

Hartland Community School

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MOTTO: From Believing to Achieving Excellence
VISION: Empowering Our Students to Enrich Our World

Principal's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to HCS for the 2017-2018 school year. As a staff we are excited for the new school year and the various exciting opportunities that are planned for the upcoming year. HCS has a great staff as well as great students and families that support us. We are going to challenge our students to always be respectful at all times while at school or when representing HCS outside of school. As well, we would like for all of our students to be engaged in the various activities that are offered at HCS. When students are engaged in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities they feel a stronger sense of belonging at school. If you have any concerns, please contact me to discuss further. We hope everyone has a great school year and works to achieve their best at HCS.

Welcome Back to HCS

The staff of HCS would like to welcome all students back to the 2017-18 school year. We would also like to welcome Caroline Fletcher and Emily Robins to our teaching staff and April Haines, Corrine Kilfoil, Matthew McLatchy and Tracey Whitehouse, our new Education Assistants. Let's all work together to promote and strengthen a positive learning environment and generate school spirit at HCS.

Welcoming and Hosting International Students

As always, a new school year brings new faces to Hartland Community. Five of those, this year, are International Students. They are here to develop their English skills as well as learn about Canada and enjoy all New Brunswick has to offer. Please join us in welcoming

Orla (Germany), Haruna (Japan) and Icaro, Wilfrid and Virna (Brazil). The New Brunswick International Student Program (NBISP) welcomes students between the ages of 11 and 18 from all points of the globe. (Hartland hosts high school students.) Visiting students live with a host family, attend classes with New Brunswick students and participate in extra-curricular and community activities. Everyone benefits from the presence of these students!

For a closer look at current and past students enjoying their stay, check out the New Brunswick International Student Program Facebook page. More information is also available at www.aei-inc.ca. Perhaps your family would be interested in hosting someone. Students require a private bedroom, internet service and three nutritious meals a day. You would involve the student in everyday family life, share NB culture and attend community events. Families receive some reimbursement to cover costs incurred. Host families are needed for next semester. We are also planning ahead for next year and will need single semester and full year placements depending on the students who are coming. If you think you might be interested, we can provide more information and answer questions. Our HomeStay Coordinators are Angela James and Nancy Dickson. They can be reached at homestayhartland@icloud.com or 375-4809.



HCS School Picture Day

Please note that school pictures will be taken on Thursday, Sept. 28th. Remember to wear your "smile".



Volunteers welcome

You must have a Criminal Record Check and Policy 701.

You can review this policy and complete the necessary "test" online <http://www.gnb.ca/0000/policies.asp> Once you have reviewed this, go to the link below and complete the questionnaire. Print it and send it in to Mrs. Heidi Culberson. The questionnaire to complete can be found at:

<http://701.nbed.nb.ca/questionnaire-e.asp>

Once completed, please inform the school of your particular areas of interest.

The criminal record check can be done at the R.C.M.P. office in Woodstock. It is free and only takes a moment.

No Classes For Students

- Professional Learning ½ Day. Classes dismiss at 11:55 am, Sept. 26th
- Thanksgiving: Oct. 10th

Parent/Visitor Sign In

The crisis response protocol for the school requires **everyone** visiting the school to sign in at the office upon arrival. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter as it is for the safety of students, staff and the public.

Grad Class Parent Meeting

There will be a Grad Class Parent Meeting on Tuesday September 19th at 6:30 in the library. All parents of grade 12 students are strongly encouraged to attend.

Student Drop off (am)

HCS will continue the drop off procedure started last year. All students that are being dropped off at HCS before 8:15 must be dropped off at the back entrance by the grade 3-8 playground. Please do not drop students off in front of the building prior to 8:15. Please pull over to the left when dropping students and then continue on around the building. After 8:15, students may be dropped off in front of the building. Please do not park in the drop off zone, if you need to park and enter the building, please use the parking lot to park. These requirements are for student safety and we appreciate your support. Please be reminded that students are not to be dropped off until 8:00, as staff are not available to supervise them.

K-2 student pick up at the end of the day is from 2:00 – 2:10.

Norcard Fundraiser

Grade 12 students will be selling Norcard products from October 4th - 18th. If you are interested in purchasing Norcard items, get in touch with a Grad.

Pre-K Registration for 2018-2019



Registration for students entering kindergarten

for the 2018-2019 school year will take place at HCS from Tuesday, Oct. 10th to Friday, Oct. 13th (8:30 am to 3:30pm) Parents are asked to bring their child's birth certificate, immunization record and medicare card on the day of registration. These days will be for registration (paperwork) only. Children who reach 5 years of age by Dec. 31, 2018 are eligible to attend kindergarten beginning in the fall of 2018.

If you know of any children who will be eligible to start kindergarten next year, please advise their parents of these registration dates, even if they are not able to attend.

