



Great Academics, Treatment of Others, Respectful School

SAJH
STUDENT HANDBOOK
2021 – 2022

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St. Agnes Junior High Significant Date Calendar 2021-2022

September 7	First Day of School for Students
September 23	Curriculum Night
September 24	PD Day (no classes)
September 29	School Picture Day
October 11	Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
October 22	NSTU Provincial Conference Day (no classes)
October 28	Dance 6:30-8:30 (TBD)
November 11	Remembrance Day observed (no classes)
November 19	Assessment Day (no classes)
Nov 15-Dec 2	Term 1 Report Cards
November 25	PD day AM Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:30-3:30 & 6-8 (no classes)
December 8	Holiday Concert
December 16	Dance 6:30 - 8:30
December 21	Last day of classes
January 4	School Re-Opens
January 21	PTA Fundraiser Event
February 10	Dance 6:30 - 8:30
February 18	PD Day (no classes)
February 21	Heritage Day (no classes)
March 10	Fine Arts Night
March 14-18	March Break
March 23	Assessment Day (no classes)
Mar 28-Apr 07	Term 2 Reports Cards
April 7	PD day AM Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:30-3:30 & 6 -8 (no classes)
April 15	Good Friday (no classes)
April 18	Easter Monday (no classes)
April 8	PTA Fundraising Event
May 19	Dance 6:30 - 8:30 pm
May 23	Victoria Day (no classes)
June 16	Spring Concert
June 23	Grade 9 Closing Dance
June 29	Assessment Day (no classes)
June 30	Last Day - Final Report Cards



St. Agnes Junior High School

Mission Statement

The mission of St. Agnes Junior High, a diverse group of learners, is to ensure the pursuit of personal excellence in academic, social, emotional and physical development by providing enriching, student-centered opportunities, and integrating active, supportive partnerships with families and the community in safe, healthy environments.

School Environment

The St. Agnes School community (students, parents/guardians, staff, neighbours - individuals and businesses) is one which we believe is based on mutual co-operation, trust, respect and equity. This community must be safe and secure. St. Agnes prides itself on constant vigilance and action toward ensuring safety for all students while at school. Students feeling physically or emotionally threatened are asked to report any suspected abuse to school administration. The school must be a place where everyone, both staff and students, can function to their fullest potential.

For the St. Agnes community to grow, students must take learning seriously, teachers must endeavor to instruct in a meaningful way and offer enriching learning experiences, and parents/guardians must be supportive and participatory in the education of their children.

Therefore, the St. Agnes community members must be courteous and considerate of others and their property, and must be open-minded and respectful of the background and beliefs of others.

Nova Scotia School Code of Conduct

St. Agnes Junior High School, a proud community of diverse learners, is built upon a common purpose to acquire knowledge, develop skills and become responsible citizens defined by mutual co-operation, trust, respect and equity.

As a result, we expect St. Agnes community members to be courteous, considerate of others

and their property, while showing tolerance and respect of others.

Registration of an individual at St. Agnes implies an acceptance of and a commitment to the school's rules, code of responsibilities and the Nova Scotia School Code of Conduct.

<https://www.ednet.ns.ca/docs/provincialschoolcodeofconduct.pdf>

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. I have the **RIGHT** to learn in this school

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to be prepared to learn.

2. I have a **RIGHT** to hear and be heard.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to respect other's contributions.

3. I have a **RIGHT** to be respected in this school.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to be considerate to other people.

4. I have a **RIGHT** to be safe in this school.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** not to threaten, and/or physically or psychologically harm anyone else at school or while going to and from school.

5. I have a **RIGHT** to privacy and to my own personal space.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to respect the personal property of others and to accept their right to privacy.

6. I have the **RIGHT** to be treated with courtesy and respect by adults.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to show respect and to treat courteously all adults in our school and the community.

7. I have the **RIGHT** to be knowledgeable about and proud of my ancestry and cultural heritage.

I have the **RESPONSIBILITY** to learn about and to be tolerant of the history and cultural background of others.



