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Term Three is on the way to the finish line...

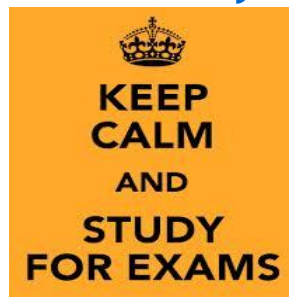
It's hard to believe that it is the end of May and the school year is quickly coming to a close. With that in mind, we would like to take the opportunity to remind our students of the importance of staying focused and working to the best of your ability at all times. Please practice these habits for success:

- ◆ Arrive to school on time
- ◆ Bring all required materials to every class
- ◆ Write down all due dates and pass work in on time
- ◆ Go to extra help when needed

Grade 9 Exam Schedule June 2017

Tuesday, June 13th	9:30-12:00	Science Exam
Wednesday, June 14th	9:30-12:00	ELA Exam
Thursday, June 15th	9:30-12:00	Social Studies Exam
Friday, June 16th	9:30-12:00	Math Exam

Exam Study Skills



Topics include:

Time management, study skills, test taking strategies, and dealing with stress.

See Mr. Lang (Guidance) and/or Ms. Swift (Resource)

Student Information

Cornell Reddick:

Cornell Reddick has been chosen as the recipient of the 2017 Citizenship Award for Highland Park Junior High School.



Each year the Halifax Regional Municipality honors a grade nine student from each school who exemplifies the qualities of a good citizen. The Citizenship Awards Ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at City Hall. Congratulations Cornell!

Charlotte Jones:

Charlotte Jones is a 13 year old red belt black stripe member of Woo Yong's Olympic Style Taekwondo for 5 years and is under the tutelage of Bronze Olympic Medalist Grand Master Woo Yong.



She competed at Black Belt Canada 2016. There she earned a gold medal in Forms, and the opportunity to compete with the other gold medalists in her division. She triumphed and won the title of Ultimate Grand Champion in Forms. Charlotte, through participation in this team has blossomed into a confident, skilled, determined, healthy young lady, abiding by a code of conduct and seen as a role model to her peers. Congratulations Charlotte!

Engineers Nova Scotia Egg Drop

Competition:

Mr. Tortola would like to acknowledge the great work that our grade 9 group put into the Egg Drop Competition this year. Every year, Engineers Nova Scotia sends volunteer engineers from the community into junior high schools to facilitate the competition. Yet again, the students at Highland Park made us all proud of their behavior and their effort during the competition....and they even saved an egg. Great work grade 9!



Healthy School Communities Food and Nutrition Support: Edible School Garden:

Our Learning Centre staff has applied for and been approved to receive Edible School Garden funding in the amount of \$300 to support a school-based food garden. The garden has already been planted by students and staff and we are eagerly waiting to see the results.



A message from your SchoolsPlus Community Outreach Worker:



Dear Parents/Guardians,

May is here and before we know it, summer break will be at our door. HRM offers a variety of recreations programs and camps for children, youth, and their families. Some of those recreation programs and summer camps will soon be accepting registration and can fill up very quickly. If you are interested in getting more information about what is available, funding, etc. please feel free to contact Brenda McNutt, Schools Plus Community Outreach Worker at bmcnutt@hrsb.ca or 902-233-4395.



Grade 9 Healthy Living Groups:

Congratulations to 8 of our grade 9 students who represented Highland Park at HRSB's Culturally Relevant Education Symposium on May 11th and 12th. Our students were invited to participate in a panel discussion, sharing their experiences in our Boys / Girls groups led by Moe Green on healthy living and relationships.

Infinitus Workshops for the grade 7s and 8s and Transition Day for grade 9:

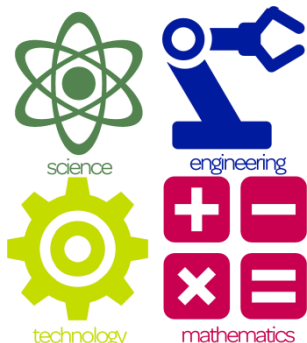
Andreas Robinson is a third year student athlete in the Commerce program at Saint Mary's University and is the president and founder of Infinitus. He and Kanaar Bell have partnered to deliver a multitude of different educational sessions to Junior High students.

Their mission is to empower youth to embrace their limitless potential through delivering workshops on: Identity, Resiliency, Leadership, Mental Health, and Well-Being.

Grade 7 classes participated in workshops on Identity and Resiliency

Grade 8 classes participated in workshops on Leadership, Mental Health and Well being

Grade 9 classes will attend SMU for a transition summit on attending High School



Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Challenge!

Thank you to **Mrs. Bradbury** for entering the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Challenge! We are very excited to be named as one of the 150 regional-finalist schools. As our students work on a real-world project to help us better our school and community, this initiative is inspiring them and getting them closer than ever to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects. We're hoping to win up to \$20,000 in Samsung tech for our classrooms!

Grade 6 Parent Orientation Night:

We offer a warm welcome and invitation to all of our incoming grade six parents/guardians to join our staff for a presentation and orientation of Highland Park Junior High School on Thursday, June 8th at 6:00 pm in the school library. Throughout the evening, you will have an opportunity to tour our school, meet our staff, and hear about our subject offerings and expectations for the 2017-18 school year.

We are holding a Coffee House from 7-8 pm the same evening, so please stay and join us to hear some great student musical talent.

Our grade 6 students visited us on May 25th for a tour and to meet the teachers. We were happy to provide them with some freshly made popcorn for their walk back to their schools.

Dates of Interest

May 11	Grade 7 Infinitus workshops
May 12	Grade 9 Grad pictures
May 15	Dal trip for grade 8
May 18	Student recognition assembly
May 19	PD- no classes
May 22	Victoria Day- No Classes
May 23	Grade 8 Infinitus workshops
May 25	Grade 6 Orientation- 1:15 pm
May 25	Grade 7 Hatfield Farm trip
May 29	Band trip
June 2	Grade 8 Hatfield Farm trip
June 5	Grade 9 Transition Summit – SMU 9 – 3:30
June 6	Grade 9 School Design Project Presentations
June 7	Grade 9 Orientation-Citadel High 2-3 pm
June 8	Grade 6 Parent Orientation- 6-6:30 pm
June 8	Coffee House- 7-8pm
June 9	Grade 8 Food and Nutrition trip 1-3
June 13	Grade 9 Science Exam (am)
June 13	SAC- 6-7pm
June 14	Grade 9 English Exam (am)
June 15	Grade 9 Social Studies Exam (am)
June 16	Grade 9 Math Exam (am)
June 19	Locker Clean Out
June 20	School Dance 7-9pm
June 22	Grade 9 Upper Clements Park trip
June 23	Grade 9 Boat Cruise - 6-8 pm
June 27	Grade 9 Closing Ceremonies- 10:30 am
June 29	Assessment and Evaluation Day- No classes
June 30	Last Day of School –Report Cards home



You are invited to attend our annual Closing Ceremony:

On **June 27th** we will be holding our annual **Closing Ceremony** to celebrate the accomplishments of all of our students. Awards for academics, athletics, and extra-curricular activities will be distributed to students from all grades during this event. There are also a number of awards for our grade 9s—parents will be notified if their student will be receiving one of these special awards. The ceremony is scheduled to begin at **10:30 am**.

Congratulations to all Award Recipients!!

Wishing you a Safe and Happy Summer!

