

November 11, 2024

Hello West Bedford High Families,

Please see the below information for the upcoming week.

1. **Remembrance Day school Ceremony.** We would like to give a big shout out to our staff, students, parent volunteers and invited guests for putting together such a great ceremony. Also a huge thank you to our student body for being so respectful and engaged during the ceremonies.
2. **Non- Instructional day (grades 9-11) postponed.** Last year we began having a day where teachers put a pause on new instruction and allow students to get things completed prior to report card time. Students had the ability to work on whatever subject areas they needed to for the entire day regardless of what class they have. This was something that occurred at the schools we visited when putting together this new model of learning. However, due to schedule issues and course changes that occurred in September our teachers want to maximize the instructional time they have with their students at this time. The next one scheduled is late December prior to the break. I will send out more detailed information about this type of day as we approach the one in December.
3. **SAC (School advisory council) Parent Representative Vote.** With 41.7% of the vote, our new parent rep for the SAC is Vaani Prathaban. We would like to thank all that put forth their names for this role and officially welcome Vaani to our committee. If you need to get in touch with our SAC you can email our co-chairs (Sarah Jeans and Nkemjika Emezie-Ejinima) at [hrce-sac-wbhs@GNSPES.ca](mailto:hrce-sac-wbhs@GNSPES.ca)
4. **Transgender Awareness Week (Nov. 13-19)**  
Transgender Awareness Week, observed in the second week of November, focuses on raising awareness about the issues facing transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. The week highlights the challenges transgender people face, such as discrimination and lack of healthcare access, and promotes acceptance and inclusivity by encouraging supportive policies and practices.

The week helps to foster solidarity within the transgender community and with allies, providing emotional support and strengthening the transgender movement. It culminates in the Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, a day to honour those lost to anti-transgender violence, emphasizing the need for continued protection and support.

### **Be an ally**

An ally is someone who actively and consistently supports, stands with and advocates for the 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. The best way to be an ally is to listen with an open mind. It is our responsibility to treat all people with dignity and kindness.

5. **SCREEN TIME AND YOUR FAMILY.** NS Community Health will host a presentation at the Tantallon Library on Thursday, Nov 21 from 6 – 7:30pm. [Screentime Tantallon Lib.pdf](#)
6. **Homework Hub.** Homework Hub continues to be available to all Nova Scotian students from grades 4-12. The Homework Hub provides electronic textbooks, instructional videos, vocabulary review, practice questions, and live tutoring. Tutors at The Homework Hub are all Nova Scotia teachers. **Students can find the link on their GNSPES launch page.**

Grades 7-12: Sunday-Thursday 5:30-9:30 pm

7. **Uber Eats/ordering food during school hours.** Students are not allowed to be ordering food to the school during school hours. Drivers from these organizations will not be permitted in the school to drop off food. This is creating a safety issue as some students are opening our locked doors in various areas of the building to get food from drivers. Our doors are locked all day to keep our students safe. Students who disregard this will be subject to provincial code of conduct.
8. **Grade 7 and 8 Lunch time.** Reminder that students in grade 7 and 8 are not allowed to leave the property at lunch. This has not been a big issue, but we have spoken to a few students in the past few weeks about these guidelines and just wanted to remind everyone. Students who disregard this will be subject to the Provincial Code of Conduct.
9. **Fabric Donations for Textiles class.** We are seeking donations of fabric and thread to support our Textiles Art and Design 7 program. If you are a quilter or sewer and have some to spare, we would gladly accept your donation. Please send items in with your child to be dropped off in the main office.
10. **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.

## 11. Inclement Weather.

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather. It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- Bussed students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

### How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**
- [On the HRCE website](#)
- [On X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)
- [On Instagram](#)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit [hrce.ca/weather](http://hrce.ca/weather).

### Important Dates:

- November 13-19: Transgender awareness week
- November 14: SAC meeting 6:00pm
- November 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance
- November 27: Report Cards go home
- November 29: Grade 7 Immunization Clinic

Sincerely,

WBH Admin team

