

October 6, 2024

Hello West Bedford High Families,

Please see the below information for the upcoming week.

1. **Student Fees (overdue).** We still have many students who have not paid their student fees. We have one of the lowest student fees of all senior high schools in HRM. These funds are used directly for students and events that occur over the course of the year. Students cannot participate in school sports, clubs, etc. if fees have not been paid. Student fee - \$10.00 – please pay through school cash online. If you cannot pay through school cash online, you can pay by cash or cheque at the school. Please pay by ASAP.
2. **Curriculum Night -Tuesday, Oct. 8th 6:30 to 7:45pm.** Our curriculum night will be an open house. Teachers will all be in their rooms and will have handouts available to you about their courses and answer questions related to curriculum. Thus, you can move about from teacher to teacher at your leisure. Teachers will also put all this information in their google classrooms for those who cannot make it. You can find your child's teachers and room numbers in PowerSchool. Student council members will be there to help you find classrooms.

Reminder curriculum night is not a time to ask questions about how your child is doing it is curriculum related only. If you want information about how your child is doing please reach out to the teacher.

Grade 10/11 teachers will also not be answering questions about courses/ scheduling issues for students in grades 10/11, administration will be available all evening in the main foyer to answer any questions you may have related to this concern. Please check out the attached FAQ for answers to some of these questions. [FAQ Scheduling and Course changes \(1\).docx](#)

3. **Junior High Dance (grade 7 and 8).** We have a dance scheduled for our Junior high students. The cost is \$10 and can be paid on School cash online by Wednesday at lunch. No outside guests for this dance (West Bedford Only). This dance is also a fundraiser. RBC (Royal Bank) will be coming and working our canteen, and then will donate funds to the school which will go to paying for new team uniforms. Thanks to Steven Eaton (parent) for setting this up. All proceeds from the dance will also go towards these costs.
4. **Picking up students end of day at West Bedford.** Due to traffic, bussing and safety concerns at the end of day we are asking parents not to park on the road when picking up your child. This is causing challenges for our busses and safety concerns for our students. Going forward please park in the lower parking lot in any spaces available at the end of the day only. Most of the elementary staff have left at this point and lots of

spaces are open. We have also worked with HRCE operations and have created at least 20 visitor parking spaces in the lower parking that are on the right side as soon as you drive in. These will be available any time of the day if you are visiting. Signage will be up shortly. Thanks for your attention to this as student safety is very important.

5. **School Attendance procedures.** Students who are attending West Bedford High (Grades 7 – 11) are not on the Automated Attendance System that some of you may have been used to at the Elementary level. To report an absence, please call 902-405-0442 and press (1), or send an email to wbhsa@hrce.ca. When leaving a phone message please provide student name, homeroom/TA, etc.

If a student needs to leave during the day parents must call in and students can then sign themselves out in the main office. The absence is put into Power School as an unexcused absence until a parent calls to excuse it. Parents will receive phone calls for any unexcused absences at the end of the day.

6. **Calling all volleyball coaches!!** Our junior high boys volleyball team is in need of coaches. The level of commitment would be approximately two months from start to finish. We currently have one volunteer willing to get involved, but cannot be available for all times, thus we are seeking addition coaches. Games would be once or twice a week, and one practice per week. Please contact Emily Bell at ebell@hrce.ca if you are interested.

Important Dates:

- [October is Mi'kmaq History Month](#)
- October 8: Curriculum Night 6:30 -8:00.
- October 10: Junior High School dance (grade 7&8 only) 6:30 -8:30
- October 11: Professional Learning Day (no classes for PP-12)
- October 14: Thanksgiving (no classes for PP-12)
- **October 16: Picture Retakes**
- October 21-25: School Bus Safety Week in Nova Scotia!
- October 25: NSTU Conference Day (no classes for PP-12)
- October 31: Diwali

Sincerely,

WBH Admin team