SCHOOL-WIDE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS MATRIX

St. Agnes Junior High

RESPECT FOR LEARNING, SELF, OTHERS, & ENVIRONMENT

EXPECTATIONS

RESPECT FOR

Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be on time.• Be prepared to learn.• Ensure electronics are off and stored away.• Be a good active listener.• Use appropriate language and voice.• Respect others' efforts and contributions.• Be aware of and follow emergency procedures.
Self	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be prepared to give your best effort.• Have a positive attitude.• Dress, speak and act appropriately.• Do your assigned work.
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respect diversity.• Encourage others to do their best.• Be considerate.• Respect others' efforts and contributions.• Be aware of personal space.• Keep your hands and feet to yourself.• Be scent / nut allergy aware.• Walk to the right.
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respect school property.• Respect what you use.• Recycle properly.• Wash your hands.• Maintain a clean environment.



General School Rules

1. Be prepared for every class (bring mask, sanitizer, water bottle, personalized technology (where possible), paper, writing utensils, homework assignments, gym gear and required supplies for all classes).
2. Respect any COVID related protocols.
3. No physical contact (no pushing/shoving, rough play or running in the halls). Keep hands and feet to yourself.
4. Cell phones, iPads and other electronic devices must be turned off during instructional hours unless otherwise instructed by a teacher. The use of personal electronics must always follow the guidelines of the personal use of electronics contract (see below)
5. Smoking/Vaping is not permitted on school property.
6. Skateboards, roller blades and scooters are not to be used in school. If brought to school, they must be stored in the lockers. Bicycles need to be locked up out of doors.
7. Abusive and offensive language is not to be used on school property.
8. Snowballs or other objects are not to be thrown.
9. The main doorway and ramp area must remain clear at all times.

Individual classroom responsibilities and expectations will be developed by each teacher and will be explained to the students. These will be posted in each classroom.

Parental/Guardian Support

We would hope to receive the support and cooperation of parents and we would expect parents to accept the following responsibilities:

1. Pre-screen your child on a daily basis for COVID related symptoms
2. Inform the school of any serious medical condition, such as potential allergic reactions / anaphylactic shock, which may affect their child.
3. Inform the school of any known situation regarding the emotional well-being and / or physical safety of any student.
4. Parents / visitors will report to the office first, when visiting the school.
5. Parent/ guardians are always welcome spectators to activities and sports events and we expect they will be courteous and cooperative at all times.

Additional School Information Scent-Free Policy

All members of the St. Agnes community are asked to make sincere efforts to eliminate the use of scented products. Whenever possible, please purchase and have your child use scent-free and fragrance-free products. In extreme cases an individual may be sent home to make necessary changes for health reasons.

Peanut Policy

St. Agnes will be promoting a peanut-restricted environment. We have students who are allergic to peanuts and peanut products (**ANY FOOD** with peanut

ingredients). Any foods with nut products could be a potential danger for these students. Allergic reactions can be triggered by the smell of peanut as well as the taste. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter



Library Policy

Library books must be returned. If library books are lost, misplaced or damaged, students may be asked to replace. Students who are listed on the overdue book list may be subject to a loss of school privileges.

Locker Policy

Access to lockers is not permitted during instructional hours. Students **must** use the lock provided by the school. Lockers may not be shared with other students.

Late Policy

Students arriving late to school disrupt their own learning and the learning of others. Students arriving late for registration must report to the office to obtain a late slip. If a parent/ guardian has called to excuse the late, this will be noted. Students may also provide a parental/guardian note to the office upon their arrival. Students being dropped off to school after 8:20 or 12:50 am must also provide parental notice. Students should be arriving in the morning by **8:10 am** and after lunch by **12:40 pm**. Prompt arrival is appreciated and expected. Students who are late without parental permission may be subject to a school based consequence aligned with the school Code of Conduct.

