



"Soar with the Eagles"

Gagetown School PARENT PAGE

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Welcome to a new school year at Gagetown School! We are excited to greet all the returning students along with the new students and families. We are pleased to welcome new members to the teaching team. Mr. Holland will be the homeroom teacher for the grade 8 class and he will be teaching science, social studies, health and outdoor pursuits. Mr. Holland taught at Chipman Forrest Avenue School last year. We are also excited to announce that we have 2 student teachers from UNB; Miss Johnson who will be working with Ms. Craig and Mr. Holland, and Miss Ward who will be working with Ms. Hogan. We also have changes in the teaching assignments this year as Mrs. Smith has accepted a literacy role at the Oromocto Education Centre and Mrs. Gallant (Miss Mills) will be taking the lead teaching role with the grade 2 class. We would also like to welcome Mr. Daigle who will be working with Mrs. Law as a custodian this year. We are also fortunate to see so many returning staff members at Gagetown School. Our Staff is committed to creating conditions that help foster student mental fitness needs along with their academic pursuits.

It is hard to believe that the summer is over and I am excited to be entering my fourth year as Principal. This summer was quite busy for me personally as I had the honour and privilege of working with Canada's Olympic Team at the 2016 Summer Olympics that were held in Rio, Brazil. It was an amazing experience to be able to work with over 300 High Performance Athletes who were at their best. My goal is to share that experience with our students and staff as we take time to reflect on the conditions that are required for us to be truly at our best. We recognize that you as parents and community members assume a big role in helping the students achieve their personal and academic goals.

The school opening brings about a great deal of excitement and anticipation of what is yet to come. As we walk through the halls and enter the classrooms, the floors glow with the shine and the new posters and bulletin boards welcoming all the students.

Students and Staff at Gagetown School continue to be supported by many great volunteers from the community. For two years in a row, over 100 volunteers dedicated many hours and energy to the school; be it serving breakfast or hot lunch; serving on various committees or organizations; leading sports teams; facilitating clubs or fundraising efforts to off-set the cost of many programs or activities. We recognize that many of these activities would not be made possible without volunteers! We hope you continue to support the school and we invite the new members of the Community to consider volunteering. These efforts do not go unnoticed and are truly appreciated by all!

As principal, I look forward to working with each of you this school year. I am excited to be part of such a great team and members of the community. We value our partnership with you, the parents/guardians, as we help develop lifelong learners and great citizens. Please do not hesitate to contact the homeroom teacher directly if you have any questions or concerns. Please take time to read through the student agendas as the school guidelines and expectations are clearly indicated. Each month also features a theme in the student agendas, such as physical health, emotional health, social awareness and relationship. We encourage you to work through the agenda worksheets with your child/children. We also recognize that this is a great communication tool for you to send messages to your child/children's homeroom teacher. Please continue to do so and encourage your child/ children to use this agenda in an effort to develop skills that will help them to achieve their goals.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Welcome back BBQ this Thursday, September 8th.

Dr. Monique Allain, Principal at Gagetown School

Hours of Instruction

The school day will begin at **7:55 am** Monday to Friday. As students enter the building, they will have access to the daily Breakfast Program (beginning September 19th).

Kindergarten, 1 and 2 – students are dismissed at **1:26pm on Monday to Thursday**

Grades 3-8 – students are dismissed at **2:41 pm – Monday to Thursday**

All Grades – students are dismissed at **11:41 am on Friday.**

Arrival and Dismissal

- Bus students are to be on time for the busses
- Students who are driven to school are to arrive prior to 7:55.
- Students may be dropped off between 7:30 and 7:55 (please avoid dropping off your child/children right in front of the school- not to interfere with the buses).
- Students will be dismissed with their classes to board the bus or meet their parents outside.
- In completing student forms (transportation section), please indicate the **primary** and **alternate drop-off locations**. It is imperative that you contact the school if there are any changes to these drop-off locations.
- Safety is our # 1 concern!



Safety on the School Bus

- School bus drivers have a huge responsibility in ensuring students are safe travelling to and from school. In order to be safe, we ask that all students listen to the driver, respect others, remain seated, keep aisle clear and talk quietly.
- Please discuss bus safety with your child.
- For more information regarding bus safety or guidelines, please visit www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca.

Visitors to the School

All visitors are to identify themselves by using the Intercom system that is mounted on the main entrance. Once you enter in the school, please proceed to the office to sign in. For safety purposes, we must know who is in our school at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.

Signing Students IN and OUT

All students arriving late or leaving early **must** be signed in or out at the office by a legal guardian or parent.

Students Absent from School

Gagetown School has a “Safe Arrival” Program. If your child is going to be absent or arriving late, please phone the school and leave a message stating your child’s name, grade and the reason for the absence. Please call the main office by 8:15am (488-3561). Ms. Mersereau will be contacting homes of the students who are absent if no call is made prior to 8:15am.

Peanut Free School

We continue to have students in our school who have severe nut allergies. To reduce the possibility of exposing these students to an allergic reaction, please do not send any products containing nuts to the school. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Scent Free

Our school is required to be scent-free at all times. This means no strong scented deodorant, perfume/cologne, hair products or laundry detergent. We have students and staff members with severe allergies to these strong scents. Thank you for your assistance.

No Microwaves

Just a reminder that students are not to bring in food that require to be warmed up as microwaves are not available.

Playground Supervision

Playground supervision does not start until 7:30 am. Please do not drop your child off at school **before 7:30** as no formal supervision is scheduled at this time.

