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SPRING IS AT OUR DOOR...and we are on the final stretch of the year!

It is so nice to see the sun coming out and finally some signs of spring! We have had a good return to school from the April break and we even opened our new butterfly garden at the front entrance of the school.

Starting this week, on Wednesdays, all HS students will have the club period as a supervised study hall to get caught up on missed assignments and for exam preparation. Please encourage your child(ren) to take advantage of this time!

In addition, we will also be offering an after-school study hall to all students (Monday-Thursday) starting **May 23 - June 10th**.

Exams

Exams will be taking place start in June as follows:

Grade 12 - June 1- June 7

Grade 9-11 - June 9-June 14

****Important reminder ****

Any student who misses the exam , must produce a medical certificate and contact the principal to make alternate arrangements. Without this in place, there may not be flexibility for missed deadlines, no shows and nor the opportunity to makeup an exam.

Exam schedules are attached at the back of newsletter

High school students- Study hall will be available during the exam schedule for students who do not have scheduled exams that AM or PM. Parents can send an email to excuse their child from campus once their exam is finished. Students can not roam the school during the exam schedule and will be directed to the study hall area.

Other Key dates:

- Parent Information Night: May 24th (For parents of grade 5 and grade 8 and/or new to the school this past year or upcoming year.
- Prom: May 25th (Valkenburg caves - for Grades 11 & 12)...tickets on sale now in the cafeteria at lunch for €45
- Graduation - June 10th
- End of school BBQ - (all students) - June 15th

As we continue to transition back to normal school routine we are also finalizing other dates and events and will keep you posted through our 'In the Meantime' updates

Everyone has done an amazing job and I am especially proud of our students, for their perseverance and positivity!! It is so nice to finally see us getting back to a bit of normal!

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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.

Phone Policy

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.

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.



Updates from the Guidance Desk ...

I am always amazed at how quickly the weeks fly by in the spring! Poof - it's May and we are counting down to the end of the school year not in months but in weeks and days. May is always a month of opposites - anticipation and excitement, and stress.

Stress because it is not only the last quarter of the school year and any outstanding work is piling up, but also high school academic classes have exams and/or summative assignments adding up to 30% of the overall grade. It's imperative that students stay on top of their work this month and clear the path for exam preparations. Homework support continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school, and on Wednesdays from 2-3:30 PM. I strongly encourage students to take full advantage of these opportunities.

Anticipation because not only are the warm summer months and the summer holidays within sight, but so is what comes next. For our 2022 Graduating class ... their post secondary plans are finally within reach bringing with them excitement, and likely some nervous anticipation. For those of us returning to Afnorth IS in August, we have been and will continue to be sorting out your courses and timetables for the 2022-23 school year. These course contracts will be distributed in classes in early/mid May and I will ask that they get returned to the Canadian Office promptly with parent signatures. There will be a tray at Dominique's desk for them to be placed in. For those not returning, a new chapter for you lies just around the corner.

So May ... 2022-23 Course Contracts, graduation preparations, PROM for our graduates, awards and class celebrations, changes and transitions ... all combined with longer days and warmer weather make the coming weeks busy and exciting. As always, if you have questions or concerns about your daughter/son please email me at Jeff.Hemstreet@afnorth-is.com and we can find a time to meet.

What's Going On?

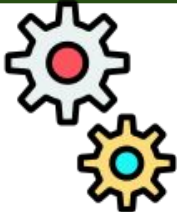


Care Packs for Ukrainian Refugees

Almost 200 Care Packs were put together by the 3 MHS Student Councils to help support the Ukrainian refugees who are currently being housed in Maastricht. Awesome collaboration between the American, German and Canadian sections!



Grade 7 students recreating the famous Pythagoras string experiment for M. Laroche's STEAM class.



What's Going On Continued ?

Grade 8 Science class

We're studying density and buoyancy so they put an egg in red coloured water and added salt until the egg floated. Then they carefully poured tap water on top so they could see the effect on the egg's buoyancy.

