

# Evangeline Middle School

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## Principal's Message

### Dear Parents /Guardians:

As people start looking ahead to their various March Break adventures I am hopeful that students and families will be able to take the time to recharge their batteries and get healthy! While winter certainly seems to be weakening in its chilly resolve there continue be a number of nasty & persistent bugs on the go.

This year seems to be flying by and it is hard to believe that Spring is only a few short weeks away. Over the past months EMS has continued to be a busy spot. Particularly worthy of note is the fantastic work that teachers and students have been doing in their classrooms. While the absence of extra-curricular activities has certainly changed the feel of things around here, I have never been more proud and certain of the quality of teaching and learning taking place at Evangeline Middle School.

Moving forward will be a process and one that will require patience and understanding as we work together to find balance. As this process unfolds we will keep you well apprised. I hope that families have a

## Reminders

### Changes in Contact Information

Remember to keep the school informed of any changes in the contact information for you and your emergency contacts, especially telephone numbers. It is important that the school is able to contact a parent or guardian in the event of an emergency.

### Early Morning Drop-Offs

Students have been made aware that anyone being dropped off early will be required to stay in the cafeteria until 20 minutes before the bell as there is no classroom supervision available. Breakfast is not available until 8:00 am

great break and that everyone returns refreshed and ready to tackle the final term head on. There is still a lot of important work to be done and there are plenty of great middle school experiences on the horizon.

Matt Butler

### Exploratories

EMS will be offering students two more Exploratory Sessions before the end of June (consisting of three half-days per session). If you have a skill or knowledge that you would be interested in sharing with a group of students, please contact the school. We always welcome new talent and are happy to consider all offers.

## Coming Up

- March 4 Lego Robotics Competition at Acadia. Free for spectators 9-5 Acadia gym
- Monday March 6 Grade 8-9 orientation at HHS
- March 8 Parent Meeting at Horton if your student is going into Gr. 9 7pm
- Wednesday March 8 - Grade 6 Rafuse and 6 Deveau trip to Aviation Museum, Greenwood
- African Youth Talent Night Horton High School Thursday March 9 @ 6 pm
- Friday March 10 - Full Day of School for Students
- Sunday March 12 **Daylight Savings Time** (Spring Ahead one hour)
- March 13 - 17 March Break **(No School)**
- Friday March 17 St. Paddy's Day 
- Thursday March 23 - EMS School Dance
- Thursday March 30 Report Cards Go Home



Thank you to Michelin for their donation to our breakfast program. Start your day with a good breakfast!

*On a Lighter Note...*

*A tour bus driver is driving with a bus load of seniors down a highway when he is tapped on his shoulder by a little old lady.*

*She offers him a handful of peanuts, which he gratefully munches up.*

*After about 15 minutes, she taps him on his shoulder again and she hands him another handful of peanuts.*

*She repeats this gesture about five more times.*

*When she is about to hand him another batch again he asks the little old lady, 'Why don't you eat the peanuts yourself?' 'We can't chew them because we've no teeth', she replied.*

*The puzzled driver asks, 'Why do you buy them then?'*

*The old lady replied, 'We just love the chocolate around them.'*



## March Break Activities

Looking for something to do during March Break? There are lots of activities going on in the Valley:

[Check out these RESOURCES for local activities \( this list is by no means exhaustive\)](#)

March Break Soccer Camp (Ages 6-13) [vdsadiretor@ns.aliantzinc.ca](mailto:vdsadiretor@ns.aliantzinc.ca).

<http://valleyfamilyfun.ca/march-break-camp/>

<http://www.centrestagetheatre.ca/index.php/youth-theatre>

<https://valleyevents.ca/>

<http://www.artscentre.ca/marchbreak.html>

<http://www.novascotia.com/>

[www.canada.ca/canada-day-challenge](http://www.canada.ca/canada-day-challenge)

<http://www.canadianfamily.ca/activities/16-amazing-march-break-ideas/>

And don't forget to take a look at the town and municipality websites for public skating times and special activities around the Valley and beyond.

## Stay Up-to-Date With All Things EMS:

1. Visit our website ([ems.ednet.ns.ca](http://ems.ednet.ns.ca))
2. Add the EMS Community Calendar to your device (it's on the website)
3. Subscribe to cancellations at [avrsb.ca](http://avrsb.ca)

## Canada 150 Years

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As Canada celebrates its 150th year of Confederation there are many special events, programs and activities planned. Parks Canada is offering FREE admission to National Parks and Historic Places if you go online and get your free Parks Pass.

Browse through the many other offerings on the Canada150 Website.

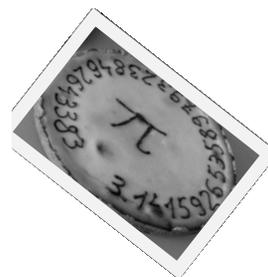
Or 'google' Canada 150 challenges, or [dreamingcanada.ca](http://dreamingcanada.ca), or take the Canada Day Challenge before March 31 to win!

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March 8 - International Women's Day  
#equality matters

March 14 (3/14) Pi Day celebrates the annual occurrence of 3/14 with math jokes, pi-reciting competitions, and (of course) fresh baked pie.  
[www.piday.org](http://www.piday.org)



## Origin of the Canada 150 Symbol

The logo is composed of a series of diamonds, or "celebratory gems", arranged in the shape of the iconic maple leaf. The four diamonds at the base represent the four original provinces that formed Confederation in 1867: Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Additional diamonds extend out from the base to create nine more points—in total representing the 13 provinces and territories.



March is National Nutrition Month