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REMEMBERANCE DAY

Every November 11 Canadians pause in a moment of silence to honour and remember the men and women who have served, and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict, and peace. Services are held at local cenotaphs throughout the country. Pictured above is Marek Hasik, from the Czech Republic, in his army cadet uniform at a local service in Cape Breton.

Passport Challenge

New this year to the NSISP is the student Passport. The Passport is an interactive way for students to get photos and experience life in Nova Scotia. Each page has suggestions on photo and/or activity ideas. At the end of each month students are encouraged to post their photos on the NSISP Facebook page and prizes are given randomly to three students each month. A full version can be found [here](#).



Cultural Trip

October 8-13 saw a group of 50 students and 5 chaperones head to Toronto and Niagara Falls for the annual cultural trip. The group took in sights such as the CN Tower, Canada's Wonderland, Cirque du Soleil's Kurios, Niagara Falls, and Medieval Times. The next cultural trip will be over March Break and will travel to Montreal/Ottawa. Highlights include an NHL game, sugar shack, and tour of Parliament Hill in Ottawa.



PUMPKIN REGATTA

On October 12, a group of international students from Avon View High School and West Hants Middle School took part in the annual pumpkin regatta in Windsor. The regatta sees teams carving out very large gourds and then paddling them across Lake Pesaquid. The group was highlighted in the provincial paper, [The Chronical Herald](#).



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Happy Hallowe'en

October 31st is one of our favourite occasions at the NSISP. It's a fun time of year when students get dressed in costume, carve pumpkins into Jack o'lanterns, have parties, and even go trick-or-treating.



Movember

Mattia (Italy) and Simon-Raphaël (Belgium), both studying at Hants North Rural High School, had a little bit of fun with the fundraising campaign called "Movember". Beginning on November 1st men grow their facial hair for the entire month to raise awareness about men's health issues.



Mi'kmaw Welcome in the Strait Regional School Board



Stephen Augustine (middle), Mi'kmaw storyteller with traditional dancers.



Ben Sylliboy Grand Chief, Mi'kmaw First Nation addresses the students.

The students in the Strait Regional School Board were welcomed to Nova Scotia with an evening of Mi'kmaw history, culture, song, and dance. An honour song was preformed on their behalf. It is the first time in the NSISP a group has received this honour.

The evening was captured on video and highlights can be found here on the NSISP video site:
<https://vimeo.com/novascotiasisp/straitboard>