

**April 24, 2025**

## **ST. AGNES JUNIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **What's Happening around SAJH:**

**Trivia Night** - was a huge success. Our official total \$1175.00. This will be used to support the school store and the Grade 9 events. Can't wait to do it all again next year.

**ANS Cohort Trip** - 5 grade nine students went to Mount Saint Vincent University on April 16<sup>th</sup> to take part in the Afrocentric Leadership Summit. This summit was led by students currently in the Afrocentric cohorts across HRM.

**Poet** - Andre Fenton April 23<sup>rd</sup> with grade 9 English students.

**Book of Ashes** - grade 8 students attended at Alderney Landing April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Techsploration** - The Techsploration team (Max, Brynn, Anna, Ellie, Seana, Tess, Riya, and Adele) are busy writing scripts, making props, and getting prepared for the Techsploration Conference May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Before the big day, we plan to show our skit to Grade 8 students who are interested in participating in Techsploration next year. This will take place during lunch hour on Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Staff Gator Great** - started doing a staff Gator Great in addition to students.

**Staffing** - Begins on May 5<sup>th</sup>. We have several positions to post this year.

**Lunch** - We will be offering free lunches next school year.

**Class Configuration** - 5-4-5

**Footloose** - grade nine trip to Citadel was a huge success

**LC Bowling Trips** - once every two weeks

**Education Week Award** -

**CBC Kids Election Video** - <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/video/9.6728401>

**RWM8** - being written the week of May 28<sup>th</sup>

### **Student Council – Upcoming Events:**

- Tutoring group being organized
- Freezie Sale at lunch on April 24 and 25 - Money going to IWK (students' choice)
- Auditions for talent show (if anyone signs up) May 7, 8, 9 @ lunch
- Students will be collecting pictures of staff for the staff picture scavenger hunt starting tomorrow.
- School yard clean up by student council members during ILT time on April 28

### **SAC Grant Requests**

- Earmarked for Proposal items, moving costs for furniture, Headphones, Fidgets, Art Supplies, Learning Center Supplies
- More detailed report at our next meeting.

### **Student Success Planning:**

- Cycle Three
- VTRA training – Admin and Guidance will be level two by June
- PDAF Grant - Phys Ed Grant - \$4,300 – EAL - \$5,000
- Buddy Day Grant - \$3,000 – ANS support materials
- Safe Schools PD – April 30th

### **Guidance:**

- HRM Grade 9 Citizenship Award: a few amazing grade 9 students submitted applications for this award, and this year's recipient is Niall Marshall. All the applicants shared with the committee their many accomplishments and perspectives on good citizenship and it was a privilege to see all the wonderful things they are doing. Niall is a dedicated school and community participant and we are so pleased he will be receiving his award at City Hall in mid-May.
- Catapult Camp – an amazing leadership camp at Acadia University every August – once again asked schools to nominate a grade 9 student for this fully-funded experience. We have sent in our applicant's nomination package and will hear in early May if this student has been selected as one of 50 campers from across the province to attend.
- Dalhousie Law students were at our school the end of March and early April to present to all of our grade 8s and 9s about youth and their rights within the criminal justice system. The presentations were very informative, well delivered, and the students (and teachers) all learned a lot!

- Techsploration team is well underway in their planning for their conference in early May at NSCC Truro Campus. They are working with a terrific role model this year: she is a Tugboat Captain on Halifax Harbour, and the field trip was fantastic fun and so educational.
- Many of our grade 7 and 8 ANS students have been applying for a summer math camp. The camp is a joint effort between the Black Educators' Association and Dalhousie.
- Five of our grade 9 ANS students took part in an Afrocentric Leadership Summit at MSVU last week. They had an amazing day immersed in workshops, presentations, and networking with the community.
- Rhonda and Skyler are about to embark on their final round of "We're Not That Kind of School" workshops to every homeroom. This final session will review all that the students have learned to date, we'll share the results of the data collected from the students over the school year and find out what the students envision as the next step this initiative should take.
- This year, we have had a tremendous level of interest in the O2 (Options & Opportunities) program from our grade 9s. It seems that students and families are realizing what an exciting and unique program this is and all the benefits it offers students. 23 of our Grade 9s are in the process of completing their applications, and in May they will all interview (along with many students from the other jr. highs) for one of the 20 spots in the program, which starts in grade 10 and runs for their 3 years of high school. Rhonda will help prep them for the interviews. We wish them luck.

### **Sports and Clubs:**

- GSA - Skyler, Carmel (from the Youth Project), and Ruby (grade 7) started a Pride mural this week. It has quickly grown from one flag to many. The GSA plans for this to be a living mural where each year new GSA members can add a flag. In the process of planning lots of fun activities for Pride Month.
- Robotics - happening Tuesdays at lunch
- Techsploration - had their first field trip to Atlantic Towing to meet with their mentor who is a Tugboat Operator.
- Drama Club - week one
- Photo Club- happening week two Friday at lunch
- Art Club - happening Mondays at lunch
- Badminton - completed
- Track and Field - upcoming
- Softball - upcoming
- Flag football - upcoming

### **In the Works:**

- SAJHS Wood Shop
- Grade Nine Planning
- Fundraising – Silent Auction