarding drop offs (include civic addresses and the name of the person residing at that address, also the bus route number). Students who are traveling on a different bus with a transfer will be dropped off at

the stop which is closest to the civic address they are traveling to. All bus transfers should be written down and handed to the homeroom teacher during the morning exercises. We will not be accepting bus transfer requests after lunch unless it is an emergency. Students will need a bus transfer slip each day when they are not traveling on their regular bus or going to a different stop.



## Embedded Collaborative Learning Time

The students are dismissed on CLT days at 1:15 pm. The schedule for early dismissal for embedded collaborative learning time for the 2016-2017 school year are as follows:

October 5  
October 19  
November 2

November 16  
December 7  
January 11  
February 1  
February 15  
March 1  
March 22  
April 12

April 26  
May 10  
May 31

Please write these dates on your calendar for future reference.



*“The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts.”*

~ C. S. Lewis

## How Do I Become A Volunteer?

In order to volunteer in or provide transportation for any program where students are present, adults must undergo a screening process. To prepare you must do the following:

- Pick up the volunteer letter from our school and take it to the local RCMP station for procession. Return the report to the school.
- Pick up and fill out the Child Abuse Check at our school (need to attach a copy of Drivers License or Health Card) and send it to the address on the form. The verification letter will be sent back to the applicant. Please bring this letter to the school for our records. A copy is retained at the school and the original is sent to the South Shore Regional School Board.
- Complete the J Form to transport students to extra curricular events. This form is only valid for the current school year and

must be completed every year.

Once all the paperwork is completed (both a Police Check and the Child Abuse Search), these checks will be valid for five years, unless situations of concern arise with the person.

## School Bus Safety Awareness Contest

### Contest Details

Have you seen a vehicle passing a stopped school bus?

Now you can speak directly to the public about the dangers that are created by drivers who fail to stop for the school bus by entering the School Bus Safety Video Contest.

Grab a camera and some friends and tell us what's in store for your bright future, and that drivers should stop for your school bus!

Submit a 1 to 3 minute video that demonstrates school bus safety and the importance of motorists stopping for red lights on school buses, and be entered to win cash prizes

for yourself and your team.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE**  
Contest closes November 19, 2016. All submissions need to be sent through the form on <http://www.schoolbussafety.ca/video-contest/> or to [contact@safetyservicesns.ca](mailto:contact@safetyservicesns.ca) by 11:59 PM AST by November 19, 2016.

