



Welcome to St. Agnes Junior High School

Grade 6 Parent/Guardian
Information Session

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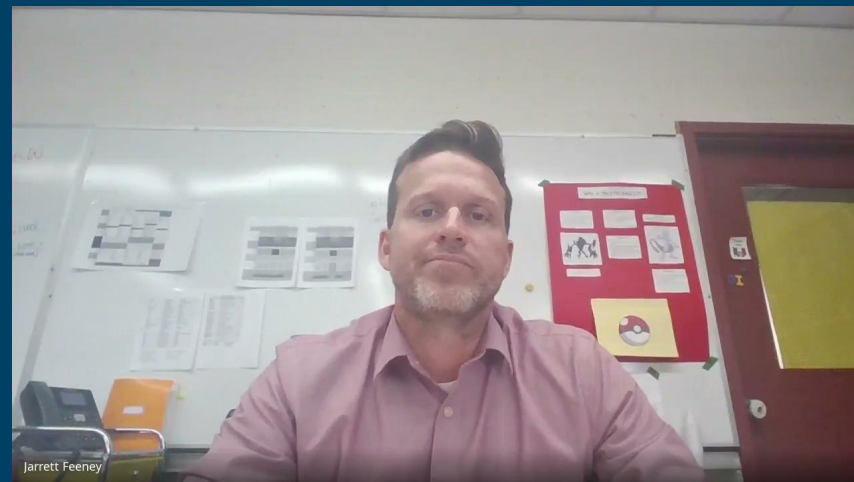
This Evening's Agenda:

- Principal's Address
- Curriculum & Integrated Learning
- Communication with Families
- Behaviour Expectations
- Bell Schedule and Class Schedule
- Lunch Information
- Student Supports
- First Day of School
- Extra-curricular Activities



Principal's Address

Jarrett Feeney



Curriculum Renewal

Entering its second year, Nova Scotia's curriculum is being renewed and modernized to ensure our students have the skills and competencies to be successful in a rapidly changing world. We are preparing our students for the future with curriculum that is inclusive, student-centred and flexible while maintaining a focus on literacy and numeracy.



Why Curriculum is Being Renewed

- To align with the [NS Teaching Standards](#), the [Inclusive Education Policy](#) and the [Regional Student Success Plan](#)
- To develop students' skills while they explore their passions and interests
- To honor and respect each student's cultural and linguistic identities and knowledge systems
- To focus on student centered approaches that values, draws upon, and includes student voices and choices in their learning
- To support a universally-designed approach to teaching and learning

Integrated Learning Time

In our schedule next year, there is a substantial amount of time dedicated to what is called Integrated Learning Time (ILT.)

Every Tuesday Period 2, students will take part in lessons/sessions designed to build skills students will require to be successful in the 21st century.

Integrated Learning Time

Through the combining of student areas of interest with both inquiry and problem-based approaches to learning in our classrooms, we hope to guide our students toward developing the skills of Critical Thinking, Communication, Collaboration, and Creativity.

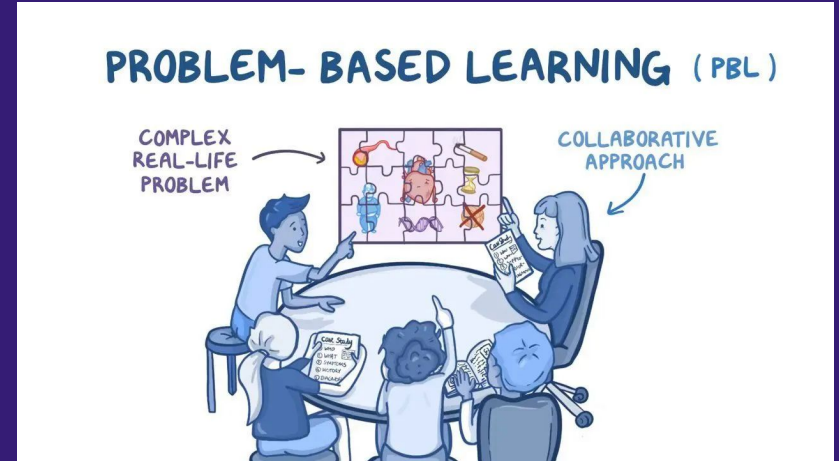


Integrated Learning Time

We hope to use student interests to:

1. Aid in the building of the many foundational skills that are required to effectively identify issues of importance, properly complete research on topics, analyze and evaluate research and
2. Communicate/collaborate with peers to solve real world problems (on both small and large scales.)

The focus of ILT for next year will center around three themes: Conflict (grade 7), Community (grade 8) and Change (grade 9)



Important Dates

- In Person Registration: August 25th
- First Day of Classes: September 7th
- Orange Shirt Day: September 29th
- Truth & Reconciliation Day: September 30th
No Classes



Communication With Families

How we share information with you:

- Monthly Newsletters
- Twitter [@sajhnews](https://twitter.com/sajhnews)
- Website: <https://sgn.hrce.ca/>
- Mass communication sent through SchoolMessenger network (calls & email)
- The Importance of updated parent/guardian emails

Communicating with St. Agnes & Staff:

You know your child best! We appreciate all insights, questions, concerns and information that can better help support students in being successful. All staff contact information is listed on our school website.



