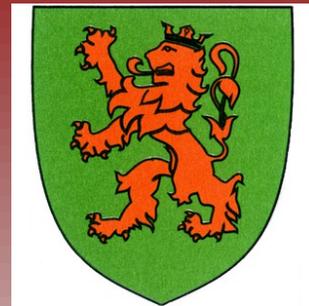


CANADIAN MHS SECTION



AFNorth Middle/High School Newsletter

August 2020

Welcome back!

Now that we finished our first two weeks back at school, I would like to officially welcome all of AFNORTH students and their families back for another great year! I would also like to give a huge “thank you” to all of our staff who have worked very hard over the past few weeks and weekends to get school and their classrooms ready for this year. For all their preparation, problem solving, and patience...I can't thank them enough.. I would also like to give special mention to Ms. Vallee, our office coordinator, Ms. Lunney and Mr. Hemstreet (our new Guidance Counselor), who has come on board with a seamless transition at a very busy time amidst a very unique start-up!

We have several new staff members who have joined our team and many who are returning. Please check out our welcome back video that we have posted on the AIS website under the Canadian MHS section. You will have a chance to meet your children's teachers during our virtual open house. We are in the process of finalizing details and will share more information by the end of this week, through our email updates. This will be an opportunity for a quick meet & greet as our parent teacher interviews will take place later in September (28th-30th) by teacher/parent request.

School Lunches– The School Lunch program at AFNorth is operated by SODEXO, and is an account-based service set up and run by the **AIS Business Office (045-527-8222)**. Students must be registered and in possession of a lunch card to purchase meals.

AIS Bus Office– For questions/concerns regarding transportation, please contact the AIS Bus Coordinator **(045-527-8228)**. Please note that busses are contracted and operated by AIS, not the Canadian section.

Mrs Hughes, Principal Canadian MHS

Vision STATEMENT

The vision of AFNORTH International School is to provide a supportive environment that embraces and celebrates diversity, promoting a culture of respect, in an evolving global community. Students will be empowered to set and achieve personal goals to include academic excellence through problem solving, decision making and critical thinking

COVID-19 Procedures

- ! For COVID measures we are tracking student absences and illness daily.
- ! Statistics are shared regularly with NATO through the Directorates office.
- ! To expedite the process, we kindly ask that you included the following information when you report child absences. Please indicate symptoms your child experiencing: ___ *Severe headache* ___ *Others (To be specify)*
- ! ___ *Soar throat* ___ *Fever (100.4 or higher)* ___ *Diarrhea* ___ *Cough*
- ! ___ *Vomiting* ___ *Breathing difficulties* ___ *Sneezing* ___ *Abdominal pain*
- ! Please note, if you keep your child home due to illness, your child must be symptom free (without medication) for 24 hrs before they can return to school. If symptoms progress, please notify the school and schedule an appointment with your doctor.
- ! **A child who is sick at school will be sent home immediately, and will follow school protocol.**

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AFNORTH MHS Section



Daily A/B Schedule

Period 1/5	0900 - 1025
Period 2/6	1030 - 1155
Lunch	1155 - 1240
Period 3/7	1240 - 1400

Wednesday Early Release @ 1400 A/B Schedule

Period 1/5	0900 - 0955
Period 2/6	1000 - 1050
Period 3/7	1055 - 1150
Lunch	1150 - 1240
Period 4/Seminar	1240 - 1340

C Day Schedule

Period 1	0900 - 0945
Period 2	0950 - 1030
Period 3	1035 - 1110
Period 4	1115 - 1155
Lunch	1155 - 1240
Period 5	1240 - 1310
Period 6	1315 - 1355
Period 7	1400 - 1440

Early Release @ 1225 Schedule

Period 1/5	0900 - 0945
Period 2/6	0950 - 1040
Period 3/7	1045 - 1130

Attendance

In order to take full advantage of the educational program offered by AFNorth M/HS, it is essential that students arrive on time and attend school regularly. If your child will be absent or late for school, please notify our office by email :

canadian-attendance@afnorth-is.com

asap. When absent, students should make every effort to complete missed classwork in a timely manner. If your child will be absent for more than five consecutive school days please request and complete a Planned Absence form.

