

From one parent to another . . .

My child goes to Newbridge Academy, let me tell you why.

As parents, we are constantly trying to make the best possible choices for our children, to give them every opportunity. Deciding to enrol my child in Newbridge Academy was one of those choices we made as a family, and it has been the best decision we have made. Newbridge Academy has a family-focused environment, where students are treated and taught as individuals. Their overall school priorities made sense for our child: *enriched academics; differentiated and constructive teaching philosophies; professional athletics; creativity and leadership; technology and innovation; healthy lifestyle and nutrition awareness; and culture, community and environment.* The school has become a pivotal part of our lives and we have seen incredible results for our child, and we would like to share this with everyone.



What is Newbridge Academy?

Newbridge Academy is a small, independent school committed to providing academic and athletic excellence to all students. They're located in Lower Sackville (within the Sackville Sports Stadium) and have been operating for eight years. As parents, we continue to see positive growth and progress in the school.

Why choose Newbridge?

Students at Newbridge Academy experience education unlike any other in Nova Scotia. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- ✓ Nova Scotia certified teachers.
- ✓ Junior Primary (age 4) to High School.
- ✓ Small class sizes and small, family-focused school.
- ✓ Students receive increased and individualized attention.
- ✓ Safe learning environment.
- ✓ Personalized education.
- ✓ Top-of-line technologies and programs integrated into everyday classroom learning.
- ✓ All Junior High and High School students have access to their own personal iPad.
- ✓ ANGEL Online Curriculum and digital textbooks.
- ✓ Bus transportation is available for students in HRM.
- ✓ Affordable tuition—they exceed in delivering the academic curriculum, while still only charging a portion of what other HRM private schools charge.
- ✓ Daily physical activity—enhanced elite athletic programming

What makes them different than other private schools?

Although there are many differences between Newbridge and other private schools, three main advantages of Newbridge Academy are personalized education, integrated technology, and physical activity.

Newbridge Academy understands that not all students learn at the same pace, therefore all Newbridge students are afforded the opportunity to achieve success through personalized education. This forward-thinking, common sense approach allows their students, no matter what their learning style, to move through the curriculum at a pace that suits their needs while building confidence that is essential to maximizing their learning potential. Students who excel academically can move through the curriculum at a quicker pace and be consistently challenged while others receive the help they deserve.

Top-of-the-line technology is integrated into every classroom, through media-based activities, personal iPads for our grade six to high school students, and online curriculum. Even our Junior Primary to grade five classes regularly use their class set of iPads. Teachers use the technology to enrich the curriculum and give students up-to-date lessons on how to properly use the advances in technology.

Students receive up to two hours a day of physical activity at Newbridge Academy. Students participate in a variety of physical activities, nutrition, teamwork, and sport skills, including swimming and skating lessons.

If you would like to hear more about the school and have a tour of the facilities, please contact Amanda Peters, Director of Admissions, at amanda.peters@newbridgeacademy.ca or call 902-252-3339.



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Hear what our former students and parents have to say about their experience at Newbridge . . .

"As a parent I was very concerned about moving my son from the public school system into a private school. Newbridge Academy offered something that no other school in Halifax had, this was an athletic component to learning.

I had read studies about the benefits of combining athleticism with academics but was a bit concerned about not knowing the quality of the curriculum I took a leap of faith and enrolled our son into Newbridge Academy. It turned out not only did he enjoy going to school everyday but he also received more attention from the teachers as a result of the smaller class sizes. The teachers got to know my son's learning strengths and weaknesses and so he exceeded the minimum requirements for the curriculum outcomes. Not only was I impressed in the athletic programs but I had a new appreciation for the level of education my son was receiving over the public school system.

My son remained in the school for five years and continues to speak highly of his time at Newbridge Academy. I honestly believe, not only did I give my son a head start in life, but I also set him on a path to better learning habits and a desire to set and accomplish goals in life. It is difficult to put a price on this, but as a parent the gains we see in our children far out way any costs or sacrifices we had to make." Anthony M., father of former Newbridge student

"After graduating and moving to a new school, Kevin is adjusting quite well. After the initial adjustment, he is back to his A's and has been getting a lot of 100 per cents recently. Teachers at first took his quiet manner to be one of disinterest and complacency. After a couple of months they realized it was just his way of adjusting to new surroundings and a few weeks ago the High School Director called to tell me he is the ideal student their school both academically and sports wise.

We will never forget the three years at Newbridge. You took a child who was withdrawing from the world because of bullying and made him a leader. You renewed my faith in a teachers kindness and the willingness to customize the approach to an individual student's needs to help them succeed beyond junior high." - Tina R., mother of a former Newbridge student

"I thought that I would drop you a quick note and let you know how Emmet is managing at high school. He received his first term marks this week from the pre-IB program and overall had an average of 98 percent. You did a smashing job with those math lessons as Emmet managed to score 100 percent on the pre-IB math final, the only student to do so. So, academically Emmet is doing well and personally he has found a new passion, sailing. Emmet made a full-time commitment to sailing competitively this past summer and he has flourished. He has been asked to join the provincial sailing team this year and is excited about the new opportunity, who imagined he would find a sport more expensive than hockey! He has given up hockey and is committing his time and energy to school and sailing. Thanks again for all that you did for Emmet during his time at Newbridge, you have personally impacted Emmet's life in the most positive of ways." - Leo H., father of former Newbridge student

"Our son Joseph has attended Newbridge Academy since its opening in 2007. He is the youngest of our four children, who have attended both private and public schools. For us, we like the athletic component of the school day. Our son is a real athlete who loves sports, especially hockey. It's his passion, so having the opportunity to go on the ice each day, is a bonus. Not only has the hockey training been beneficial, but being exposed to a wide variety of other sports, such as lacrosse, curling, soccer, and basketball has been stimulating.

Another part of the school that we love is the mentorship that happens with the coaches and leaders at the school. There is also a leadership component to the curriculum, as well as an opportunity for students to mentor younger ones.

We also like the way the students use technology each day, and the project-based learning approach that is used. Science and social studies lessons come alive through the iPad's imagery. Joe is able to successfully research, document, prepare and present projects either on his own or as part of a group. We feel this is helping to prepare him well for high school and university. There is also an openness for students to have a say in topic choices and research or presentation styles. This allows for the students to have more of an interest in the work they are doing.

There is a wonderful team of staff members who all have an appreciation for athletes in general. They understand the demands that being in sports can place on a student's schedule. I find the school understanding and flexible based on a child's sport commitment. This approach has also been helpful in teaching my son time-management skills.

Our son Joseph is a social and active student who does not necessarily want to stay seated all day, so the school and classroom environment allows for excess energy to be burned, while learning academic, athletic, social and leadership skills." - Cathy P., mother of current student

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