

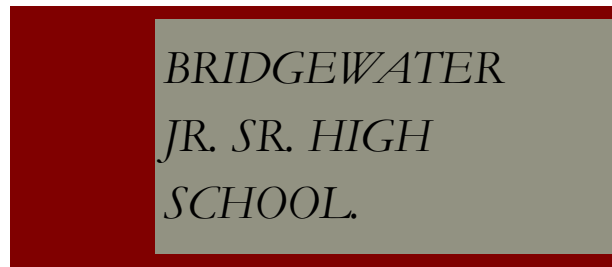
New year & new initiatives for students and teachers:

As we head into year two of Nova Scotia's Action Plan for Education, there are many more exciting initiatives for students at all grade levels this school year.

This fall, students in grades primary to 3 will benefit from hands-on learning, including using floor robots to learn sequencing and programming. Students in grades 4-6 will benefit from Innovation and Exploration Kits that include Spheros and Makey Makey invention kits. Students in grades 7 to 12 will learn coding through events, such as the Hour of Code and STEAM Olympics, and courses, such as Computer Programming 12. Coding promotes problem solving, teamwork, critical thinking, creativity and innovation. These skills are not only related to learning math, science and the arts, but they are also directly linked to many careers, including computer programming and the marine industries.

With the Province's first literacy strategy for students in all grades, there will be a greater focus on the teaching of reading and writing and the development of oral communication skills. Reading Recovery support has been increased for grade 1 students. Students in Grades 4 to 6 will have a renewed curriculum, with more time for literacy and math. Class caps are expanded to grades 4 to 6.

To help more students succeed in math, additional supports will be made available for both teachers and students. Career education outcomes will assist students as they begin thinking about their futures and the many possibilities ahead. To learn more about what is new this year, go to <http://novascotia.ca/educationactionplan/> to sign up for ongoing updates from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.



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Information from Guidance

1) **Parents as Career Coaches** for Senior High Parents/Guardians is being offered on Monday, October 24th and Wednesday, October 26th from 6:30 - 8:30pm in the BHS Cafeteria.



The two evening sessions help parents & guardians understand the critical role they play in assisting their child to recognize their interests & unique talents. The sessions also explore what employers consider to be critical skills, qualities, and attitudes required in today's and tomorrow's labour market. When your children are getting ready to transition from high school to post-secondary or into the workforce, this program will help you and your child use career planning tools and explore opportunities that suit your child's interests and skills.

To register for the sessions, please visit parentsascareercoaches.ca or call the school at [902-541-8260](tel:902-541-8260).

2) The **AARAO Tour** will be taking place in our School Gym on Thursday, October 6th from 6-7pm. All high school students and parents/guardians are invited to drop by to visit and speak to representatives from Atlantic Canadian Universities and Colleges. A great opportunity for students in grades 10-12 to collect information from different schools or programs.

3) The **Grad Information Night** for Grads & Parents/Guardians will be held immediately following the AARAO Tour on Thursday, October 6th in the School Cafeteria at 7pm. Join Ms. Lohnes and Ms. Bowers for information about the Graduation Ceremony & Prom, scholarships & bursaries, applying to Post-Secondary schools and how to make the best of your grade 12 year. All grads should plan to attend.

4) Are you interested in having some fun this year and making a difference in our local and global community? Would you like to be a part of something BIG? Students interested in joining Minga, our school's social justice (Me to We) group, are invited to attend our meetings on Tuesdays at lunch in Mrs. Crew's classroom, E220.



Constituency Youth Council

Your MP wants to hear from youth in the community and is inviting all students between the ages of 15 and 24 to apply to the new Constituency Youth Council. As a part of a commitment to meaningful youth engagement in Canada's government, we have already received the first wave of applications for the Prime Minister's youth council, and now we are making it easier for young Canadians to have their say, closer to home, with their Member of Parliament.

The Constituency Youth Council is open for applications until September 30th and will include youth from different schools, neighborhoods and local associations. Once selected, the council will meet several times, through the year, to discuss important issues that matter to you, your community and your country. Following the example of our Prime Minister and Minister of Youth, Justin Trudeau, the feedback gathered in our discussions will be used to understand the perspective of youth in the decisions the government makes.