Expectations for Participation in Extra-Curricular/Sports Activities:

Participation in any extra-curricular activity is intended to develop the whole person and complement the academic program at St. Agnes. An individual's first commitment is to their academic schoolwork, the school community, and the Code of Conduct. An individual must be committed to the following three criteria to participate in extra-curricular activities: a. Code of Conduct, b. Academic, c. Attendance

1. Participation is a privilege, not a right.
2. Individuals may be withheld from participation in any or all extra-curricular activities if commitments outlined in The Code of Conduct are not adhered to or if a suspension is issued.
3. For all extra-curricular activities, where the Code of Conduct is violated, the administration may:
 - a. On the 1st occasion, reprimand and / or suspend the student(s) involved from this particular activity.
 - b. On subsequent occasions, the student(s) may be given a partial or full suspension from that particular activity.
4. All assigned detentions must be served before participation in extra-curricular activities (unless permission to reschedule the detention is given by the teacher).
5. Individuals who are absent due to illness from school during the day will be excluded from school-sponsored activities on that day.
6. Individuals who are suspended from school may not participate in extra-curricular activities. Additionally individuals who are suspended from school while on a school team may be removed from that team.

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

May we extend a warm welcome to all parents/guardians belonging to our St. Agnes School Community. This handbook outlines rules, policies and expectations for our students at St. Agnes. Please take an opportunity to familiarize yourselves with the handbook, acceptable use policy and share/discuss with your student his/ her responsibilities as a student at St. Agnes Junior High.

Please sign the following forms to indicate you have read this agenda and the computer consent information with your son/daughter and return this page to your child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

The School Administration Team



Computer Consent Form

User: I understand and will abide by the Acceptable Use Policy. Should I violate the Policy, I recognize my access privileges may be revoked.

Date: _____

User: _____

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian: I/We understand our son/daughter has use of school technology and access to the internet. This activity is governed by the Acceptable Use Policy and I/We agree to abide by the guidelines of the Policy.

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature: _____

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

St. Agnes Junior High has embarked on a journey in relation to the use of personal electronic devices within the school. We know that electronic devices are important tools in our modern society and it is our joint responsibility to ensure that students are using their devices responsibly. We know that the use of electronic devices further enhances and engages our students and thus we wish to take full advantage of these technologies. We ask that you and your child(ren) read the contract carefully and discuss it before signing and returning it to the school. Once the contract is returned, students will be allowed to use their electronic devices: before school, during lunch hour outside of the school, after school and during **teacher-approved** learning activities. They may carry it around with them (if you allow them to), but they are responsible for taking care of it (especially during Phys Ed). From experience, we would strongly suggest students either put their device in their locker or hand it in to the teacher during gym time rather than leave it in the change room. As stated in the contract, the school will not be held responsible for lost or broken devices.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by email or phone.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us to foster and teach responsibilities that go along with being a connected 21st century learner.

Sincerely,

Jarrett Feeney

Acting Principal

St. Agnes Junior High



SAJH Use of Personal Electronics Contract School Year 2021-22

Students:

I agree to use my electronic device (e.g., cell phone, iPod, iPad, laptop etc.) responsibly. I agree if I do not, I will give it to the teacher or principal/vice principal for the day.

I will:

- only use my phone/device in class when expressly agreed upon by my teacher.
- always ask permission before using my phone if there is any doubt.
- turn off any ringers, buzzers, alarms or notifications during the school hours.

I will not:

- text in class, in the hallway, change room, or washroom
- answer my phone/device in class, hallway, change room, or washroom
- check my phone in class

I will not:

- take photos, videos or create images without permission
- send or post inappropriate texts, photos, emails
- text or call my parents from my cell phone during instructional time.

I agree with the above regulations.

Student Signature: _____

Parents:

- If there is an emergency, I will contact the school office.
- I will not hold the school responsible if my child's electronic device goes missing or is broken.

I agree with all the regulations above for both my child and myself.

Parent Signature: _____

