

December 1, 2024

Hello West Bedford High Families,

Hard to believe we are in December already. Please see the information below for the upcoming weeks.

1. **Parent teacher.** Parent teacher is Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1 to 3 pm and 5:30 to 7:30 pm. All of our teachers will be located on the first floor and a list posted when you come in on where to find them. Please note "Humanities" has the subjects of English and Social Studies and the "Student Services and Personal Development" has Phys. Ed teachers when you are looking for teachers to make appointments with. <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/nrp38>.
2. **Band Concert.** The Band Concert is on Wednesday, December 11th... Doors open at 6:15pm, concert starts at 6:30pm. For more details: <https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/westbedfordband/concert>
3. **High school (grades 9-11) summative assessments January 27-30.** Please take note of the following important information regarding formal examinations and attendance. Summative assessment events are a standard assessment and evaluation practice all high schools in Nova Scotia. For this reason, HRCE plans a final exam schedule in their annual calendar. which is published in the spring of the previous academic year. Given that exam dates are published well in advance, it is expected that family vacations, or other non-medical absences will be scheduled around this important assessment time. Absence for any reason other than a medical excuse will not be considered an acceptable reason for not writing an exam. Exams will not be proctored at an alternate location.

There may be instances when the school is closed during the scheduled exam day due to inclement weather, a power failure, or other unforeseen circumstances. Exams will be moved forward a day when a situation like this happens. It is important to understand that the student must be present to write the exam on the rescheduled date. Please take this into account when planning and scheduling family vacations around exam time.

Note: Where a student misses an examination without an acceptable excuse as defined above, a mark of zero will be given. International students will receive a zero on their exam if airline tickets are booked early and the student misses an exam.

4. **Grade 7 and 8 Intramural Gym Time.** Now that the weather is changing, we are very excited to announce that starting up of the grade 7 and 8 intramural days in the gym during lunch. Students will have 15 minutes to eat their lunch in the cafeteria prior to entering, and then they will have 30 minutes in the gym.

**\*\*Mondays from 12:45-1:15 - Grade 8**

**\*\* Fridays from 12:45-1:15 - Grade 7**

\*\*Intramurals will follow the sport that is currently being played during Phys Ed classes, and all of the same rules apply. Absolutely no food or drink (other than water) in the gymnasium, and any student looking to participate must have proper footwear. **Space will be limited to 50 students and it is first come first serve.**

5. **Girls Group - Women's and Children's centre Drive.** Girls Group is asking all students and staff to bring non-perishable food donations, clothes donations, and other wanted donations listed on [chrysalishouseassociation.org](http://chrysalishouseassociation.org) to the Youth Health Center or Ms.Drew's room (1056) in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month."

#### **Important Dates:**

- **December 3:** International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- **December 5 (a.m.): Professional Learning Day (no classes)**
- **December 5 (p.m.): Parent/Teacher Conference 1 - 3 pm / 5:30 -7:30 pm**
- **December 10:** International Human Rights Day
- **December 20:** Last day of school for 2024
- **December 25:** Christmas Day
- **December 25:** First day of Hanukkah
- **December 26:** Kwanzaa

Sincerely,

WBH Admin team