Frequently Asked Questions:

WHO can apply?

Anyone from 15 to 24 years old who lives in the constituency or goes to school here. Your MP is seeking youth with different interests, experiences and takes on the world. All voices are welcome!

How much TIME do you have to commit to the council?

The council will meet several times per year to discuss different topics and organize community projects. The expected time commitment is roughly 2 to 5 hours per month and the council will conduct its work from October until June.

WHAT does the council do?

Members of the council will share their ideas, opinions and concerns on a selection of topics with each other and their MP. The notes from these discussions will be reported back to government to help inform decision making. The council will also partake in a community project starting in the winter.

WHY should you apply for the CYC?

1. You get valuable face-to-face time with your Member of Parliament and your ideas are shared to help shape choices on policies and the direction of government.

2. Your time on the council is volunteer experience! Check with your school counsellor before starting to see how they would like you to track your hours.

3. Your MP will provide you with an official House of Commons Certificate as a member of the Youth Council for the constituency which you can include in applications for work or post-secondary.

Who is your MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT?

The Member of Parliament South Shore – St. Margaret's is Bernadette Jordan.

Get Connected with other youth across the country: <https://www.facebook.com/cyc2016cjc/>

Follow the #youthmatters conversation on twitter: https://twitter.com/cyc_cjc

Or contact your MP by phone, 902-527-5655 or email, bernadette.jordan@parl.gc.ca

Apply and share your voice on the issues that matter most to you!

Important Dates

Sept 20 - School Open House & Grades 7-11 Academic Awards Celebration, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Sept 21 - Viking Tutorial Wednesday

Sept 29 - Viking Voyage Walk-A-Thon, 11ish & School Dance, 7-10pm

Sept 30 - Regional In-service Day

Oct 1 - SAT Testing

Oct 5 & 19 - CLT Day (early dismissal for students)

Oct 6 - AARAO Tour (post-secondary education)

Oct 6 - Gr 12 Student/Parent Information Session, 7-8pm

Oct 10 - Thanksgiving Day – no school

Oct 12 - Viking Tutorial Wednesday

Oct 18 - Retakes & grad pictures

Oct 24 & 26 - Parents as Career Coaches (Senior High), 6-9pm

Oct 28 - NSTU Prov Conference Day – no school for students

Oct 31-Nov 4 - Media Literacy Week Canada

Nov 2 & 16 - CLT Day (early dismissal for students)

Nov 5 - SAT Testing

Nov 8 - Mid-Semester 1 (Senior High)

Nov 11 - Remembrance Day – no school

Nov 17 - Report Cards go home

Nov 23 - Viking Tutorial Wednesday

Nov 24 - Parent/Teacher Visitation, 1-3pm & 6-8pm

Nov 30 - School Based In-service Day – no school for students

Dec 3 - SAT Testing

Dec 5-11 - Computer Science Education Week (Hour of Code activities)

Dec 7 - CLT Day (early dismissal for students)

Dec 14 - Viking Tutorial Wednesday

Dec 22-Jan 2 - Christmas Break

Jan 11 - CLT Day (early dismissal for students)

Jan 18 - Viking Tutorial Wednesday

Jan 24 -27 -Exams

Jan 21 - SAT Testing

Jan 31 - First Day of Semester 2

Feb 1 & 15 - CLT Day (early dismissal for students)

Feb 9 - Semester 1 Report Cards go home

Feb 20 - Nova Scotia Heritage Day – no school

Feb 22 - Viking Tutorial Wednesday

Mar 1 & 22 - CLT Day (early dismissal for students)

Mar 8 & 29 - Viking Tutorial Wednesday

Mar 13-17 - March Break

Mar 30 - Science Fair

Apr 3 - Mid- Semester 2 (Senior High)

