



DUNCAN MACMILLAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS
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Principal's Message

Our school year has not ended as we anticipated but, please, know that we are trying to work through the challenges the pandemic has presented to all of us. Report cards will go out the week of June 22. Any difficulties with receiving report cards, please, connect with Mrs. Walsh via email at twalsh@hrce.ca. Although the year ended in a very unusual manner please know that every staff member is thinking of our students and wishing them a great summer. We are uncertain as to what September will hold for our start up but we will be in communication when the time comes.

Graduation is not at all what we expected and while we are disappointed for our graduating students, we are doing all we can to make the day special. The ceremony will take place by appointment on June 23 starting @ 9:00 AM. We encourage our community residents and businesses to put signs of congratulations in windows and/or lawns for graduates to see as they make their way to and from the school to their respective communities. This is not the graduation we expected to host in 2020 but it will be a special day for a very special graduating class who did what was expected to keep everyone safe. We are asking that everyone respect the guidelines placed upon us by the awful coronavirus as we look to find ways to support our graduates in celebrating the achievement of this important milestone.

As we look to September 2020, we are currently working to dismantle key pieces of Duncan MacMillan High School to ensure safe storage of meaningful artifacts. For example, the Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society located in Memory Lane has agreed to store our composite photos in a climate controlled space which will ensure they are preserved for years to come. Sincere thanks to Mrs. Jeannie Hubley is transporting the valuable photographs to the storage site for us. We don't know what we would do without her kind offer as we have no budget to support transportation of this type of item.

The local Sheet Harbour Area Heritage Society at MacPhee House has agreed to take items such as yearbooks, trophies, banners, plaques and other such DMHS artifacts. The artifacts housed in the memorial cabinets are being returned to the respective families as

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a result of conversations that we held with family members. As we close the doors of Duncan MacMillan High School, new doors open with new possibilities.

As with every year, some staff move on to other schools and new staff join us. This year when we received our staffing allocation 2.6 of our teachers were allocated to other schools and as such, we extend our very best wishes to Mr. Day, Mr. Gaudet, Mr. Jerrott, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Welch and Mrs. Yon. Thank you for all that you did during your time at Duncan MacMillan High School to support student learning and engagement. You will be missed!

We are excited that Marine Drive Academy is on schedule to open in September. We will communicate more information about our opening when it is available. Given our last tour of the building, it is beautiful, with large learning spaces which are filled with natural light. Next year promises to be a new beginning for everyone!



Graduating students and GNSPES Accounts

Congratulations! You did it! We wish you the best of luck on your next steps.

Speaking of next steps, did you know your GNSPES account will expire one month from Graduation? Don't lose all of your work!

You can transfer all of your GNSPES files to a personal gMail account by going to this link:

takeout.google.com/transfer

This will allow you to transfer your files to a different gmail account without losing everything. Keep in mind, your GNSPES account had free unlimited storage but a personal gMail does not, so you may have to delete some larger, unnecessary files. A personal gMail account has 15gb

Don't have a personal gMail account? You can easily create one at **gmail.google.com**

Not sure how big your GNSPES drive is? In drive, you can see your storage size on the bottom left below the menu.

Have a great summer!

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Grade 6 & 9 Transition

If you have any questions or concerns in regards to your child/ren transitioning into grade 7 or 10 in the fall, please email Ms. Walsh at twalsh@hrce.ca, Mr. Smith at tsmith@hrce.ca or Ms. Reynolds at rreynolds@hrce.ca

Greetings, Duncan MacMillian Students, Families and Staff!

Your SchoolsPlus team hopes that everyone is doing ok in these challenging times and wanted to provide you with an update on our services:

SchoolsPlus is pleased to welcome and introduce your new Community Outreach Worker to Duncan MacMillian:



Hi everyone! My name is Robyn Murphy and I am happy to announce that I will be joining the Duncan MacMillan team as the new SchoolsPlus Community Outreach Worker. After graduating from DMHS in 2012, I went on to complete my Bachelor of Arts degree at St. Thomas University in 2016 and my Bachelor of Social Work at Dalhousie in 2018. I am excited to rejoin the community after several years away and to give back to the school and community that helped to shape me as a student. I look forward to officially meeting everyone when schools resume!

SchoolsPlus support is available to students and families and can help navigate services such as mental health, housing, food banks, or the COVID-related government benefits. Through our confidential services, your SchoolsPlus team will help you identify and access programs to meet your family's needs.

During school closure, we're available Monday to Friday via phone, text, and email. To learn more about how we can help, please reach out to us directly, or ask your school administration to contact us for you. We look forward to talking with you!

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Transportation of Students:

A new system will be in the place in September 2020. On July 2 the new system will be in place. July 15 routing information will be available via the HRCE website. The number for parent(s)/guardian(s) who have questions is 902-431-4723.



Fiddle Program

Did you know that HRCE has a free fiddle program? We are accepting new and returning students for our 2020-21 school year. It is being offered at Marine Drive Academy during the school day for grades 5 and up. Fiddles will be provided, or you can bring your own.

If your child is interested, whether you're new or returning, please register online now so that we have your contact information ready to go for the start of 2020-2021. The link is on our home page: <http://dacm.hrsb.ns.ca>.

More information will be sent to you in the Fall via the email address you provide in the registration.



Please check the website for updates on school supplies and other news as it unfolds and becomes available.

Let's all work together to make 2020-2021 a fantastic start and year for EVERYONE at Marine Drive Academy!