



Superintendent's Report

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Superintendent's Monthly Report to the Board

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June is always a busy and exciting month in our school year. It is a time for final examinations and assessments, fun trips, celebration, classroom clean-up and of course prom and graduation. This week marks a significant milestone for our grade 12 students and their families as they transition to the next phase of their lives be it post-secondary education, work or other pursuits. Whatever the case may be, congratulations!!!. By the way, the graduating class of 2017 will be receiving over \$780 000 in scholarships and bursaries this week!!



I had the pleasure of attending Verge House Celebration of Accomplishments on June 22 for the first time. The ceremony was a moving event with many family and community members in attendance. It certainly marked a highlight of my school year. Congratulations to Rebecca Delaney, Nicholas Skoreyko, DJ Vincent! You can see Rebecca, Nicholas and DJ sitting in the front row of the picture .

The governing members of the SSRSB and senior staff spent the day on June 19 exploring the future direction of our school system. The group examined their beliefs and values and worked on a long term vision for our organization. This is important work as we constantly look to improve student achievement and supports for students and their families. More work will be completed in September and the Board's ideas will be communicated to the public they serve.

The Board invited their municipal partners to the office on June 22 to jointly examine the contents of the Long Range Outlook and have a conversation about working together moving forward. This include a presentation about community schools and the possibility of forming partnerships to improve school utilization by community groups. We anticipate this to be the beginning of this work together.

As I complete my first year as your Superintendent I would like to recognize and thank all those that have made my transition to SSRSB personally and professionally fulfilling. In some instances it has been an unusual school year with lots to celebrate, while at the same time managing several challenging moments and large scale organizational transitions. Through all this work, our governing Board has maintained their focus on student achievement and well-being. Again, congratulations to the Class of 2017 and their families and to all students as they reflect upon the accomplishments of this school year. First day of school for students is September 7, 2017. See you then and have a great summer break!!



Inspiring students to reach their full potential.

Celebrating the Accomplishments of SSRSB Students & Staff!

Fashion for Our Future Fashion Show!

The BJSHS Senior Students' Council hosted the 9th and final Annual **"Fashion for Our Future Fashion Show"** on Tuesday, June 13th. Proceeds were donated to the Health Services Foundation of the South Shore. The show featured over 20 student models and more than 140 different outfits from local businesses including prom attire.

Some of the performances throughout the show included: highland, hip-hop & African dancing; a violinist; 2 soloist; and Jade Ley on the piano.

This year was the final year for the fashion show and it raised the most money of all shows with \$2340 being donated!

Congratulations to the BJSHS Senior Students' Council for putting on this exciting show, and to their staff advisor Angela McKinnon!



Grade 12 Art students at Forest Heights are making "Wearable art". This manikin bust and prom dress was created by **Sarah Eisnor** for her final art project. The manikin bust is made of papier-mâché and the dress is made of birch bark! The students were to create a prom dress/garment made out of nontraditional material.



Hannah Wilkie, a grade 12 student at BJSHS (and this year's Co-President), will be competing on the Women's Indoor Volleyball Team for the 2017 Canada Summer Games being held this July 28th - August 13th in Winnipeg, Manitoba. A 6' middle blocker, Hannah has been a member of Nova Scotia's provincial team program since 2012. Hannah has been a member of the Tigers Volleyball Club for the last two seasons and has helped them to two provincial club championship titles and a bronze medal in the division 1, tier 1 U18 National Championship. Before joining the Tigers, Hannah played five seasons with the Bridgewater Chill Volleyball Club and earned three Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) championship titles since grade eight with Bridgewater Jr./Sr. High School. The recipient of a Lieutenant Governor's award, Wilkie has enrolled in Dalhousie's Bachelor of Science program, with a focus on Kinesiology.



CCPA Counsellor Practitioner Award

The Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association (CCPA) was proud to honour **Belinda Josephson**, Counsellor at Bridgewater Elementary School, with the CCPA Counsellor Practitioner Award at a ceremony recently held during its annual conference in St. John's, NL.



