

October 20, 2024

Hello West Bedford High Families,

Please see the below information for the upcoming week.

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TO EXCUSE AN ABSENCE

(902) 405-0442 Ext. 1

Please leave a voice message including:

- **Your name**
- **Student full name (*please spell the last name*)**
- **Date of absence(s)**
- **Reason for absence(s)**

If your student will be leaving school early, or arriving late, please indicate departure or arrival time in your message.

You can also email your student's absence information to: wbhsa@hrce.ca

Lates: We are having a higher volume of lates in the morning (non-bus related) over the last few weeks. Please make sure your child is arriving at school no later than 9:10am in the morning as doors lock at 9:15am. Students with significant lates will start to get phone calls home as arriving to school on time is part of the Provincial Student Attendance and Engagement policy.

2. **Grade 9 FIT (Flexible Instructional time).** Starting next week (Oct. 22), grade 9's will get to experience FIT time during integrated learning time. Every second Tuesday, first period in the morning, grade 9 students will have the option to sign up for a place to work in the building such as library, mezzanine, cafeteria, gym, hallways, etc. Students can work on whatever subject they want, seek out teachers for extra help, get a little extra gym time, etc. This was a huge success for our students last year as they found this time very useful to get ahead, see a teacher about something they needed additional support with, get caught up, work with friends from another class, etc. This also helps students get an idea of what some aspects of grade 10 FIT time will be like.

If you have time, please check out the recent article written in Edutopia.org, an education site, that just put out an article around "Reimagining Study Hall..." which mirrors many of the foundations of what we are doing at West Bedford High to support students well being and success. It is approximately a 5-minute read.

https://www.edutopia.org/article/study-hall-can-promote-goal-setting?utm_content=linkpos1&utm_campaign=weekly-2023-10-18&utm_medium=email&utm_source=edu-newsletter

3. **2025-26 School Trip (France).** Mr. Hare will be holding a meeting on Wednesday Oct. 23rd at 6:30 pm in classroom 2047 to discuss a school trip to France in May of 2026 (students currently in Grade 9 or higher – must be in grade 10 or higher in the 2025-26 school year). If you and your student/child are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please sign up using the link below. <https://rsvp.eftours.ca/r5xbxjh>
4. **School Pictures.** Having problems accessing your child's photo proof, please send email to studio@calnenphotography.com

Important Dates:

- [October is Mi'kmaq History Month](#) October 11: Professional Learning Day (no classes for PP-12)
- October 21-25: School Bus Safety Week in Nova Scotia!
- October 25: NSTU Conference Day (no classes for PP-12)
- October 31: Diwali