

December 8, 2024

Hello West Bedford High Families,

Hope everyone had a great weekend.

It was great seeing so many of you at parent teacher last week. Please see the information below for the upcoming weeks.

1. **The West Bedford Band Concert:** Wednesday this week. All families and school staff are invited.

Doors open at 6:15 pm, concert starts at 6:30, no ticket required.

There is a voluntary donation page set up to help provide extra funds for our band program and to start the Bedford Band Instrument Rescue, read all about it:

<https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/westbedfordband/concert>

2. **Volleyball Tournament-** There will be a volleyball intramural tournament for all genders grades 9 to 11. This will take place **December 11th and 12th.**

Grade 6 to Grade 9 - the sign-up sheet and schedule will be up.

Tuesday, Dec. 10th- first game will take place at lunch

Thursday, Dec. 12th- second game will take place at lunch

SWISHMAS BASKETBALL 2V2 TOURNAMENT - December 20th at lunch, there will be a 2v2 half-court basketball intramural event, 6 teams of 2 for each of the high school side and junior high participants. One half of the court would be for the high school participants of grades 9-11 and the other half would be for the junior high participants grades 7-9. **Grade 9's will have the option of which age group they want to play in.**

Athletics lead (student council) - Madelyn Roberts

3. **The Grade 7/8 Student Council** has been hard at work organizing some exciting holiday activities! We'll be facilitating two 7/8 focused events in the coming weeks: a **Holiday Door Decorating Contest** and a **Food Drive Challenge**. The students are currently designing posters to help spread the word, but in the meantime, here's what you need to know...

Door Decorating Contest: Homeroom classes will compete to create festive classroom doors! During ILT, each homeroom will have the chance to design and decorate their door. The doors will be judged for creativity and festivity. Judging will take place on **Thursday, December 19** to determine our winner (the prize is bragging rights!!!). Decorating/planning can start next ILT class.

Food Drive Challenge: Each homeroom will receive a large collection box to gather **non-perishable** food items. Over the next three weeks, homerooms will compete to collect the most donations. The contest will end on **Monday, December 16**, and the homeroom with the highest number of items will win a **hot chocolate party** hosted by our Student Council during ILT the following day. The items will be donated to Feed Nova Scotia.

4. **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.

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 to the Youth Health Center or Ms. Drew's room (1056) in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Important Dates:

- **December 10**: International Human Rights Day
- **December 11**: Band Concert 6:30
- **December 12**: SAC meeting 6:00pm
- **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