Head Lice

It's time once again to remind you that head lice are common in schools because lice spread easily where people gather. Having head lice does not mean people are unclean. Head lice do not spread disease. Head lice are tiny insects that live on the scalp. These insects lay eggs, called nits, which stick to the hair. Head lice spread via direct contact among children or indirectly on items such as hats, combs, hairbrushes and headphones. Treatment shampoos contain an insecticide that kills the live lice. Removing **all** nits from the hair is essential if a recurrence is to be prevented. Parents can contact their physician or the local public health agency for advice about treatment. If you require further information, please contact the school. If head Lice is discovered in your child's classroom, a letter will be sent home informing you of this so you can take precautions.

PSSC

Parents are encouraged to get involved in the school by joining the Parent School Support Committee. PSSC elections will be held at 6:30 on Monday, Sept. 25th in the school library. There are 2 vacant positions, if you are interested and would like more information please contact Mr. Clark.



HCS Twitter Page

HCS has a Twitter page as a means of communicating important news about school events, cancellations and student accomplishments to our school community. You can keep up to date with everything happening in our school by following our account: [@HCSHuskies](https://twitter.com/HCSHuskies).



Fine Arts at HCS

Drama

The fall musical production of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" is in full swing! Our production date is Friday, Oct. 27th, at 7pm. Mark your calendars for this *spook-tacular* event. Come out and support the 6-12 drama club at HCS.

Choir

The 6-12 choir has begun for the 2017-2018 school year, but it's not too late to join. Our first performance will be on Oct. 27th with the drama club, followed by the Remembrance Day ceremonies on Nov. 9th and 11th at HCS. Practices are Tuesday and Thursday from 4:15-5:15pm and we are searching for a pianist to accompany the choir. Please contact Mrs. Amanda Carr for more information at amanda.carr@nbed.nb.ca.

Band

The HCS band program is gearing up for another exciting year. Practices will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 3-4 and any student in grades 6-12 can join. Band fee is \$50 which includes instrument rental, festival fees, band books, additional sheet music and instrument upkeep. Come make music with us! Please contact Mrs. Amanda Carr for more information at amanda.carr@nbed.nb.ca. Additional Information The school website will be updated regularly with details regarding concerts, events, and practice schedules.

NBCC Applications

Grade 12 students who are considering pursuing their post-secondary education at a NBCC campus in September 2018, should apply as soon as possible. Program seats are limited and application packages are assessed beginning November 1. Students can apply on-line at nbcc.ca

HCS Tree Nut Free Zone



Remember!!!
HCS is now a
"tree nut Free
Zone"
Tree Nuts
include:

almonds, butternuts, cashews,
chestnuts, natural nut extract, nut
butters, pecans, pistachios and
Walnuts. Please note: Peanut
products are allowed at HCS

Kindergarten Field Trips

*Kindergarten students will be
going on a field trip to Dukeshire
Apple Orchard in Northampton on
Wednesday October 4th at 9:30.

*Kindergarten students will also be
going on a field trip to the Hartland
Fire Station on Thursday October
19th at 9:45.

Volunteers with Policy 701 and a
criminal record check are welcome!

HCS Athletics

Once again this year, the schedules
for the HCS gymnasiums and soccer
field can be found online at
hcs.nbed.nb.ca under the Athletics
tab. All home games and practice
times can be found there on the
appropriate calendar. Please
frequent the site using Google
Chrome to see when your favourite
huskies practice and play home
games.

The new online store for athletic
clothing has been activated. Please
visit
[https://hartlan2017.itemorder.com
/sale](https://hartlan2017.itemorder.com/sale) to browse men's and women's
apparel. There is also a link on the
school homepage. All sales
transactions take place online.
There will be no order forms at the
school. HCS Athletics receives a
portion of all sales to help fund our
teams. Please help make this new
endeavor a success and consider
buying some clothing to support the
Huskies. You'll look great!

Health Note for September

***"Breakfast" our Brain Food**

Breakfast has been proven to be one
of the most important meals of the
day. Children who start their day
with a full belly will be hungry to
learn and not hungry for food. As
families prepare for the return to
school, it's important to get back
into the routine of having a healthy
well balanced breakfast. Try to
include 3 out of the 4 food groups in
your breakfast. This could be a slice
of whole grain toast, piece of cheese
and fruit or quick oatmeal with
berries and yogurt.

***Big Benefits of Breakfast:**

- Increase in academic performance
- Better concentration and behavior
- Increase self-esteem and self-
confidence which leads to positive
interactions with peers and adults
- Better attitude towards school and
learning
- More vitamin and mineral intake
- Healthy weights

***Tips in prepping breakfast ahead to avoid the morning rush:**

- Make porridge ahead of time and
refrigerate portions. Reheat and
add fruit, seeds, and yogurt in the
morning
- Bake and freeze whole grain
muffins and pancakes
- Stock up on grab and go items such
as fruit, containers of yogurt,
individual portions of trail mix, and
cheese
- Make hard boiled eggs and keep in
refrigerator for up to one week. Add
a slice of whole grain toast and
cheese with eggs to make a grab and
go breakfast sandwich.

Make sure you and your child know
about the breakfast program offered
at their school. There are many
reasons why children access
breakfast programs: a long bus ride,
don't feel like eating when they get
up or not having enough time to eat
at home. Perhaps they just look
forward to eating with their friends
and classmates at school. Whatever
the reason it is important that all
children start their day with a full
belly and be ready to learn.

