

# Barnhill Middle School

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## Communication with ISS

I thought the space contact with Commander Chris Hadfield was unbelievable. What I found most fascinating was how we could talk to him when he is so far up, and travelling at 8km per second. I was proud that he is the first ever Canadian on the International Space Station. I also feel honoured to have listened to him talk with fellow students of mine in grade 6. This wouldn't have happened without several months of organization, with many people and lots of technology used to contact Chris in outer space. I think Chris Hadfield is an inspiration to all people; he became someone so fortunate by following his dream of being an astronaut. His story comes to tell, that if you follow your dreams, you can accomplish anything. Overall, I thought talking with Commander Hadfield was the chance of a lifetime.

*Submitted by Meredith Sheehan*

## High School Registration

February is a busy month for grade 8 students. High school registration forms will be distributed to grade 8 students on February 8. Saint John area high schools will hold their Open Houses the following week from 6:30 – 8:30. The deadline for students to return their forms to their *homeroom teacher* is February 21. For more information regarding the process, please click [HERE](#) for the high school registration booklet.

## Twitter

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## DARE

For the last few weeks at Barnhill, the grade 7 classes have been learning about DARE. DARE is a program to teach children about Drug Abuse Resistance Education. This is teaching us how to resist drugs, alcohol, and violence. Some children had DARE in grade five. This program is able to go on with the help of Constable Secord, so thank you very much. We will continue on with this program for nine weeks and it is part of the health curriculum. If you would like more information on DARE, you can go to [www.dare.org](http://www.dare.org).

*Submitted by Bailey Dowe*



*Students participating in DARE with Constable Secord.*

## FAIRNESS

The first Wednesday of the month in Advisory is dedicated to Character Counts. This character education program is based on 6 pillars and we are focusing this month on *fairness*. **Orange** is used to represent *fairness* and we ask students to *think about dividing an orange into equal parts and sharing it with your friends*. During Advisory we will discuss the following:

- Playing by the rules
- Taking turns and sharing
- Being open-minded and listening to others
- Not taking advantage of others
- Not blaming others carelessly
- Treating all people fairly

## Morning Announcements

Wondering what happens on a daily basis at Barnhill? Check out our Morning Announcements tab on our website. These are posted every day by 9:00am.

## ZUMBA Fundraiser

The Barnhill Cheerleaders are hosting a ZUMBA night on Friday, February 22 at 8pm. The cost is \$5.00 and all are welcome to participate.

## Multiple Intelligences

People are smart in different ways and therefore, learn things differently. Last week in Advisory, students learned about Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligence. Gardner says there are eight ways to be smart: linguistic, visual/spatial, bodily/kinesthetic, interpersonal, intrapersonal logical/mathematic, musical, and naturalist. This week in technology class, all students will be doing an on-line survey to determine how they would learn best. This information will be provided to teachers to help them plan their lessons.

## Litterless Lundi

Last week, Barnhill embarked on their first Litterless Lundi. On Mondays, students and staff are encouraged to pack their lunches wisely and not produce any waste. Students who bring litterless lunches receive a ballot for a monthly draw. The first winners were Ciara Myshrall and Lydia Glenn LeBlanc. They each won a Subway party.

## Movie Night

We will be showing Hotel Transylvania on Thursday, February 28 here at Barnhill. Admission is free and popcorn and beverages will be sold for \$1.00.

## School Improvement Plan

Our *Science Goal Statement* on our SIP is to focus on effective science instruction in all classrooms to improve students' ability to reason scientifically. There are two priorities under that goal:

1. To improve students' level of scientific literacy
2. To demonstrate continuous improvement in the teaching of science

The Science team meets weekly to discuss their curricula, to share information of recent labs and experiments and to plan future lessons and activities.

## Upcoming Events

Feb. 11	Harbour View High School Open House
Feb. 12	St. Malachy's Memorial Open House (no Ski Club tonight)
Feb. 13	Saint John High School Open House
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day
Feb. 15	Flag Day
Feb. 19	Quebec 3 <sup>rd</sup> payment
Feb. 20	Natick 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment
Feb. 21	High School registration forms due
Feb. 21	Dance
Feb. 22	ZUMBA @ 8pm (\$5.00)
Feb. 25	Author Riel Nason visits
Feb. 26	MADD presentation to grades 7 & 8
Feb. 26	Additional Ski Club night
Feb. 27	PINK Shirt Day
Feb. 28	Movie Night
March 4 – 8	March Break
March 18	Quebec 4 <sup>th</sup> payment
March 25	HPV Immunization
March 27	Parent Teacher
March 28	Parent Teacher
March 29	Good Friday