The CCPA awards program acknowledges unsung heroes and persons worthy of recognition in the counselling and psychotherapy profession. CCPA commends all members far and wide who daily make a positive difference in the lives of people.

Ms. Josephson has been an executive member of the School Counsellors Chapter of CCPA since 2009, including tenure as Chapter President, and currently serves as the President of the Nova Scotia Chapter. She has been actively involved with promoting Canadian School Counselling Week as well as creating professional development opportunities for counsellors in her area. She has sought out specialized training as part of her own professional development such as Race Relations and Cross Cultural Understanding Training and learning to be an International Facilitator for the League of Peaceful Schools. Ms. Josephson is a caring professional whose knowledge, skills, and talents are valued by students and colleagues. She is a hard working practitioner with a professional demeanor who is dedicated to the counselling profession.



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Early French Immersion

In September 2017, the South Shore Regional School Board will have its first class of Early French Immersion students. Our class of *La maternelle* will be at Bluenose Academy. Early French Immersion is an optional French program offering 80-90% of the instructional day *en français*. The advantage of this Grade Primary entry point is the congruence between the curriculum and the desired learning outcomes. Students will be immersed in a rich, elemental literacy/numeracy milieu. In addition, at this developmental stage students are in a sensitive period for language learning, in which they can more readily recognize every sound in any language. The early immersion program joins an already robust French second language environment where older students benefit from a choice of Core, Intensive or Integrated French programs. Many possibilities to explore in French mentoring and book buddies!



On June 3rd, BJSHS student, **Jade Ley** won First Place at the NS Provincial Music Festival in the Junior Piano Class for the second year in a row.



Ben Hatt, a 16-year-old Grade 12 student at Liverpool Regional High School, came up with the idea to bring Joan O'Malley to his high school. Joan O'Malley is the woman who sewed the very first Canadian flag in 1964. Ben's grandmother knows a friend of Joan's and when his grandmother mentioned that Joan O'Malley was in Ottawa for a celebration, Ben decided that he should invite her to his school. He went to his principal, Jeannie Rhodenizer and outlined his plan. On May 31, O'Malley visited and told Liverpool students the amazing story of how she sewed the first Canadian flag. Although Canada was a country, it didn't have its own flag. In 1963, Prime Minister Lester Pearson promised that would change. Three designs were chosen as finalists – a flag with three red maple leafs and two blue stripes on the end; a flag with a red maple leaf and a Union Jack and Fleur-de-lis in the top corners; and the flag we now know as our Canadian flag. At the time, O'Malley was the daughter of a purchasing agent with the government of Canada. When PM Pearson decided he wanted to see prototypes of the three flags, O'Malley's father simply asked his daughter to sew the three versions up to present to the Prime Minister. Once she was done, her father delivered them to 24 Sussex Drive. Her good deed was a secret for many years – but now the sewing machine she used is on display in Ottawa.



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Ella Eddy has a severe allergy to peanuts. She carries her own EpiPen with her, but she was worried about others who might not know they are allergic to things like bee stings. When the 11-year-old heard about Be Ready EpiPen Stations, she decided she had to buy one. The 11-year-old South Queens Middle School student used her birthday money to buy an EpiPen station for DJCWA. She chose Wickwire to buy her first kit and a second one for LRHS. Each kit costs about \$150 and hangs on the wall, like a fire alarm. If someone has a sudden allergic reaction, a person just pulls the handle and pulls out two full EpiPens. The Parent Committee came up with the money to buy the EpiPens, and Ella bought the stations. Volunteers have now gotten together to get EpiPen stations at South Queens Middle School, and other public places in Queens. Now, their goal is to get EpiPen stations at Greenfield School and North Queens Community School.

Angus Stevens is a grade 11 student at Liverpool Regional High School and will be one of the LRHS Co-Presidents for student council in the fall. Angus won the Senior Provincial Class for Musical Theater and has been selected by the adjudicator to attend nationals in Ottawa this August. He is 1 of 6 from our province to go, and the only one from the South Shore, not to mention the youngest. Angus has been involved in Neptune Productions, Winds of Change Productions, dance, voice, piano, guitar, and drums. In late July Angus will be attending a Theater Camp in London, England. Congratulations, Angus!