Apr 6 - Parent/Teacher Visitation, 1-3pm & 6-8pm

Apr 14 - Good Friday – no school

Apr 17 - Easter Monday – no school

Apr 19 - Viking Tutorial Wednesday

Apr 20 - Report cards go home for mid-semester 2

Apr 12 & 26 - CLT Day (early dismissal for students)

May 1 - School Based In-service Day – no school for students

May 5 - Heritage Fair

May 6 - SAT Testing

May 17 - Viking Tutorial Wednesday

May 10 & 31 CLT Day (early dismissal for students)

May 22 - Victoria Day – no school

May 23-June 2 - G 8 Literacy & Mathematics Assessments

June 3 - SAT Testing

June 1 - Band Concert

June 7 - Viking Tutorial Wednesday

June 8 - Gr 7-12 Extra-Curricular Awards Night, 7pm

June 20-23 - Exams

June 27 - Grade 12 Prom & Safe Grad

June 29 - Graduation Ceremony 10:00 a.m.

June 30 - Last day of school.

School Clothing

Orders will be taken during lunch on October 14 and 17.

Pullover Hoodie	\$30
Ball Cap	\$10
Sweatpants	\$20
T-shirt	\$15
Scarf (pockets on each end)	\$12.50
City Fleece Jacket (back appliqué and front crest)	\$50
Names are	\$5 extra.



EBSCOhost is a **free** online **research database** which may be utilized by our students from school (automatic login) and from home. From home use the url: <http://bit.ly/2cQRfZc> and from school use the url: <http://search.ebscohost.com/> or for students use this QR Code:



The **Viking Commons Brilliant Lab** is available for student and teacher use at all times of the school day. We have a variety of technologies and crafts for your creative endeavors! Take a roller coaster ride, play music using vegetables, code yourself into Minecraft for Pi, 3-D print a Lord of the Rings ring, knit yourself a pretty winter scarf or hot glue a popsicle stick craft!! The possibilities are endless. Mr. Butt's only rules: clean up after yourself and also tell him when something is not working or supplies are running low! Other than that, be good to one another.

Do you have what it takes to take down Mr. Butt in a game of **Chess!**? If so, come to the **Viking Commons every day at lunch for CHESS CLUB!** A dedicated number of past participants will be on hand to teach you a few things. You might even become a Grand Champion of BJSHS, like Morgan Wamboldt and former students Tate, Blake and Max!



LaHave River Clean-up



The BJSHS Community would like to congratulate Grade 7 student Stella Bowles on being awarded the TD Future City Builders Award. The TD Future City Builders Award is a national award which celebrates dynamic youth who have taken action to instigate change in their community.

This past weekend, Stella travelled to Toronto where she was a guest on CTV's National morning show "Your Morning" on September 16th. Stella then received her award at a gala celebration on September 17th. Stella and her Science project have been instrumental in drawing attention to pollution in the LaHave River. Together, all three levels of government have made an 18-million-dollar commitment to address the problem of pollution in the LaHave River.

Attention **all students** in grades 7 -12...are you interested in the engineering process? We have a **NEW** club meeting on Monday, September 19 at 3:30 pm in the Viking Commons. **The purpose of this club will be to design, build, redesign, rebuild, test and retest the creation of a remote controlled underwater robotic vehicle (ROV).** If successful, you may be entered into the provincial **MATE ROV competition** in April with a chance to go to the **international competition** in Long Beach, California, in June! Participants should have an interest in engineering and science. Swimming is optional, soldering and computer coding is mandatory.



Junior High students, a Lego Robotics Team is being organized by Mr. Hall and Mr. MacPhee. Interested students should sign up with Mr. Butt in the Viking Commons. Four EV3 Lego Robotics Kits are available for use. Come learn how to code these neat robots to carry out functions and tasks. Participants may be invited to attend the regional First Lego Robotics Competition at the NSCC with the possibility of moving on to the Provincial First Lego Robotics Competition at Acadia University.

Growing Green Festival

Here is the 02 grade 10 class in the natural playground. Students in grade 10 - 02 helped run booths and worked with students from grades 3-6 from SSRSB at the Growing Green Festival.