CLASSROOMS & STAFF

Principal:	Dr. Monique Allain
Administrative Asst.	Ms. Kara Mersereau
Kindergarten:	Ms. Alexandra Stewart-Francis
Grade One:	Ms. Jennifer Hogan
Grade Two:	Mrs. Rebecca Gallant
Grade Three/Four:	Mrs. Shauna Boudreau
Grade Four/Five:	Ms. Lindsey Fairweather
Grade Six/Seven:	Ms. Alyson Craig
Grade Eight:	Mr. Michael Holland
Phys. Ed	Ms. Jill Meek
Guidance/Resource	Mrs. Tanya Hanson-Lacey (4/5 Math)
Educational Assistant:	Mrs. Linda Sullivan Mrs. Janice Perry
Custodians:	Mrs. Heather-Ann Law Mr. Vernon Daigle
Bus Drivers:	Mrs. Mary Harmon Mr. Robert Abbott Mr. Buddy Donovan

Gagetown Eagles’ Sport and Physical Activity

Middle Level Soccer

Coaches Ron Samuels, Stu Priest and John Tarrel are back again this year and are ready and excited to begin the soccer season. We are excited to be working with such a great experienced coaching team. The first practice will be at the school, Thursday Sept 8th following dismissal with pick up at 4:15. Big “thank you” to Ron, John and Stu for coaching this year!! Go Eagles Go....



Cross Country Running (Grades 3 to 8)

Students interested in running on the Gagetown School Cross Country team are to see Ms. Meek or Ms. Allain about practice time and regional meets.

Health Tips

Preparedness for School

- Your child needs a good night’s sleep to be ready to face the day. Pediatricians advise 10 to 12 hours for children under 5 and 10 hours for children 6 to 9 years of age.
- A nutritious breakfast, snack and lunch are necessary for a productive day at school. For healthy tips in preparing lunches or making healthy meals, please refer to Canada’s Healthy Food Guide.
- In participating in daily physical activity, comfortable footwear and clothing makes this experience so much more enjoyable both inside and outside.



Proper Hygiene

Just a reminder that the beginning of school also brings a greater number of head lice incidents. Please remind your child to not share brushes/combs, head bands/pony tail holders and to refrain from touching heads as these are all ways that head lice can spread.

Queen’s County Fair

On Thursday, September 15th, Gagetown School students will once again have the opportunity to participate in the Queens’s County Fair. Please read the following Fair information carefully:

- On September 15th students will be bussed to the school at the regular time in the morning, and back home from the school at the regular dismissal time at the end of the school day.
- Grade 3-8 students will travel up to the fair grounds on the school’s float and return to the school immediately after the prizes for the floats are announced and contests concludes. Supervision of students during this time is the teachers’ responsibility.
- No student will be permitted to stay at the fairgrounds beyond the end of the parade without prior written permission being given by the parent/guardian. A permission slip will be sent home this week.
- If any students are attending the fair, parents/guardians must sign them out at the office.
- Please note that there will be teachers and supervision provided as usual at the school for those students who do not wish to participate on the float.

Canteen

The canteen will be open on Wednesday, September 7th. Items such as milk, granola bars, yogurt, dried fruit and baked chips will be for sale. Please note that due to an increase in the cost of milk, the price has increased by .10cents (.75cents). A list of items available along with their cost is posted on the School’s web-site. Please note: Due to our delivery schedule, milk will be available starting September 13th.

Welcome Back BBQ

Gagetown School will hold its Annual Welcome Back / Meet the Teacher BBQ this **Thursday, September 8th** at the school from 5:30 – 7:00. All of our school families are invited to attend. At 5:30, parents will be invited to walk through the school and see their children’s classrooms, then at 5:40; everyone will be invited to the gymnasium to hear more about the various school expectations, curriculum objectives and school activities. Teachers will be available in the gym to provide specific subject area information. Following the meet and greet, everyone is invited outdoors where snacks and refreshments will be available, at no cost; however donations would be appreciated for the Breakfast Program. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parent School Support Committee (PSSC)

The PSSC is searching for new members. Ms. Kelly Estabrooks, the Chair of PSSC will be available at the Welcome Back BBQ to answer any inquires and encourage other parents to consider sitting on the Committee. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Estabrooks and all members of the PSSC from last year and hope that you will consider staying on as members for the new school year.

Home and School

Gagetown School is very fortunate to have such a dedicated and energetic Home and School Committee supporting many programs and initiatives. Without their support, many of these programs such as the Hot Lunch program and Filed Trips would not be made available. This year, the Home and School is seeking new committee members, please speak to Jenny McConchie or Ms. Allain if you are interested.

Electronic Devices

The best place for personal electronic devices (iPods, MP3 players, cameras, cell phones, etc...) is at home. Electronics brought in by students must remain in their lockers or book bag for the day unless a teacher provides permission for use of these devices. We are not responsible for items which become damaged or stolen at school (including in the changing rooms). Students who do not follow this protocol will have their electronic device kept in the office for the day and parents/guardians will be contacted to come collect the device.

Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars

September 6	First Day of School
September 8	Welcome Back BBQ
September 19	Breakfast Program starts
September 22	Terry Fox Run
October 3rd	Hot Lunch Program begins (Monday and Thursdays)



The Parent Page will be sent home on a regular basis electronically and will be posted on the school website. If you are unable to access Internet, please contact the school and a printed copy will be made available. To sign up for an electronic copy of the newsletter, please provide your email address:

Student's Name _____

Parent's Name: _____

Email Address: _____