Early release dates

**Please note clubs will not be ran on the following dates:

- ◆ Sept. 9th—NO School
- ◆ Sept. 16th,
- ◆ Nov. 04th,
- ◆ Jan. 27th,
- ◆ March,17th,
- ◆ May 5th

These are early dismissal days and school will end at 14:00h

Terry Fox Run

We are looking forward to celebrating again this year the Canadian national hero Terry Fox who ran 5,373 kilometres across

Canada in 143 days to raise money for cancer research in the hope of finding a cure. That's over 5.5 times from the southern point of Germany to the northern point of the Netherlands -- and back -- in 4.5 months!!

Each year at AFNORTH International School, the entire school community continues Terry's Marathon of Hope and we expect this year will be no different. Stay tuned for this adapted event in October!

Dress Code

- No hats on in the building
- No clothing that includes profanity or promotes drugs, alcohol, or tobacco
- No exposed bellies
- Skirts/shorts must not sit above fingertips of extended arms placed at sides
- No low-cut or spaghetti-strap tops

Regarding Sodexo lunch accounts

Dear parents,

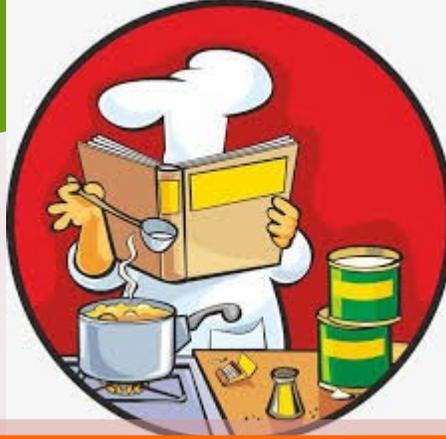
Please make sure to check the balance of your children's lunch cards regularly at:

<https://qpay.quarto.nl/Portal/Account/Login/0>

using the email address that you used when registering your card and your password.

If you have any concerns regarding the Sodexo lunch program please send an email to:

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Sodexo (LUNCH CARDS) -email

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Guidance Counsellor, AFNorth M/HS

Allow me to introduce myself - my name is Jeff Hemstreet and I will be the new Guidance Counsellor at the Canadian Section - AFNorth MHS. I come with 14 years experience in Guidance from a large high school in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. I'm excited about my new role and learning about/working through the complexities of Afnorth in support of our students and families.

I have had the good fortune of being able to work alongside the outgoing counsellor, Maria Lunney who will be leaving us in a few weeks. She has a wealth of knowledge from her 4 years at AFNorth in addition to her previous work as a counsellor before arriving here. It has been a privilege working with her and learning from her and I wish her all the best.

The last 3 weeks have been very hectic in my new role - registering new students, timetabling students, getting to know new systems, and learning about the unique circumstances that exist at AFNorth International School. I'm happy to announce that with only a few exceptions, we are finished making timetable changes for all of our MHS students. Despite the circumstances and challenges that COVID has posed, I feel that our students and staff are bound for another great year at AFNorth IS.

I would like to introduce a new way of booking appointments for students and parents who would like to meet with me. Please go to the AFNorth website and select the Education tab along the top of the page. Once there, select the Canadian Middle/High School tab and beside the Principal's welcome letter, you will find a link to Book a Guidance Appointment. If a student would like to meet with me, they can book their appointment through this link and then they will receive an email confirmation on their cell phone. They can then show their teacher this email from their phone and use this to be excused from class for their appointment. Once our appointment is finished, I will send them back to class with an ADMIT SLIP that will have the time our appointment ended written on it. For parents, please use this same link or if you'd prefer, just email me at Jeff.Hemstreet@AFNorth-is.com and we can find a time that suits.

I look forward to working with you!

Mr. Hemstreet

Messages from Teachers

Beginner French 6/7/8—Ms Sylvie Thibault

Exploring a new language can be fun! In Grade 6-7-8 Beginner French class, we consolidate our learning by listening to music, doing speaking and listening activities and playing games. We can still be social in a safe way by wearing masks, keeping some distance between us and sanitizing our hands. Bravo, les élèves!



