**MHS NEWSLETTER**

**High School Exams**

Exams for students in grade 9-12 will begin on Monday, January 23, 2017. There is a document attached to this newsletter providing more details on the exam schedule. A few important highlights include the grade 9 English Language Proficiency Assessment Wednesday morning and the grade 11/12 English Language Proficiency Re-Assessment Wednesday afternoon: these assessments are requirements for students to graduate from high school. Also, if there is a storm on any of the exam days, there is an alternate schedule prepared. Finally, please note that if any students do not return any of their textbooks by the end of semester 1, they will be required to cover the cost of the textbook. Failure to do so will mean loss of privilege of any semester 2 textbooks.

**Guidance News**

Welcome back! I hope that you had a wonderful break!

Exams are quickly approaching for high school students. If any students are concerned, they are encouraged to see their teachers and come to Guidance to discuss ways to improve their studies skills.

A helpful website that students and parents can access to explore post-secondary school and career options is careercruising.com. This site helps to link students’ interests and strengths with career options. All students have unique logins but the site can also be accessed by with the username: mcadamhs and password: warriors.

In order to assist grade 12 students with their college and essay applications, I will be offering assistance on Thursdays at noon. Students can drop in any Thursday when they need assistance. Please check our school website for a list of scholarship opportunities. Visit “Guidance” and choose “All Guidance Documents and Forms” on the right hand side and select “Scholarships 2016-2017”.

Appointments are available for all students for any reason. Feel free to contact me by email sarah.lamont@nbed.nb.ca, phone 784-6828, and of course, keep an eye on our website.

**McAdam High School Website**

Please note that you can access information about MHS on our website: **mhs.nbed.nb.ca**

This website includes calendar events, Teacher pages (including homework updates), and school information.

**Dress Code**

Over the school year, MHS is reviewing and updating policies. This month, MHS is providing our updated Dress Code Policy. We provided our footwear policy in the last newsletter. As a focus for this issue, it is important to highlight that students are not permitted to wear hats or alternates within the school unless advertised as part of a spirit week.

**Sports Fees**

As noted on the website, sports fees are $50 for each sport played by Middle School students and $70 for each sport played by High School students. It is important for students and parents to be aware that students will not be eligible to participate in games until they have paid the fees.

**Lunch Services at MHS**

Following a survey with parents, students, and staff, it has been decided that MHS will begin having lunch services provided by the company, Resto La Bonne Assiette, two days a week starting in February. We will provide more information on our MHS website when we are ready to offer this service.

**Athletics News**

Two major events in athletics were held over the holiday break:

The 8th annual men's alumni basketball game was held at MHS on December 30th. A very competitive game was played but more importantly over $1700 was raised for the basketball program at McAdam High. Special thanks to Jordan Nason (MHS class of '05) who was instrumental in the organizing and fundraising for this event.

The 15th annual John Smith Invitational varsity boys basketball tournament took place on January 6th and 7th. Teams from Hartland Community School, St Stephen High, and tournament champions Fredericton Christian Academy attended along with the host Warriors. Some very competitive games took place and the gym was full of spectators all weekend. Thanks to all the student and adult volunteers who helped make this tournament another great success. Of special note, Cindy and Peter Bartlett were in attendance to present a $1000 cheque to the basketball program on behalf of the Andrew Bartlett Memorial Golf Tournament. Cindy is a graduate of McAdam High.