



## Principal's corner:

First and foremost, I would like to wish everyone 'Season's Greetings' as we get ready for the winter holiday break! It has once again been an interesting and memorable 2021!

I would like to give a huge THANK YOU to our families, military communities and our teaching staff who have done a wonderful job keeping the school safe and following the COVID protocols. I cannot thank the community enough for their proactive testing and communications - it has been a huge help!! It is your diligence that has helped keep our school open.

We have had some exciting changes at the school over the last month; our middle school playground has opened and the students have been excitedly exploring the new playground equipment and our science labs are in the process of getting a 'makeover'. The final touches will be added over the winter break and we hope to see the final unveiling when we return!

We also have a few exciting things happening over the next couple of weeks:

- Christmas basket Raffle - Thank you to all our parents for your donations to our Christmas basket raffle fundraiser. We are busy putting the baskets together and will be selling the raffle tickets up until the 15th of December when we do the draws! Good luck to everyone who will be buying tickets
- Christmas lunch – Christmas luncheon will be happening in our cafeteria Dec. 16th, be sure to have your son/daughter purchase their tickets in advance. See communications sent on Nov 26, for details!

...and lastly, the staff and I would like to wish you all a Happy Winter Holiday, a Merry Christmas, and a Healthy New Year!

Mrs. Hughes, Principal MHS Canadian Section



## Updates from the Guidance Desk ...

Since my last entry, I have met with most or all of our grade 12s a second time, supporting them with their post secondary plans. Some students have already started the post secondary application process while others are still trying to nail down the programs and institutions that interest them. These are both exciting times and intimidating times for our soon to be graduates.

Now that I have a handle on where they are each headed and they are moving forward with their planning, it is time to connect with our grade 11s. It is my intention to connect face to face with each of these students in the next few weeks to build on our conversations from last year and start looking at their post secondary interests. Part of these conversations is also to get a sense of the course interests and needs for the 2022-23 school year - their grade 12 year! Planning for next year's Master Timetable starts early into the new year!

Our grade 10 students will finish up their CIVICS class in January and then shift into the second half credit in Careers. I will work with their classroom teacher to support some of the assessment tools we use as we support our grade 10s in starting to look at their postsecondary and career interests. I will also meet one on one with each of our grade 10s to begin these conversations and like the grade 11 meetings, to try and gauge courses that they will want and need for next year.

As always, if you have questions or concerns about your son/daughter please email me at [Jeff.Hemstreet@afnorth-is.com](mailto:Jeff.Hemstreet@afnorth-is.com) and we can find a time to meet.

## Upcoming December Holiday

If you travel to a COVID risk area please follow the appropriate direction upon your child/children return to school. These can be viewed on the AIS website in the parent portal (Password 'secret').

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## What are our students up to?



MHS Canadian section is getting creative again this year by putting together Fun/Fabulous/Want to win Gift Baskets!

Grades 6, 7, 8, and 9's are doing fun "Themed" Gift Baskets, while the Grades 10, 11, and 12's are doing International Gift Baskets

The MHS Canadian section appreciates the thought and hard work that goes into putting these beautiful baskets together. Every little bit counts!

MHS Canadian Section Fundraising; the funds go back to our students in the form of School clubs, BBQ's, Field Trips and Activities/Events, etc.

Collection Start Date: November 15th, 2021

Where to bring your items: Homeroom A Days

Collection End Date: December 3rd, 2021

Tickets Available: December 1st to December 15th, 2021

Where to purchase tickets: Canadian Office or Online (Please see bank details to the side)

Draw: December 16th, 2021



For online ticket purchase, please use the bank information below. Please send us an email titled "Christmas Basket". Instructions are coming!

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Account Holder's name: Ms. Dominique Vallee/ Mrs J. Hughes

Mentioned as Reference: "Gift Basket MHS CDN" and add name/surname of your child.

Bank Account - NL51 ABNA 0523 2610 98 IBAN-ABNANL2A

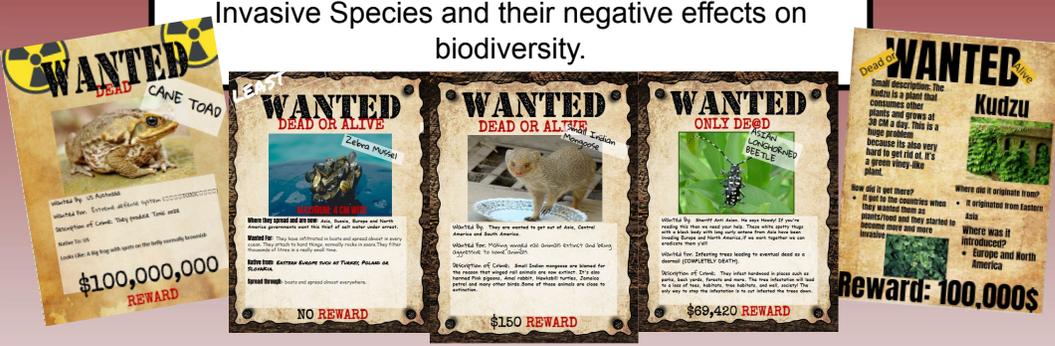
Your child can pick the tickets up at the Cdn office. Please print or save a copy of your transaction as this will be your confirmation / receipt of payment. More instructions to follow.

Cash will also be accepted at the Canadian Office.