Ms Tonia Murdock

Grade 7 has started a Novel study of the powerful book Wonder by RJ Palacio in English class. They have been practicing a variety of sketching techniques in Art and are in the planning stages of their stop motion project in STEAM class.

Mr. Y Carrière

En Français 6, 7, 8, nous redécouvrons la lecture! Est-ce que votre enfant lit en français à la maison à tous les jours?

Big CLEANUP! The kitchen class was completely renovated this summer and the students are loving it! We are in the process of washing and cleaning everything, learning how to disinfect and organizing the kitchen tools. We can't wait to start cooking !

During visual arts this week, we started looking at the elements of Arts. How many different textures can someone think of? This is what our students are working on this week!

Mr Levers - Brain and Body.

I am so happy to be back in the classroom and am looking forward to a wonderful year of math and physical education. I am so impressed with our student body so far this year. From mask-wearing to asking to run extra laps of the track, to seeking out extra help in the first week!!!

All such positive signs of a healthy, energetic, engaged student body. This year is going to be different for a lot of reasons but I know that between the amazing students and hard working dedicated staff, we are going to have an awesome memorable year.

News from the Blue Lab Group:



I'd like to say "things have begun with a bang down here in the science lab" but that would just be a bad chemistry joke.

It's amazing how much we've already accomplished in our first two week though.

Virtually every student has created Canvas account and has logged into their science class. This will be invaluable when students miss a day of school, since everything thing we do each day is completely in Canvas. Over the past few days, students have learned the value of checking their assignment answers in Canvas before they hand in their work. I've also shown them how they can check their marks on-line so they can look for activities they forgot to hand in or to see what their current course mark is.

In biology class we're already well into our Genetics Unit. We started with a look at a possible dystopian future where everyone creates genetically "ideal" children, only to find out at the end that this future is almost possible today with the power of powerful new genetics tools like CRISPR. Now we're digging into the basics of genomics to become educated about our DNA so that our AFNorth graduates can become an effective "part of the discussion" as the world moves forward into a future where genetic manipulation is easier and easier.

In environmental science class we've just wrapped up a review of grade 9 ecology in order to position students to understand the science behind our study of the global environment and its relationship to any and all ecosystems we call home. Next we'll be applying this knowledge to some ecology fieldwork in the schoolyard before moving onto examining the importance of the environmental science field to informing our environmental decisions as adults in a global society.

In grades 7 and 9 we're unpacking the details of the scientific method and how to properly do the science that leads to the huge scientific knowledge base we have today. Soon we'll be putting these skills to the test with a multi-day lab investigation to consolidate the learning from this preliminary unit. After that we'll be moving into our study of chemistry and we'll finally get that "chemistry bang" that all students everywhere look forward to in science class.

From the Nurse

Students are not allowed to have medications on person at school. All student medications (OTC and prescription) must be kept in the Nurse's Office. In addition, a medication consent form must be completed by the parent/sponsor for medications to be administered during school hours.

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A word from Ms. Ermanovics' corner

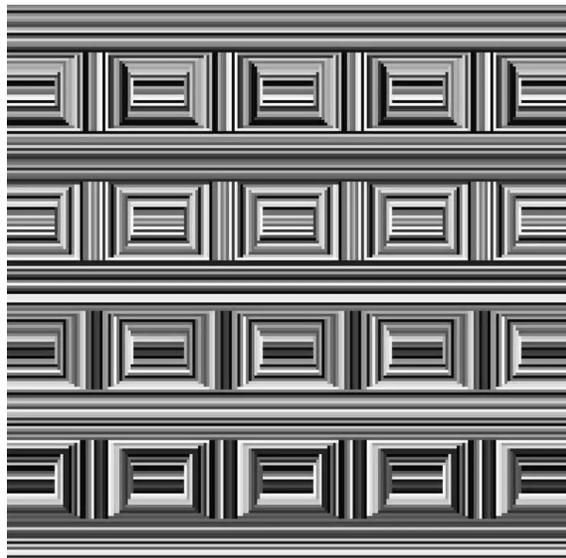
The year has started with surprising calm and focus in class! Students have adapted and their efforts to maintain safety and cleanliness standards is impressive and greatly appreciated. Ideas are flowing and work is being completed with attention. Welcome to all the new students and thanks to all of you for your positive attitudes!



