
West Bedford High

2024 - 2025 INFORMATION PACKAGE



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ENCLOSED

For updated information, please visit our website which is updated regularly

www.wbh.hrce.ca

WELCOME TO WEST BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Students & Parents,

Welcome to the West Bedford High. We are so excited to see you

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 902-405-0442

Main office: 0

Attendance Line: 1 or

[wbhsa@hrce.ca](mailto:wbsa@hrce.ca)

ADMINISTRATION

Sean MacDonald, Principal

Allyson MacKay, VP

Alison Walker, VP

GUIDANCE

Richelle Williams, Counsellor

Julie Zinck, Counsellor

ADMIN ASSISTANTS

Peggy MacLean

Jennifer Whattam

2024/25 is the year we begin to solidify our culture of discovery and excellence. We are now the "Wolves"! This was a wonderful experience to go through last year with our students and the community and is helping shape who we are.

As we continue this journey to shape our school culture, we encourage you to immerse yourself in the process with us. Getting involved in student life (sports, clubs, etc.) creates a better school experience and we want all of you to get involved.

The goal of this information package is to make the first days and weeks of the school year more manageable. Please take the time to read the information contained in this package.

At West Bedford High, you are going to be encouraged to become an even more independent student. When you walk across the stage at graduation, we want you prepared to achieve your goals. One way you can do this from the beginning is to keep on top of your progress as a learner. We encourage you to log into PowerSchool Student/Parent Portal regularly to check attendance and marks. Be aware of your progress and ask for support when needed.

Lastly, we strongly encourage students and parents to read the WBH Information Package as it contains important information regarding the upcoming school year.

Once again welcome to West Bedford High. Please check the website regularly (<https://wbh.hrce.ca/>) for new information over the course of the year. We wish all of you success this school year!

WBH Admin Team

The first day of school is **Thursday, September 5, 2024**

As students arrive, they are asked to enter the doors on the green side of the building. At that point, grade 7& 8 students will be directed to the gymnasium, grade 9 cafeteria and grade 10 & 11 students will go to their TA class. Grade 7-9s will be greeted by their homeroom teacher and taken to their homeroom class. 7-9 Homeroom class lists will be posted on the walls in the gym and cafeteria.

Supplies you should bring on the first day of school

- Backpack/Knapsack
- Binder
- Paper
- Writing Utensil (pen & pencil)



FEES FOR THE 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR

This year, student fees are \$10.00. These fees are used to support a range of student events over the course of the year. Fees are to be paid during the first week of school. Please pay through SchoolCash Online.

Any student that wishes to have a locker will need to pay a school lock fee. The cost of the lock is \$5.00 (cash only). Please send a private email to your child's VP if you are unable to pay a fee at this time or at all.

Teachers will be collecting this lock fee during homeroom and TA time during the first few days. Non-school locks are not permitted and will be removed if put on a locker.



SCHOOL HOURS & SCHEDULES

West Bedford HIGH SCHOOL HOURS OF OPERATION 8:55 am to 3:45 pm. Students are not permitted in the building outside of these hours unless under the direct supervision of a teacher for extra help or an extra-curricular activity.

BELL SCHEDULE

Monday -Friday	
Warning Bell	9:10
TA/Homeroom	9:15 - 9:30
Period 1	9:30 - 10:30
Period 2	10:30 - 11:30
Period 3	11:30 - 12:30
Lunch	12:30 - 1:15
Period 4	1:20 - 2:20
Period 5	2:20 - 3:20

**** Students go to ILT (grades 7-9) or PBL 10/11 (grades 10/11) first period on Tuesdays.**

BUS INFORMATION

Please check your student transportation eligibility for the 2025/2025 School Year by visiting:

<https://hrcetransportation.mybusplanner.ca/>

If you have any concerns regarding busing, please contact the HRCE Transportation Team as follows:

EMAIL: transportation@hrce.ca

TEL: 902-431-4723

Please make sure your address is correct in PowerSchool.