They were quite proud of their results, as you can see. I don't think they expected the egg to float up even higher when the additional buoyant force of tap water was added. Hence their excitement



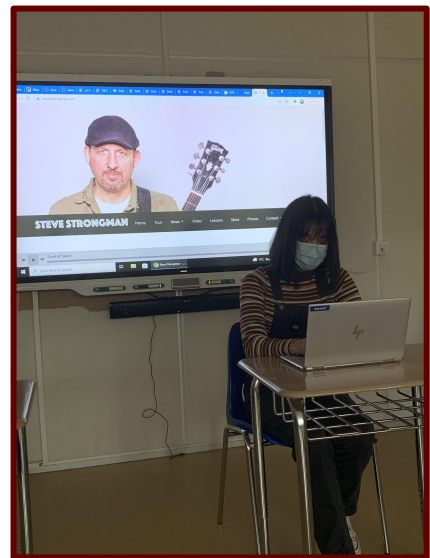
House Day Activities



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Every month the members of the Writer's Craft class compete in a "Flash Fiction" contest. A prompt inspired writing competition with strict guidelines. Last month we were lucky enough to have Juno award winner and best selling blues artist Steve Strongman inspire and judge the students. His song titles served as the inspiration and students had 700 words to impress. Needless to say they rose to the challenge. The whole Strongman family weighed in - and after lengthy debates - gave 1st place awards to Florence and Beatrice, 2nd place accolades to Seamus and Francesca and 3rd place shoutouts to Marie and Karlis. Steve was quick to say, "I am so impressed with these stories and am very flattered to have my songs be the initial inspiration...it was so interesting to see all the different perspectives and landscapes that your talented writers came up with. Please pass along my thanks and sincere appreciation to all!"



Let's Stay Together

By Florence

Pain forges the most mysterious - but strongest connections. It is rather strange but alas, it is true. As a matter of fact, tears are the glue of many relationships - for it is what makes us human. It is what makes us relatable; imperfect in a perfect way.

Pain is how I met you. You, gently tucked away between the tight walls of the back alley of a club. The disappointment of yet another wasted night filled the space around your form, head buried inside the knees of your summer dress. Your eyes were bound to the ground as though God stood you up. Maybe he did, but I'll never know. I just knew you needed to be heard.

And I heard you. Though your sniffles were stifled by the blaring music and upbeat melody of "Dancing Queen" that even the brick walls of this discotheque could not contain. I was afraid to approach you at first because I thought my unknown presence would startle you away. Finally gathering the courage, I sat down next to you. A sigh escaped my lips and captured your attention. Panic rose in me when our eyes met for a second: I had to say something.

"This night totally sucks, huh?"

Good job, Champ. Out of everything you could've said.

You chuckled lightly, pressing your head against the cold wall. It was brief but mesmerizing like a firework. I didn't know if you were laughing at my pathetic attempt to start a conversation or you just simply agreed with me. Maybe a bit of both. I was just happy to hear your laugh had not been killed.

"I could not agree more."

We spent the next five minutes in a comfortable silence while listening to the people who were certainly having the time of their lives inside. Our impatient eyes gazed at the sky like it was the first time we looked up. They were met with an enchanting air of blues; a mix between a jazzy shade of azure and a funky aquamarine. I couldn't help but wonder if our encounter was written in the stars because I wanted nothing more than to stay with you forever and read the skyline.

Suddenly, an idea came to me. Taking my hands in yours, I lifted you up from the ground. Confusion stained your face as I led you away from the palisade to reach the timorous light of a lampost. My hands guided yours to move left and right, mimicking the silliest dance move. I started swaying my hips to the music that could still be heard. You laughed uncontrollably at my poor dancing, slowly getting more and more into it. We looked like beautiful fools.

After a few minutes, it was as if you had forgotten all about your problems. Our bodies bounced beyond limits, bounding between beats while our brains begged for breaths. It was peak human connection; the distant sound of the guitars humming through the walls and the quiet understanding between two individuals, strangers at heart but destined at soul. Both going through the same terrible night. Not a word was spoken. Nor was any needed.

