

# Evangeline Middle School



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November 13, 2015

## Dear Parents/

### Guardians:

On Tuesday, November 17th first term report cards will be going home. These carefully crafted documents are the result of a lot of hard work on the part of students and teachers alike. It is important to remember that a report card is a valuable tool, not only to communicate progress to date, but perhaps more importantly to initiate conversations between students, parents and teachers about the days yet to come. I strongly encourage parents to take advantage of parent –teacher interviews to maintain open lines of communication with the school. This educational partnership is a key component in the endeavour to support student learning and achievement. We are all stakeholders in this educational journey, and strong communication is critical to our success.

## Remembrance Day

### Ceremony

On the afternoon of Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, the staff and community of Evangeline Middle School held our annual Remembrance Day Ceremony. With representation from the 507 Air Cadet Squadron, the 244 King's County Army Cadet Corps and a special address from Canadian Forces veteran Chris Seymour, the event was a great success. Special thanks go out to Mrs. Johnson, Mr.

Nelson, Mr. Seymour and the students listed below:

Myannah Carvery  
Ella Hooper  
Emily Sweet  
Emily Selfridge  
Connor Wamboldt

Cadets: Curt Rushton, Samar Nagiar, Liam Joudrey



## Drive Away Hunger

The Drive Away Hunger campaign is a nationwide food drive organized by Farm Credit Canada. Through the generosity of EMS families we were able to double our contribution of last year donating more than 1000 pounds of non-perishable food items to our local network of foodbanks.

## Calling in a request for homework

Parents are asked when calling in a request for homework for an absent student, to please call first thing in the morning. You may call before the office is open and leave a message on voice mail or email to [ems@avrsb.ca](mailto:ems@avrsb.ca). The earlier the teachers receive the request the greater the chance the teachers will be able to get things ready on time.

## Library News

Once again the Library will be holding a BOOK FAIR on November 23, 24 and 25th. The BOOK FAIR will also be open during Parent/Teacher interviews on Monday evening from 6-9 and Tuesday afternoon from 1-4. Plan to attend and do some Christmas shopping! Anyone interested in volunteering during this time or on Friday afternoon Nov 20th would be welcome. Please contact the school at 902- 681-4910 and ask to speak to the Library Technician. Hope to see you at the BOOK FAIR!

Thanks,  
Janet Wrye  
Library Technician

## Grade 8 Students

Grade 8 students are presently in search of shoe boxes to carry out a project in science class on mapping the ocean floor. If you have any at home that you have no use for please send them along with your child to room 25. We would much appreciate it. Thank you in advance.

Joann Greenough

## Tree of Hope

Over the next month, students from the “We Change” exploratory group are encouraging others to share with those in our communities who could use a helping hand at this time of year. The annual “Tree of Hope” project

encourages our EMS students, staff and families to consider bringing in ONE new or gently used item to place under the “Tree of Hope” located in the Library. Items gathered will be given to local charities to distribute. Our librarian, Mrs. Wrye is kindly accepting contributions during library times or donations can be dropped off in the Main Office. This collection process will continue until Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### Contribution Ideas:

Toys, books, skates, movies, games, sport related equipment, art supplies, bath baskets, movie ticket vouchers.

Thanks for sharing the spirit!



### ***BOGO Fundraiser***

We wish to thank all of the students and parents for their support of our annual BOGO fundraiser. Although there may be a slight change in the final tally, this year we raised over \$2000.00 that will go toward student activities.

### ***School Closure due to Weather***

The decision to keep buses off the highways, and therefore, to close schools due to poor weather/road conditions, will be made before 5:45 am so that announcements can be broadcast by 6:00 am over: AVR network, K-Rock, CBC-FM, CHFX/CHNS, CJCH/C-100, News 95.7, ATV News, The Weather Network, as well as the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board website at [www.avrsb.ca](http://www.avrsb.ca). The decision to close will be made county-by-county where practical.

There is also available the Notify Me: Get AVRSB Announcements By Text or

Email. Sign up at [www.avrsb.ca/content/notify-me](http://www.avrsb.ca/content/notify-me) to receive important announcements from AVRSB by text or email.

