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Good Afternoon,

This is Greg Norton, Principal of Lorne Middle School, here with a few announcements regarding upcoming events @ your school for the week of Jan.  $12^{th} - 16^{th}$ .

On Monday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> participating students will hit the Outdoor Pursuits Circuit with Maritime Day Tripping. Participating students are reminded to dress warmly in layers of clothing to protect them from the winter elements. This adventure is part of a seven part series that allows students to select from a range of programs in the sports and arts field. Thanks to PALS, PRO Kids and TELUS for piloting this program at Lorne Middle School. Consent forms are required for students to participate. For more information place contact Mr. Norton

The Lorne Phoenix Basketball team will hit the practice court on Monday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> as they begin to polish their skills for the upcoming basketball tournament scheduled for Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you so very much to Coach Shannon & Middleton along with our fantastic co-ed student team!

Lorne Middle School will be travelling to Harbour Station on the evening of Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> to cheer on our Saint John Sea Dogs. Consent forms will be distributed Monday for all students who are interested in attending an action packed hockey game at the home of the Sea Dogs!

Our Grade 8 students will take part in a High School Readiness Course on Thursday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by the TRC (Teen Resource Centre). We appreciate our partners at the TRC and the work they do in helping assist the transition process from Middle School to High School.

High School Registration will be taking place during the month of February. It is very important that the families of our Grade 8 students have their addresses updated, as letters will be sent to the home address confirming registration for the fall.

As a reminder to all students in Grades 6, 7 and 8, your Health class will begin the first week of second semester. Therefore, all students will begin Health classes on the week of January 26<sup>th</sup>, reducing the number of Physical Education classes from four to three because of the addition of a weekly Health class. If you have any questions pleases don't hesitate to contact Mr. Norton.

Bell Let's Talk Day is January 28<sup>th</sup>. This day is in support of Canadian Mental Health. Clara Hughes, Canada's sixtime Olympic medalist is the Let's Talk ambassador. Our entire school will be live-streaming a conversation with Clara Hughes and TSN's OFF THE RECORD, Michael Landsberg as they discuss mental health. Ending the stigma of mental illness depends on building greater awareness, acceptance and action. For more information and to learn how you can join the conversation on ending the stigma surrounding mental health go to **Bell.ca/Let's Talk**.

A message from our Guidance department: *Stop Family Violence* provides information for Canadians who are, or know someone affected by family violence, need help finding services, or want to learn about family violence in Canada. More information may be found at <u>http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/sfv-avf/index.php</u>. Questions or comments can be answered at <u>sfv-avf@phac-aspc.gc.ca</u>

For a complete list of the week's activities & future events please refer to Lorne online @ <u>www.lornems.nbed.nb.ca</u>, or follow us on Twitter @LorneMS. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the before mentioned announcements please call the school office @ 658-5351. We always welcome your feedback on how to make our school a better place to learn and visit!

Happy New Year to our school families, north end community and school partners! On behalf of the entire Lorne Middle School team, welcome back and Happy 2015! ~ Greg Norton, Principal