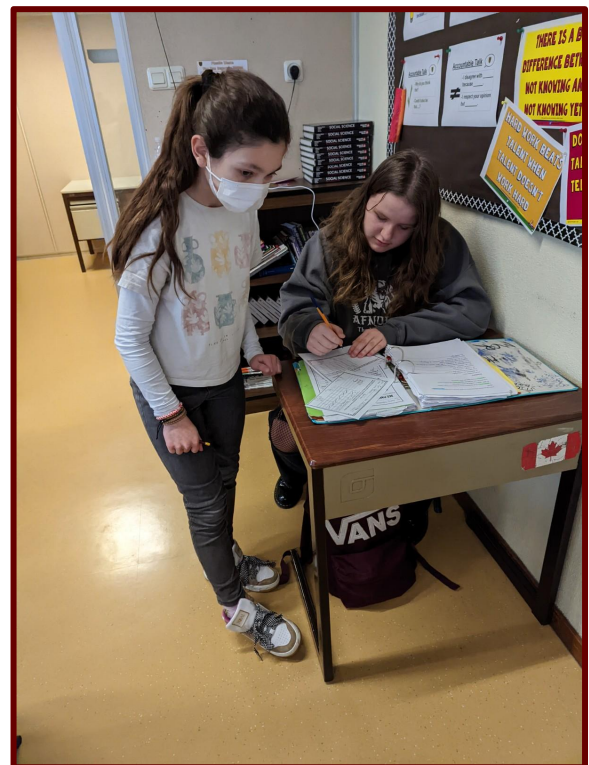
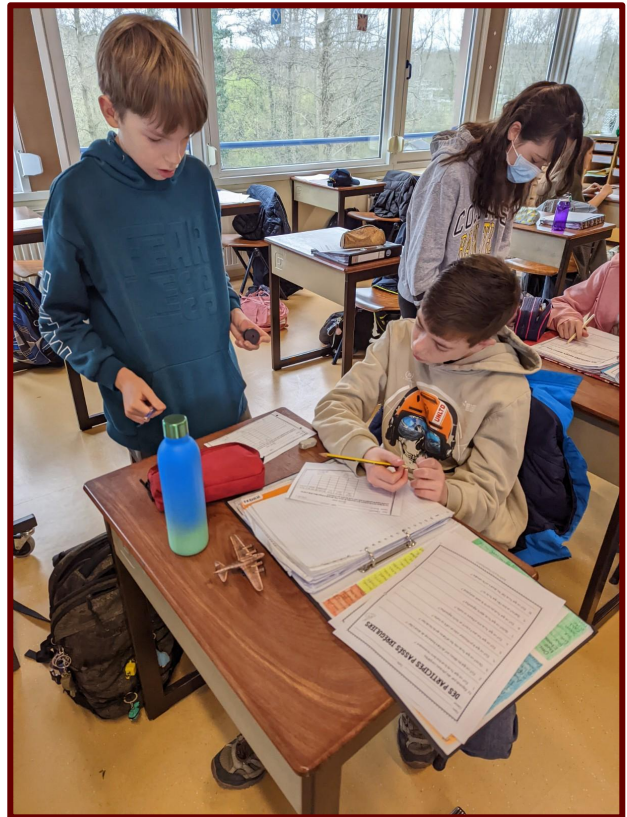
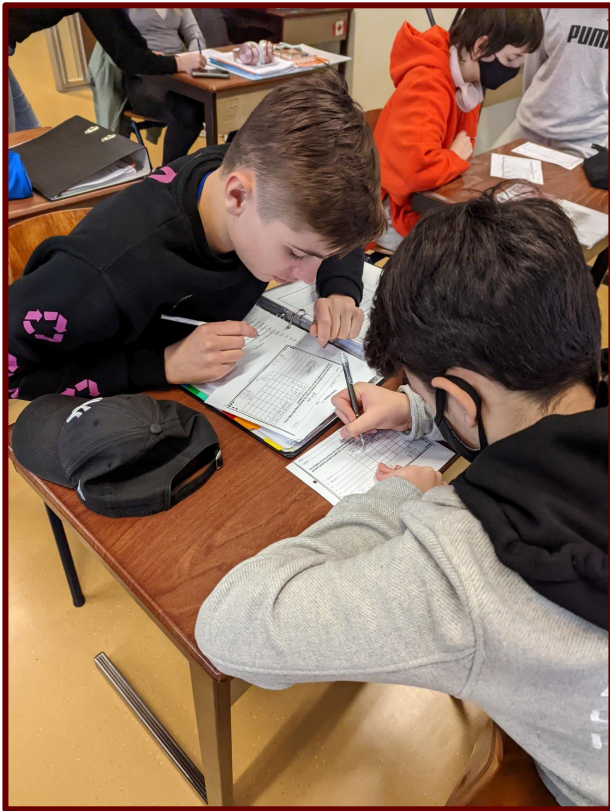
I looked at you another time. Your head rocked back and forth, making your hair leap through the air effortlessly. The ends of your summer dress tickled my legs as I spun you around. You were perfect. I wondered if I'd get to see you again when the morning came and your worries became significant once again. I wondered if you would ever look back on this night. I wondered... if you would even remember me. I wandered... but for now it didn't matter.

