 **Vanier Vipers Newsletter**

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**![d:\mjacquart\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\Z2U3ZMRI\snow-w[1].jpg]()** September 2017

Welcome! We are very pleased to have your child at our school and look forward to the 2017-2018 school year. Many exciting events have been planned for your child that will enrich their learning experience at Georges P. Vanier. I look forward to meeting you and addressing any and all concerns you may have as the year unfolds. I can be contacted at 860-4184 or 860-4182, and my e-mail address is: mjacquart@hrsb.ca Please visit our website for current and upcoming events as well as our monthly newsletter. We can be found at <http://gpv.hrsb.ca> Sincerely Yours, **Mary Jacquart**

**New Staff:** D. Bauckman, J. Leach, T. Webber, S. Morgan, N. MacDonald, L. Joukhadar, J. Sproul, A. Kelly and J. Fudgewill be joining our teaching staff. Mrs. Crewe is returning from maternity / paternity leave. Mr. Robarts and Mrs. Slaunwhite will be working in the Leaning Centre as EPA’s.

![d:\mjacquart\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\Z2U3ZMRI\bus[1].gif]()**Student Transportation:** Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s transportation route please contact STOCK Transportation at 481-8400. If you have an issue regarding inappropriate behavior on the bus please contact the school.

**![D:\Profiles\mjacquart\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\5PVEY09W\MC900232723[1].wmf]()School Supplies:** Posted on our web-site. Please pick up extra pens, loose-leaf and pencils while they are on sale as students tend to run out by March. Extra items should remain at home until your child needs them.

**Student Fees:** Student Fees are $30.00 for one child and $45.00 for a family of 2. Please make cheque payable to Georges P. Vanier. This fee will cover the cost of locks, locker rental, electronics, PEBS and various student activities throughout the year (excludes class trips, sports fees and the grade 7 Immersion trip to Saint Anne).

**School Hours:** Students will be admitted to the school at 8:35 am. Once admitted they are required to remain in the cafeteria until the first bells rings. Please do not drop your child off early as there is no supervision prior to 8:35.

**![D:\Profiles\mjacquart\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\464NKZ1O\MC900439798[1].png]()SAFE ARRIVAL:** Should your child be absent from school call 860-4197and leave a message. Please ensure that your contact information is up to date in case we need to contact you.

**Cell Phones / Electronic Devices:** Please remind your child that cell phones may only be used during lunch in the cafeteria and outside and upon teacher request. We are not responsible for lost or damaged phones. Parents / guardians are to contact the office should they need a message relayed to their child. Taking photos of other students is not allowed.

**Lunch Hour:** Students are not permitted to leave the grounds at lunch unless they are with a parent / guardian.

**Continuous School Improvement (CSI) Goals: 1.** Literacy:To improve student achievement in reading comprehension of informational text. **2.** Math: To improve mathematical problem solving.

![d:\mjacquart\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\8YFFTSDU\2158845847_18bf23ddcd_z[1].jpg]()**Newsletters:** Newsletters will be available on our website. If you require a hard copy please have your child notify the office.

**Open House*:*** Wednesday, September 27th (6:00 – 8:00). Doors will open at 5:45 for a 6pm start. The evening will begin in the Gymnasium and then parents / guardians are free to tour the school and meet with the teachers. Expected learning outcomes, assessment and evaluation strategies will be available from each subject teacher. All specialist teachers will be present during the evening as well. This is an information session only and individual students will not be discussed. Hope to see you there!

**![D:\Profiles\mjacquart\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\MEKSTN68\MC900239421[1].wmf]()Self-Identification:** If you choose to self-identify you will be able to do so on the demographic update sheet which will be made available to you on Curriculum Night. Data gathered from these forms assist us in delivering programs that pertain to our schools diversity.

**EMERGENCY SHOOL CLOSURE & STORM DAYS:** The decision to close schools due to inclement weather is made by School Board staff utilizing information gathered from Environment Canada’s weather office, Department of Transportation personnel, and conveyance personnel throughout the Halifax Regional School Board area. The decision to cancel bus service will be made by approximately 6:00am. If a decision is made that schools remain open to students and teachers in all or part of the Board’s geographic area, even though bussing service is cancelled; announcements will be made on all radio stations in the Halifax Municipality. School closing during the day will only occur when the most severe conditions are predicted or develop. If you are not sending your child on a storm day, please call the safe arrival line at 860-4197.

**Closure by Area*:*** Schools may be closed by geographic areas as follows:

(1) The whole of the Halifax Regional School Board

(2) By former boards. Georges P. Vanier belonged to the former Halifax County District School Board.

(3) One or more High Schools and associated “Feeder Schools” of the Halifax Regional School Board.

**OUR FEEDER SCHOOL IS LOCKVIEW FAMILY.** You are also now able to subscribe to receive school closure announcements by email.[**www.hrsb.ns.ca**](http://www.hrsb.ns.ca)

![d:\mjacquart\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\Z2U3ZMRI\pizza[1].jpg]()**Walkathon / Fundraising*:*** Our major school fundraiser is a walkathon that will be held on October 13rd .The money raised from the walkathon is used to support program enrichment and student activities. We are always overwhelmed by the support we receive from our community and we look forward to your continued support this year.

**Cafeteria:** Please remind your child that they are to remain seated while in the cafeteria, refrain from throwing food and to clean up after themselves. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Pre- paid cards may be purchased. Please see Cafeteria staff if interested.

