

November 3, 2024

Hello West Bedford High Families,

Please see the below information for the upcoming week.

1. **Remembrance Day school Ceremony.** Friday Oct. 8th.
2. **SAC (School advisory council) Parent Representative Vote.** We have three candidates for our grade 7 or 8 parent rep for the SAC. Please use the link below to vote. In order to keep it secure you need to use your child's gnsps account information to get into the form and vote. Voting will remain open till Thursday, November 7th. <https://forms.gle/Qmqb6vfsCaxpLNMT6>
3. **SAC grade 7 or 8 student representative.** Last week at school we advertised for a grade 7 or 8 student who may be interested in joining the SAC (school advisory council). A School Advisory Council is an advisory body to the school principal, Regional Centre for Education, and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial on a range of issues related to the school and the school system.

The school SAC meets 6 times per year, in the evening around 6:00 to 7:00pm. Our next meetings are November 14, December 12, February 6, April 10, May 22, thus they must be able to commit to these times. Our first meeting was already held to determine membership needed.

If your child is in grade 7 or 8 and interested in joining, please have them submit a letter to the office with their name, grade, homeroom and paragraph on why they want to be part of this committee by end of day Wednesday Nov. 6th. If we have more than one student interested, it will go to a vote from the grade 7 and 8 student body. Looking forward to those letters.

4. **Grade 7 and 8 student council. Interested in student council.** There will be an information/onboarding session in room 3001 on Tuesday, Nov 5 at lunch. We'll share information about what student council is, associated responsibilities and gauge interest. Please fill out the Google Form if you are interested. <https://forms.gle/5b7sVUUavQbeQzjo8>

Caroline Milner and Sarah Versloot are lead teachers

5. **Grade 7 Immunization Clinic.** A reminder to grade 7 parents and students to submit electronically COMPLETED immunization consent form to **Nova Scotia Health** ASAP for processing. They are due Wednesday, November 6th. Please do not send forms to the school. The clinic date is November 29th at WBH.

6. **Take Our Kids To Work Day for Grade 9 students will take place on November 6, 2024**

All Grade 9 students are expected to participate in this career exploration opportunity *or* to attend school.

Students and their families are responsible for finding a placement.

Paper consent forms went home with students; please complete and return the paper copy to Mrs. Whattam in the main office.

If a student does not return a consent form, they will be at school for their *Take Our Kids to Work Day* activities on November 6th .

Students going with a family member or HRCE personnel, such as a school administrator, teacher, EPA (or other staff member as approved by the principal) are only required to fill out the "Parental/Legal Guardian Consent Form for School Trip Form" (sent home two weeks ago).

Students going with someone *other* than a family member or authorized HRCE personnel are required to fill out the *Parental/Legal Guardian Consent Form for School Trip Form and Community Based Learning Risk Assessment Form*. You can find extra copies of these forms on the [School Counsellor's Website](#).

7. **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.
8. **Grade 10 and 11 end of month check in.** End of month check is due this Tuesday morning to their TA's for grades 10 and 11. Any student currently with a mark currently under 65, an attendance or behavior concern will get an email home by end of the week next week letting you know of this concern and asking you to check in with teachers who have expressed concern.
9. **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.

10. **Attendance Reporting. Reporting an absence must be done via phone call or email:**

Attendance Reporting

Reporting an absence must be done via phone call or email:

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.

Important Dates:

- October 27 to November 6 is Holocaust Education Week.
- November 8: Indigenous Veterans Day
- November 8: School Remembrance Day ceremony
- November 11: Remembrance Day
- 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