It was just you and me, dancing the night away.

Practising French

FSL ALL Beginner +

How do you learn a language? By practising as much as possible! The FSL ALL class does this every day with “La question du jour”. By asking and answering questions every day, the students are able to put the language structures we have learned into practice. They are improving so much every day! Bravo, les élèves!

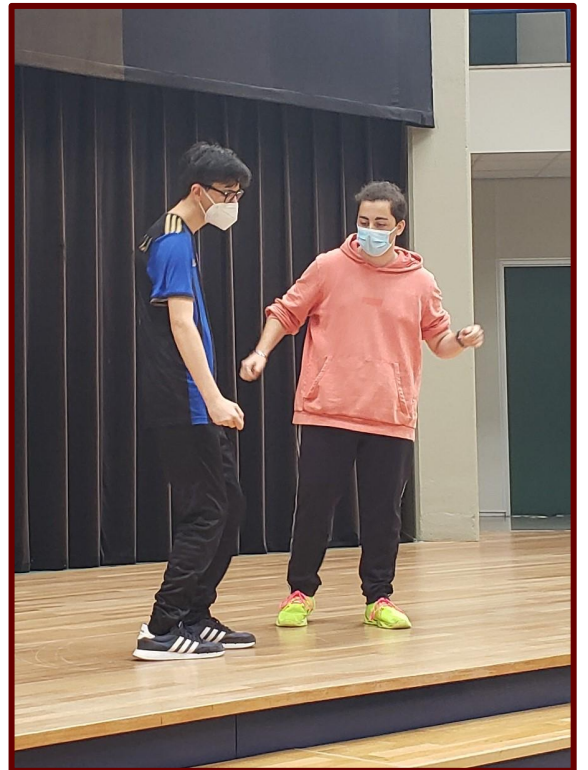


FSL ALL Beginner + Continued





The Grade 9 Gym Class got Groovy with some killer dance moves!



MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Mothers Day	9	10	11 Early Dismissal 1400	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Parent Information Night Gr. 5 and Gr. 8 & New Students	25 Gr. 11 & 12 PROM! 6:30 p.m	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 SENIOR EXAM P6 9:00 - 10:25 P7 12:35 - 2:00	2 SENIOR EXAM P2 10:30 - 11:55 P4 2:05 - 3:30	3 SENIOR EXAM P5 9:00 - 10:25 P8 12:35 - 2:00	4
5	6 Holiday - No School	7 SENIOR EXAM P1 9:00 - 10:25 P3 12:35 - 2:00	8	9 EXAM P2 9:00 - 11:00 P3 12:40 - 3:30 5:30 Senior Recognition Night	10 EXAM P5 9:00 - 11:00 P8 12:40 - 3:30 6:00 p.m GRAD	11
12	13 EXAM P1 9:00 - 11:00 P4 12:40 - 3:30	14 EXAM P6 9:00 - 11:00 P7 12:40 - 3:30	15 BBQ! Schools Out, For Summer!	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

More information to come as we become closer to the dates