SUCCESS AT WBH OCCURS WHEN WE WORK AS A TEAM

Students

1. Plan To Succeed
Set realistic and challenging goals.
2. Work the Plan
Commit to complete your daily goals.
3. Make Teacher Contact
Regularly and in a meaningful manner.
4. Do the Work (school/home)
Take responsibility to complete work.

Parents

1. Communicate
Maintain regular contact with the school.
2. Check
Monitor children's progress. Grade 10/11 regularly sign and check agenda.
3. Expect
Effectively communicate high expectations.
4. Connect
Become involved in your children's education.
5. Encourage
Create a home environment that encourages learning.

Teachers and Teacher Advisor (Grade 10 and 11)

1. Communicate
2. Plan and help students set goals
3. Advocate
4. Monitor progress and attendance
5. Be a team member with students and parents

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

WBH Student Expectations

1. Come to school prepared for the day EVERYDAY!
2. Be on time for your classes. For grade 10/11, this also applies to FIT (flexible instructional time). You have a few minutes to get to each class or designated work area.
3. Students are expected to stay in class and/or remain in area they are working in. There is to be no hall walking even for those with FIT in grade 10/11. Students in grade 10/11 are expected to plan where they will be during FIT.
4. Vaping or smoking – is against the law! It is illegal to vape or smoke on school property. You will be suspended and referred to Halifax Police for an offence ticket under the Smoke Free Act.
5. Respect yourself and others – WBH is an inclusive environment and any language that is demeaning in nature will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to racist, sexist or homophobic language.
6. Remember we are in an educational institution and as such language should be appropriate for a school setting. This also lends itself to clothing which should be free of discriminatory or inappropriate language or images. Clothing should also not promote drug, smoking or alcohol use.
7. Remember we are members of a community. As such, you are expected to treat all members of the community and property with dignity and respect.
8. Attendance is mandatory under the Education Act. Attendance is monitored on a daily basis. If excessive classes are missed, administration will address this issue under the Student Attendance and Engagement Policy. Teacher Advisors for students in grade 10/11 will also be monitoring attendance.
9. Stay on top of your schoolwork. It may not be easy and time goes fast in high school. Time management is the best tool for keeping yourself organized and achieving your academic goals. Students in grade 10 need to use their planner and FIT time well and strive to complete the work plans they make for each day.
10. **Cellphones and social media new provincial cell phone policy. Guidelines to come in separate document.**
11. Social Media should be used responsibly. When you are in school or accessing the school network, you must follow the online terms and conditions of use. Any violation may result in suspension of network access or discipline through the Code of Conduct.
12. **Grade 10/11 students.** FIT (Flexible instructional time) is not a free block. **Students cannot leave the school during this time. Students use this time to complete work, meet with teachers, etc. If a student needs to leave the school a parent/guardian must call in and excuse their child.** Chronic absences will be dealt with under the Provincial Student Attendance and Engagement Policy (see website for policy details).

MAIN OFFICE: **902-405-0442 press 0**
for **Attendance** press 1
or WBHsa@hrce.ca

ADMINISTRATION

Sean MacDonald, Principal - Ext 2981002
Allyson MacKay, VP – Ext 2980012
Alison Walker, VP – Ext 2981003

GUIDANCE

Richelle Williams – Ext 2981403
Julie Zinck – Ext 2981004
Drew Fournier ext. 2981405 Mon & Wed

ABSENCE CALLS

If a student is excusably absent, parents/guardians need to call the school attendance line
902-405-0442 extension 1 or to inform the school.

Please do not leave attendance messages for administrators or teachers.

DO NOT SEND EMAILS OR LETTERS FOR ATTENDANCE PURPOSES.

At the end of the day, an automated call will be forwarded to your home telephone to notify of any unexcused absences.

VISITORS TO WBH

To provide a safe environment at West Bedford High, all visitors must check in at the office when entering the building. Visitors cannot be wondering around the building without a visitor pass.

- Please monitor the school website and our X feed for the most up-to-date practices
 - Please monitor these media communications often
 - See you all September 5th...

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**TOGETHER
WE THRIVE**