Nova Scotia Instructional Leadership Academy (NSILA)

The NSILA Program is offered by the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in partnership with the Nova Scotia Educational Leadership Consortium. The goal of the Academy's program is to improve the capacity for school-based instructional leadership, aimed at increasing student learning and achievement in Nova Scotia public schools. The NSILA program extends over three years and leads to a Diploma in Instructional Leadership. The diploma is granted by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. It signifies that holders of the Diploma in Instructional Leadership have achieved and demonstrated competency in instructional leadership. The NSILA Cohort 4 graduated on June 9, 2017. **Congratulations to the SSRSB graduates: Debbie Murray; Karen Seamone; Lorna Nickerson; Miles Page; Sarah Baker; Steven McGill; and Victoria Crozier.**





Bridgewater Jr./Sr. High School

"MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO"



Mascot: Victor the Viking
School Colours: Maroon & Gray
Grades: 7—12
Enrollment—450

Bridgewater Junior Senior High School (BJSHS) was established in 1839!

Mission Statement Bridgewater Junior Senior High School is committed to developing confident, lifelong learners in an atmosphere of mutual support and respect. Intellectual, physical and social growth will be encouraged within a positive and challenging environment.



Beliefs 1. Everyone is important. 2. Everyone should be treated with respect. 3. Schools should be a positive place in which to learn. 4. Everyone should have an equal opportunity to learn. 5. Everyone learns in different ways. 6. Everyone should be appropriately challenged. 7. Learning is a shared responsibility. 8. Learning is a lifelong process.

School Motto MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO (A healthy mind in a healthy body) BJSHS staff strive to provide a positive and challenging learning environment in which their students can learn and develop into productive and contributing members of society.

Underwater Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) Club

The ROV Club at BJSHS continues its work on their underwater remote operated vehicle. Frame, camera, motors, and controller are all finished. Testing for buoyancy is ongoing. Next up is the creation of an hydraulic claw, shrouds to protect from spinning propellers, and finally testing the whole system out at the LCLC. Team members also participated in the Nova Scotia Skills Competition open house at the NSCC Akerley Campus.

Skateboard design & production is happening in the Production Tech class at BJSHS

Allan Muir teaches Production Technology 11 at BJSHS, and as part of the course he decided to explore lamination techniques with the students. Allan is an avid skateboarder, snowboarder and surfer who has been involved in many community programs such as: teaching the art of skateboarding; fundraising for skate park projects; and building of community ramps. So of course, he has introduced skateboard construction to his Production Technology 11 students!



After exploring the traditional skateboard construction process that typically involves a hydraulic press to laminate the layers of the boards together, Mr. Muir decided to press the boards in a non-traditional manner. Instead of using a hydraulic press to construct the boards, they have used a technique called **Vacuum Bagging**. This process applies the required pressure to adhere the layers of wood together. Mr. Muir is showing the students advanced construction processes used in industry. This process is currently being used by local business Stelia Aerospace in Lunenburg.

BJSHS / PVEC Transition Team

On September 28, 2016 the South Shore Regional School Board approved two motions regarding BJSHS: The first motion stated that Grades 10, 11 and 12 from Bridgewater Junior Senior High School move to Park View Education Centre; and the second motion stated that the Grades 10, 11 and 12 students from Bridgewater Junior Senior High School move to Park View Education Centre when the interior renovations at Park View Education Centre are substantively complete with the target being September, 2017. A Transition Team was struck involving school staff, students, teachers and other members as identified by the lead team. The Transition Team had their first meeting on October 13, 2016. All meeting notes and subcommittee notes can be found at <http://www.ssrsb.ca/bjshs-pvec-transition/>.

NOTABLE GRADUATES of BJSHS:

Donald Sutherland & Glen Murray



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