Mr Gordon Zubycck,

Grade 7, 9 and 10 Physical Education classes have been getting physically active through a variety of activities such as orienteering, small sided games, and fitness workouts. Grade 8 Social Studies students have been learning about the Concepts of Social Studies Thinking and chose a historical figure to research and then determine if in their opinion the historical figure is 'Historically Significant'. The Grade 10 Canadian History class has also been learning about Concepts of Historical thinking and reflecting on how new information obtained from different perspectives, may change previously held ideas and views about history. The Grade 12 Introduction to Kinesiology class has been learning about the History of Physical Activity and Sport and the social role it can play in communities. They had the opportunity to try a few Arctic Games events. The Grade 12 World Issues class has been Paradigm shifts and how perspectives of the same thing (such as the image below) can end up being quite different depending on the observer.

Do you see rectangles or circles? Look closely.



Mr Behiel—Hey AFNorth Families!

I also have the pleasure of teaching the "Travel and Tourism" and the "Challenge and Change in Society" courses. All course work will be eventually available on Canvas and the kids know I am an email, or message on social media, away if they have any questions, concerns or queries. I look forward to meeting you all this year!

Greetings from the English department! As this is my first year at the school I am having an amazing time getting to know all of these interesting young people. Attendance is my favourite part of the day as we end up in some fascinating... and often funny discussions about where we have all been, where we think we are headed and where we hope to go this year!

All of my English students have filled out time capsules that will be opened when their time at AFNorth comes to an end. This may be in a year, or two, or four but it will be a very cool experience for them either way. I hope this is what you are looking for.

Ms. Lisa Sillib

Grade 6 Update: Our initial theme that we have been exploring across the curriculum is "Identity". We have shared where we are from and what matters to us across a variety of areas, from our hobbies to favourite books and foods. We have communicated this in our writing and also through our introductory art tasks so we can get to know each other and discover what we have in common. In Social Studies we are examining historical examples of individuals' sense of identity through the lens of continuity and change. Lastly, in Science, we are learning about different types of Biodiversity and why this is important for the health of our communities and the planet.

Grade 9 English: We have explored a variety of novels to determine our interests for our first independent study and shared our readings through informal book talk presentations and paragraphs. We have also reflected on some of our personal strengths and interests to create impactful 6 Word Memoirs.

AFNORTH MHS
Canadian Section

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- Teacher Prep - Report cards
- Early Release Days - 2:00
- CSI days / International Days
- CCRS/ PD Days
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Holiday- No School

- 12 Aug Teachers Report to sch
- 17 Aug Student Report Date
- 9 Sept International Day / CSI- No Students
- 30 Sept C day- No US Students
- 16 Oct Q1 end-C day- No US Students
- 19-23 Oct Fall Break, No school
- 28-30 Oct Parent/Teacher conference- 1/2 days
- 9 Nov. Knokke Heist- CDN
- 25 Nov CDN PD day
- Dec 9 C day- No US Students
- Dec 21- Jan 1 Winter Break, No school
- 15 Jan Q2 end-sem 1 end- No Students-teacher workday
- 15-19 Feb Carnival Break No School
- 24-Feb Q3 PD training CCRS- No students
- 10-Mar CDN PD day
- 18-Mar International Student Day- all sections
- 26 Mar C day- No US Students
- 29 Mar-9 Apr Spring Break Holiday

KEY

- A Day
- B Day
- C Day-all (Periods 1-8)

Student days		
180		
Staff days		
191		

- 21-Apr C day- No US Students
- 27 Apr Kings Day, No School
- 13 May International/CDN PD Day- No Student
- 24 May Pentacost Holiday, No School
- 11 Jun Graduation
- 17, 18 Jun Teacher work day, No Students