If parents/guardians have any questions about the text/email notification service, please have them contact [communications@avrsb.ca](mailto:communications@avrsb.ca).



### ***Student Attendance***

#### ***Late Arrivals***

Consistent student attendance is important. When a child is frequently absent from school he/she misses important learning experiences including specific skills and knowledge that may be necessary for further learning. The real danger of frequent absences from school is that students will develop gaps in their learning that will hinder future learning.

It is understood that there are legitimate reasons why students must miss school. When this occurs, the school will work with you to ensure your child does not fall behind. Please communicate these situations with the child's teacher and the school principal.

There is a similar issue with students who are regularly late for school. Students walking in late for class cause a disruption to the flow of the lesson for both the students and the teacher. Both groups lose focus on instructions and the student entering late must be given instructions individually, a task for which the teacher has little or no time. The concern then is that key concepts are not fully realized and learning may not be fully realized.

We clearly want to have all students in the building by 8:25 am. A bell signals students to make their way to their lockers in order to prepare for the day. Next, students enter the homeroom that allows for teachers to take attendance, take lunch orders, pass

on important information, collect necessary items, and other such organizational tasks. At 8:30 am another bell signals students go to their first class of the day.

There are also many examples of students missing significant time when it is not necessary. Please take school attendance seriously. Be consistent in ensuring that your child values the importance of a good education. Make sure he/she goes to bed at a reasonable time and gets a good night's sleep. Plan your vacation at times that will have no impact, or at the least a minimal impact, on school attendance.

Do not hesitate to phone the School if you are encountering difficulties getting your child to attend school or arriving on time.

### ***Donations to the Breakfast program***

We would like to thank Susan Carbyn & Lucas Keddy for delivering a generous donation of \$700.00 to the EMS Breakfast Program on behalf of the Valley Harvest Marathon.

### ***Drama***

The Drama Club is well underway this year with their preparations for a big musical in the spring. We are excited to be presenting Disney's Shrek and have a cast over 50 students in acting, singing, dancing and backstage roles. Rehearsals will begin next week on Wednesday from 3-4:30pm and on Thursday from 3-4:00 pm. Mr. Nelson will be working with a smaller group on Thursday rehearsals and will notify students individually requesting their presence.

At the beginning of December, we will be looking for anyone who may be interested in volunteering with costuming, set design and publicity to add to original list. Please view the EMS website for important information regarding rehearsals and/or meetings.

Contact Mme Larade at the school if you are interested in helping with this fun production. Green is our theme!

## *PTSA/Home &*

### *School:*

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, Dec.02 at 7:00pm.

## *AVRSB Electoral*

### *Boundary Review*

#### **Notice of Public Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 24, 2015**

**7:00 p.m.**

**AVRSB Regional Office,  
Second Floor Boardroom  
121 Orchard Street,  
Berwick**

The Annapolis Valley Regional School Board is currently conducting a review of the electoral boundaries of its school board electoral districts. The public is invited to provide comments on the current school board electoral boundaries and input on possible changes and/or factors for consideration.

For more information on the Electoral Boundary Review, visit [www.avrsb.ca](http://www.avrsb.ca)

Submissions can be made in-person at the November 24 Public Meeting, by email to [feedback@avrsb.ca](mailto:feedback@avrsb.ca) or by mail:

Attn: Board Secretary,  
AVRSB

121 Orchard Street, PO Box 340  
Berwick, NS B0P 1E0

## *Dates to Remember*

- Nov. 17 Report cards go home
- Nov. 23 P/T interview 6- 7pm
- Nov. 24 In-service am  
P/T interviews 1:10-3:30 (no school for students)
- Nov. 26 Dance 7-9pm
- Nov. 27 Me to We Day (no School for students)
- Dec. 1 Band Concert 7pm
- Dec. 2 PTSA/Home & School meeting 7pm
- Dec. 4 Parent Teacher 6-9pm
- Dec. 5 In-service am (no School for students)
- Dec. 11 Newsletter goes home
- Dec. 16 Dance 7-9pm
- Dec. 18 Early Dismissal 11:45am
- Dec. 18 Last day before Christmas Break
- Jan. 4 First day back