## Grade 6 Science

To demonstrate their research skills they created “Wanted” posters to increase awareness about Invasive Species and their negative effects on biodiversity.



We are also continuing our weekly challenges. These can be math-based, language-based, artistic in nature or just fun activities to encourage teamwork and dexterity. We had a great time last week with our “stack ‘em up” challenge!



**General Learning Strategies:**  
In the GLS class, students created posters to raise awareness about Digital Citizenship and the consequences of oversharing online. These will be posted around the school to remind students to always be safe.



## French as a second language:

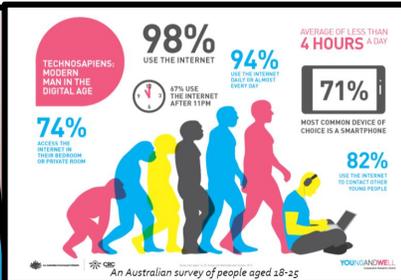
In our unit on Healthy Living, we have learned how to express ourselves using vocabulary and language structures pertaining to our physical health. We have also learned ways of adopting a healthier lifestyle. We use the **communicative approach** in class, which encourages student interaction and oral communication. We speak French every day in class, because we want to be able to use French in real life when the time comes.



Grade 8 students in STEAM are busy building their instruments. They spent the first part of the term learning about sound physics and acoustics, then they designed a new instrument applying core principles from these studies. Next, they learned about safety in the workshop. Finally, they are hard at work bringing their creations to life through plenty of grit and elbow grease. Great job Grade 8! -M. Laroche

## HSP: Introduction to Anthropology, Psychology and Sociology:

How is culture constructed? Have you ever thought about the ways in which media and advertising influence our perception of ourselves and the roles we play? This is one of the topics we have recently discussed in the HSP class. We also discussed gender roles and how to recognize gender stereotypes. We learned that we are each a product of our cultural constructs.



## Grade 10 Food competition.

The students had to make an Appetizer, Main, Vegetarian and a Dessert, all while using Apple and Onion in their ingredients.



This week, our grade 7 students are presenting the play "12 Angry Pigs". In drama class, they learned how to make their masks and how to take directions when being part of a play, as well as how to better project their voices. They had a great time and their performance was appreciated by the grade 6 class.



## Terry Fox

**Update:** The Terry Fox Run at AFNORTH that took place on October 8th, 2021, which included students from all National Sections in Elementary and MHS, together they raised €4,000.00 that was given to the Limburg Health Foundation Cancer Research Fund.



## Remembrance Day

The Canadian MHS Section attended to the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony held at Groesbeek, NL, to honor and remember those who have fallen.

The students then explored the Overloon Museum, where they were able to see German motorcycles, passenger vehicles, half-tracks and armored vehicles.



### Homework Club:

Do you procrastinate when it's time to study or work at home?  
**Then maybe the Homework Club is for you.**

From 15:30-17:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays you can get your homework done or get extra help with your assignments in room D3.4.

Please sign-up in the Canadian office on the day you plan to attend.

*\*Late activity bus is available (scan your pass before 14h)*



# AFNORTH LIONS WINTER 2021-22 SPORTS SCHEDULE

DATE	WRESTLING <small>Blankenship</small>	B. Basketball <small>Jackson</small>	G. Basketball <small>Wise</small>	CHEER <small>Nibbelink</small>
DEC 3/4	<b>@ Vilseck</b> (Dec 4)	<b>v. Brussels (Dec 3)</b> <b>v. Baumholder(Dec 4)</b>	<b>v. Brussels (Dec3)</b> <b>v. Baumholder (Dec 4)</b>	<b>v. Brussels</b> <b>Baumholder</b>
DEC 10/11	<b>V. Spang/SHAPE</b> <b>(Dec11)</b>	<b>v. Spangdahlem(Dec 10)</b> <b>@ Spangdahlem(Dec11)</b>	<b>v. Spangdahlem(Dec10)</b> <b>@ Spangdahlem(Dec11)</b>	<b>v. Spangdahlem</b> <b>(Dec10)</b>
DEC 15	<b>V. SHAPE</b>			
JAN 5	<b>@ SHAPE(Jan 5)</b>			
JAN 7/8	<b>@ Spangdahlem</b> <b>(Jan 8)</b>	<b>@ Brussels (Jan7)</b> <b>@ Spangdahlem</b> <b>(v. Alconbury Jan 8)</b>	<b>@ Brussels (Jan7)</b> <b>@ Spangdahlem</b> <b>(v. Alconbury Jan 8)</b>	

**\*Bold** denotes home contests

**\*\*Basketball** start times on Saturdays will vary based on traveling team



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## Reminder - 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.



## Dress Code

- 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

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

Ministry Guidelines for Ontario Schools state that "regular attendance on the part of students is vital to the learning process."

At AIS, attendance is an essential component of all courses. Regular attendance is necessary if the student is to participate fully in each course. Also, it is a goal of AIS to instill the important values of dependability and punctuality.

Please note, if your child chooses to bring their cell phone to school, it is their responsibility to take care of the device. If your child's device is lost or stolen, they should report it to the business office.

## Upcoming Events in December/January

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

1 December - No CDN Students

20 - 31 December - Christmas Break

03 January - PD Day

14 January - NO US or CDN Students

26 January 2022 Early Dismissal 1400





# December 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
✖	✖	✖	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 	21 	22 	23 	24 	25
26	27 	28 	29 	30 	31 	✖



20 - 31 December - Christmas Break