Behaviour Expectations - Learning

- Be on time and prepared to learn
- Ensure personal electronics are off and stored away
- Work at being a good active listener
- Complete your assigned work
- Use appropriate language and voice
- Respect others' efforts and contributions
- Be aware of and follow emergency procedures



Behaviour Expectations - Self

- Be prepared to give your best effort
- Have a positive attitude
- Speak and act appropriately



Behaviour Expectations - Others

- Respect diversity!
- Be considerate
- Respect others' efforts and contributions
- Encourage others to do their best
- Be aware of personal space
 - Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Be scent / nut allergy aware



Behaviour Expectations - Environment

- Respect school property
- Respect what is made available for students to use at the school
- Be environmentally responsible



ChromeBooks and Cell Phones

- Each student is issued their own chromebook at the start of the year, and will be responsible for taking it to and from school each day.
- All classrooms have “Cell Hotels.” When students enter each classroom, they place their cell phones in the cell hotel, and collect them at the end of class.
- If you need to contact your child during school hours, you can call the main office and Ms. King will call into your child’s classroom and ask them to come to the main office.





Bell Schedule

8:00 - 8:10 am

Supervision on school property

8:10 am

First bell rings

8:10- 8:20 am

Students arrive at their first class of the morning

8:20 am

Morning classes begin

11:20- 12:50 pm

Lunch Hour (supervised lunch room available)

12:40- 12:50 pm

Students arrive at first class of the afternoon

12:50 pm

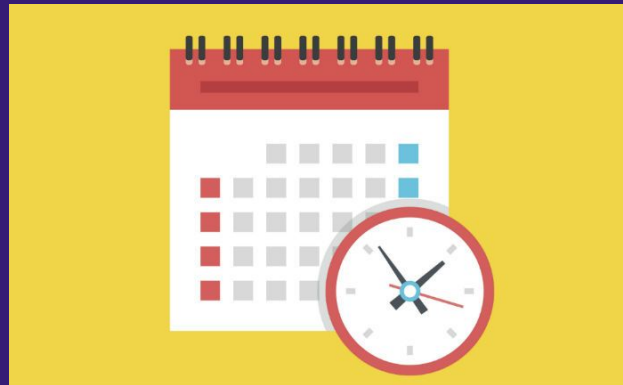
Afternoon classes begin

2:50 pm

Last bell rings for dismissal

Class Schedule

- 10 day cycle (Week 1 and Week 2)
- 3 classes every morning - 60 minutes in length
- Lunch - 1 hour 20 minutes in length
- 2 classes every afternoon - 60 minutes in length
- Students have English Language Arts & Mathematics everyday



Lunch Information

- While most of our students leave the building for lunch, St. Agnes offers a lunch room for students who are not in walking distance of the school and/or do not have access to home during school hours
- Lunch supervision is managed by a lunch monitor each day from 11:20-12:50
- Student are responsible for bringing their own lunch

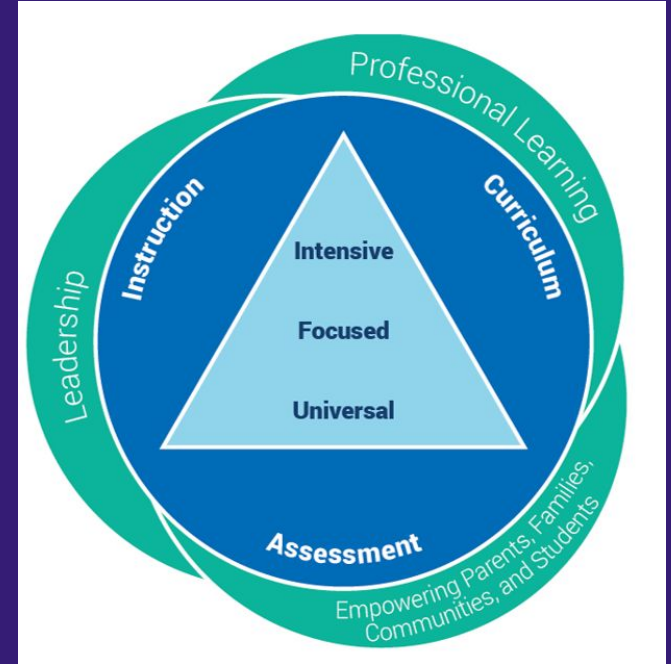


Student Support

- Student Support is built into each teacher's schedule
- Extra help offered (typically lunch hour)

Resource & Learning Centre

- St. Agnes follows a Multi Tiered System of Supports. MTSS is a framework that ensures effective instruction, assessment, and support for all students with a focus on well-being and achievement.



Student Services & Specialists

- School Counsellor
- African Nova Scotian Student Support Worker
- Aboriginal Student Support Worker
- YMCA School Settlement Support Worker
- School Social Worker
- Schools Plus Team
- School Psychologist
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Attendance Support Teacher



First Day of School

- Students will enter the school gym and administration will welcome students and introduce staff
- Each homeroom teacher will read their class list and proceed with their class to their classroom (class lists will not be provided prior to this time).

8:20-9:20 am: Review of Student Handbook & Logistics

9:20 am: Start of regularly scheduled classes



School Supplies & Organization

Supplies:

- PENCILS, Pens, Erasers, Markers and Coloured Pencils
- Paper
- Binders
- Scientific Calculators (real ones, not phone calculators, since they do not have access to phones during class)
- Ruler - a small one is terrific
- Proper athletic wear for Phys Ed

Organization:

- Binders, lockers and backpacks all need some organization and maintenance
- An organized space at home to do work is also helpful





EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



- Cross Country
- Touch Football (co-ed)
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Softball
- Track & Field
- Girls Only Active Lunch
- Art Club
- Student Council
- Yearbook
- GSA
- Math Club
- Techsploration
- Stand up against bullying
- Orange shirt day
- Dance Committee
- Walkathon
- African Heritage Month Events

PTA, SAC, and Fundraising Activities

- St. Agnes prioritizes the relationship between school and community, and it always looking for parent volunteers to help support and better serve our students! Feel free to touch base if you are interested in joining the PTA, SAC or helping with any fundraising efforts.



Thank you for your Time this Evening!

Questions?