**Volunteers:** A volunteer includes but is not limited to a coach, a driver, a classroom helper and a trip chaperone. Students will not be permitted to travel to or from a school sanctioned event with a parent (other than their own) unless the parent has a Criminal Records Check, Child Abuse Registry Search and a J-Form on file in the main office. If you have these checks done through another agency, school, or organization, you can request that they send a copy to Georges P. Vanier. Please see the link on our website under volunteers to access the current Child Abuse Registry form. Criminal Records Check can be done through the RCMP office. We appreciate the time; patience and understanding our parents have shown in ensuring our students are safely transported to extracurricular events.

**Gotcha Store Donations:** GPV has a reward system for students who are “caught being good,” exhibiting positive behaviours that are outlined in our school matrix. If you are able to donate to the Gotcha Store, please see the main office. We love promotional products such as pens, stress balls, note pads, Frisbees, jewelry, toys, gift certificates, etc. Your donation will be mentioned in our next newsletter!

**SEPTEMBER CAFETERIA MENU**

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |  Friday |
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| **4** | **5** | **6****Pizza** | **7****Pizza** | **8****Chicken Burgers** |
| **11****Cold Cut Subs** | **12****Chicken Caesar Salad** | **13****Sweet & Sour Meatballs on rice** | **14****Nachos Supreme** | **15****Cheeseburgers** |
| **18****Chicken Alfredo Pasta** | **19****Sloppy Joes** | **20****Chicken Caesar Flatbread** | **21****Tacos** | **22****Buffalo chicken tornados** |
| **25****Mac’n’cheese** | **26****BLT Wrap** | **27****Pulled pork on a bun** | **28****Chili Cheese Nachos** | **29****Poutine** |

* All daily specials are $5.00 and include small milk.
* Wraps, sandwiches, salads, fruit and yogurt are available on a daily basis. Developing
* 4 varieties of homemade pizza made daily (Cheese, Pepperoni, Garlic, speciality).
* Fresh baked goods on a daily basis (low fat brownies, cinnamon buns, cookies and loaves).
* Pizza Wraps & Sandwiches………..$3.00 Salads………………………………………..$2.50 - $3.75
* Baked Goods……………………………$0.60 - $1.50 Juice……………………………………………$1.75
* Milk $0.40 - $0.80 Choc. Milk $1.75 - $2.75 Water $1.75

**Early Dismissal of students for Appointments**: Parents and guardians are expected to come into the school to sign their child out.

**After School Bus Changes:** If you choose to have your child go on a different bus to a friend’s house afterschool they will need a note from their parent / guardian. The note must be brought to the office at lunch and they will receive a permission slip. Please note that the request can only be honored if there is room on the bus. Unfortunately we will not know this until the bus arrives.

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| **Guidance News**It has certainly been a great start to the school year. Our grade 7 students have successfully transitioned and are already comfortable in their new surroundings. The grade 8 students have been amazing at helping out with this transition and have re-directed many lost students to their correct class, or in some cases, offered a comforting ear to reduce anxiety. If you need to contact me for any reason, please e-mail at rnugent@hrsb.ca. |

Important Dates 2017-2018

We will post any date changes on our website and in the monthly newsletter.

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| August 30 | Late Registration Day |
| September 4 | Labour Day |
| September 5 | Organization Day for Staff – no classes |
| September 6 | PD Day – no classes |
| September 7 | First Day of School for Students |
| September 14 | Stand Up Against Bullying |
| September 14 | Picture Day! - Photo Master 9 AM  |
| September 27 | Curriculum Night 6pm-8pm |
| September 29 | Professional Development Day ( No Students) |
| October 9 | Thanksgiving |
| October 13 | Walk –A - Thon |
| October 19 | Immunization Clinic (Grade 7) |
| October 26 | Dance 7:00 – 9:00 Photo Retakes |
| October 27 | Provincial Conference ( No Students) |
| October 31 | PEBS Assembly |
| November 13 | Remembrance Day – No School |
| Nov. 20 | Parents as Career Coaches  |
| Nov. 22 | Assessment & Evaluation Day ( No Students) |
| Nov. 27 | Report Cards go home |
| Nov. 30 | Dance 7:00 – 9:00 |
| Nov. 30 | PEBS Assembly |
| December 4 | Holiday Concert |
| December 6 | Parent Teacher Meeting 6:00 – 8:00 |
| December 7 | Professional Development:9-12 ( No Students Present) |
| December 7 | Parent Teacher Meeting 1:00- 3:00  |
| December 14 | Snow date for Holiday Concert |
| December 21 | PEBS Assembly |
| Dec 22 – Jan.2 | Christmas Vacation |
| January 31 | PEBS Assembly |
| February 8 | Dance 7:00 – 9:00 |
| February 19 | Mons Louise Parsons Heritage Day (No School) |
| February 28 | PEBS Assembly |
| March 9  | Assessment & Evaluation Day ( No Students) |
| March 12-16 | March Break |
| March 19 | Report Cards go home  |
| March 29 | PEBS Assembly |
| March 30 | Good Friday(No School) |
| April 2 | Easter Monday(No School) |
| April 13 | Immunization Clinic (Grade 7) |
| April 19 | PD Day - Morning only |
| April 19 | Parent Teacher 1:00- 3:00 and 6:00 – 8:00 PM |
| April 30 | PEBS Assembly |
| May 18 | Professional Development (No Students) |
| May 21 | Victoria Day – No Classes |
| May 23-June 5 | Reading, Writing, and Mathematics in Gr. 8 (RWM8) Assessment |
| May 31 | PEBS Assembly |
| June 21 | Dance 7:00 – 9:00 |
| June 26 | Awards Ceremony |
| June 28 | Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Students) |
| June 29 | Last Day of School |

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