

October 27, 2024

Hello West Bedford High Families,

Last week our grade 9's had their first experience with FIT (Flexible Instructional time) and it was a hit. Students were so thankful for the time. We saw students working with teachers, friends from other classes, students getting caught up or getting ahead, and some getting in extra physical education time. This will happen every 2 weeks as we alternate between FIT and Integrated learning times on Tuesday mornings first period. This is a great intro into our Flexible Instructional time (FIT) model in grades 10 and up.

Please see the below information for the upcoming week.

1. **Spirit week** - This week our student council is putting on a spirit week for all students. Please see the days and encourage you children to participate and have fun!!
  - Monday; Crazy Hair day
  - Tuesday: Battle of the grades. Wear the color that represents your grade: Grade 7 (Purple), Grade 8 (grey), Grade 9 (green), grade 10 (black), Grade 11 (white)
  - Wednesday: Rhyme without Reason
  - Thursday: Halloween Costume Contest. (Students cannot bring or wear anything that would resemble a weapon and cannot wear mask throughout the day. Faces must be visible)
  - Friday: Y2K /Throw Back day
  
2. **Bus Evacuation Drills** - All students in grades 7-9 need to take part in bus evacuation drills each year. This will be happening on the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. Please review with your child the importance of bus safety.
  
3. **Junior and Senior High Cheer Teams** - We are currently seeking student interest in having Junior and Senior High cheer teams. We have certified coaches looking to get this up and started at West Bedford. Please fill out the google form below if your child is interested.  
  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18corgm5pMUqYRilO4H-hlELqGvnau-zdo8p3MhtPdgs/edit?ts=671bd5ce>
  
4. **Take your Kids to Work Day Wednesday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> (grade 9 only)** - Reminder that forms are due to homeroom teacher by Wednesday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>.
  
5. **Bedford Lions Club and WBS/WBH Fundraising Partnership** - We have partnered with the Bedford Lions Club to fundraise for a score clock in the WBS gym. This gym is used by students from PP-11 throughout each day.
  - a. Online Auction: we are accepting auction items November 4 to 6 throughout the school day. The monies raised from the WBS/WBH items sold on the online auction hosted by the Bedford Lions Club will be put towards the score clock.
  - b. Bedford Lions Club Pancake Breakfast: On November 10<sup>th</sup> the Bedford Lions Club will be hosting a pancake breakfast. All monies raised will go towards the score clock.

6. **WBS/WBH Emergency Vehicle Loop** - The loop in front of the WBS Blue main doors is open for parking for anyone with an accessible parking pass. There are pylons stationed at the opening of the loop to be a visual reminder to cars that they should not be entering the area, but there is an opening for a vehicle to pass through to allow for parking in an available accessible parking spot. **We need the community's support** as this loop is a play area for students in Primary to Grade 6 and Grades 7-9 during outdoor times. We ask that vehicles NOT go in the emergency vehicle loop during the school day (unless parking in an accessible spot) so that our students can safely play. We ask that ONLY those vehicles with accessible parking passes use the parking spots. Parking in these spots without an accessible parking pass could result in a parking ticket.
7. **WBS School Advisory Council** - The WBS School Advisory Council has two Community Member positions open for this school year. If you know someone who does not have a child at WBS and lives or works in the West Bedford community, please share this opportunity. Anyone interested can reach out to Susan Casey, Principal [scasey@hrce.ca](mailto:scasey@hrce.ca)
8. **WBH School Advisory Council (update)** - The West Bedford High has 4 Community Member positions open for this school year (2 West Bedford Area and 2 Hammonds Plains Area). There was an error in our last memo about only needing 2. If you know someone who does not have a child at WBH, and would like to be involved with the SAC, please reach out to Sean MacDonald, Principal [MacDonaldS@hrce.ca](mailto:MacDonaldS@hrce.ca). We have also advertised in the WBS memo going out this week.
9. **Attendance Reporting - Reporting an absence must be done via phone call or email:**

**TO EXCUSE AN ABSENCE** by phone, call (902) 405-0442 Ext. 1

**Leave a voice message including:** 1) Your name

2) Student full name (*please spell the last name*)

3) Date of absence(s)

4) 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](mailto: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.

**Important Dates:** [October is Mi'kmaq History Month](#)

October 31: Diwali

November 8: School Remembrance Day ceremony

November 11: Remembrance Day

November 14: SAC meeting 6:00pm

November 28: Report Cards go home

November 29: Grade 7 Immunization Clinic