



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have reached the midway point in the 2019-2020 school year. Things are busy at Leslie Thomas Junior High with academics and co-curricular activities involving our many teams, clubs and field trips. Students and teachers have been working hard in preparation for the end of term 2, a good time to reflect on teaching and learning activities this school year. . Our parent teacher interviews will be on April 2nd from 1 – 3pm and 6-8 pm. We encourage all parents and guardians to attend. If you not able to attend, please feel free to call or e-mail your child's teacher at any time.

We continue to emphasize respect for self, others, learning and environment and commend everyone who contributes to making our school a safe place to learn. Thank you for continuing to drop off your child along the sidewalk in front of our school instead of coming into the parking lot. This makes it easier for our school busses to enter and exit the parking lot, and safer for our students.

We appreciate when you call our safe arrival line at 902 864-6785 and leave a message when your son or daughter is going to be late or absent.

Thank you for your continuous support to our students and staff.

Sincerely,
Benedette Anyanwu, Principal

Calendar of Events

Feb 13th – Dance 6-8

**Feb 17th – Africville Day –
No school**

**No classes March 16th-20th
for March break.**

**March 25th – Assessment
Day – No school for
students**

**April 2nd No school for
students. Parent Teacher 1-
3 & 6-8 in the gym**

Breakfast Club

The Leslie Thomas Breakfast Program is up and running. Every morning between 8:30-8:40, students are welcome to visit the cafeteria for a variety of grab and go foods. All are welcome! A big thank you to the 10 student volunteers and staff that take their time each morning to help make the program a success.

Safe Arrival

Please contact our safe arrival phone line at 902 864 6785 Option #1 and let us know if your child is going to be absent. This will inform us that you are aware your child is not in school. In the absence of a message, our school secretary spends time phoning parents/guardians of each absent child, which can be time consuming. Your help and co-operation with attendance record keeping and to ensure your child/children' safety is appreciated.

Student of the Month

Each month, at LT we recognize students for their efforts and academics. Our recent recipients are:

December Student of the Month Recipients

Grade 6	Emma Demarco, Myles Conrad
Grade 7	Kaia Cormier, Jacob Snair
Grade 8	Autumn Drysdale, Liam O'Neil

November Student of the Month Recipients

Grade 6	Jorja Vincent, Zach Hiscock
Grade 7	Carley Ramsay, Owen Leblanc
Grade 8	Devann MacDonald-Fudge, Will Wentzill

African Heritage Month

Leslie Thomas School strives to be inclusive of all culture throughout the school year. During February, we participate in events to celebrate African Heritage. This year we will have an assembly on Feb 11th with Quentrel Provo who is a well-known Halifax anti-violence activist. Mr. Provo was one of the top 100 most influential people of African descent under 40 (MIPAD).

Keith Mullins will be having African drumming workshops with all students on Feb 21st followed by a school wide assembly. Mr. Mullins is an accomplished singer/songwriter, drummer who has won two east coast music awards and six Nova Scotia music awards.

Are you hungry for some Pi?

Do you want to win a gift card for the movies? Challenge yourself and try memorizing the digits for Pi. The official Pi day is the 14th of March (3.14). On Friday, March 13th there will be a competition at noon where Grade 7 & 8 students will compete to see who can remember the most digits of Pi. There will be a winner from each homeroom and one overall school winner. Will you be crowned the LT's Pi 2020 Champion?



Lunch Time

A reminder that registered lunch students should not leave school property. The small field, met field, and path behind the school are **NOT** school property. Lunch time supervision is only provided on school property. **The school does not provide disposable utensils. Students need to bring utensils from home to eat with.**

School Clothing

Our new school clothing website is now up and running. Parents & Students can now order directly on the website and clothing orders will be shipped directly to the address provided on the order. There is now a much broader selection of clothing available:

<https://lesliethomasjuniorhighschool.entripyshops.com>

Thank You Kent!

Mr. Mac and the LT Tech Ed department would like to extend a sincere Thank You to Mr. Paul Bangay, Manager of Kent, Lower Sackville. Mr. Bangay donated multiple tape measures and safety glasses for our lab along with, carpenters pencils and notepads. Our students will love using these new supplies.

Safety in the Driveway

We would appreciate if parents/guardians refrain from using the driveway in the morning and at dismissal. With about a half dozen school busses servicing LT, it becomes quite congested. As always, we are concerned about student safety. You will notice that yellow lines have been painted along the curb in front of the school. This visual barrier is used to keep students clear of the busses as they arrive and depart. Please remind your sons/daughters to exercise caution in this regard. Students should refrain from crossing directly when busses approach if they are going to meet parents/guardians standing or parked along Metropolitan Avenue.

Freedom Kitchen

Each Monday night the Freedom Kitchen food truck will be set up outside the Sackville public library offering free meals from 5-7pm. This program is designed to help any youth who may be struggling to get enough food. The program will run each Monday evening from 5-7 from October to April.

Guidance

Our guidance counsellor, Ms. MacDonald, is available to meet with students during her scheduled day at LT to discuss any concerns they have as we settle into another school year. Feel free to give her a call (902)864-6785 ext. 3 or email at macdonaldl@hrce.ca.