

January 12, 2025

Please see information and important dates below for the upcoming weeks.

1. **Mid-Year Summative Assessments(Grades 9-11).** Students in grades 9-11 will be writing mid-year assessments from January 27 -30. Other courses prior to assessment week will be conducting process exams in their courses. This is common in all high schools depending on the nature of the course.

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.

****Due to grade 9 assessments not being final assessments, other possible exceptions can be made, but must be approved through your child's Vice Principal. See information below to contact VP.**

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.

- If a student cannot make an assessment time for a major reason (medical) arrangement and approval must go through West Bedford admin team. Please contact your child's VP by Friday, January 17th.

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Jan 27 - Monday 9:30 AM	Jan 28 - Tuesday 9:30 AM	Jan 29 - Wednesday 9:30 AM	Jan 30 - Thursday 9:30 AM
MATH 9	MATH 11	SCIENCE 9	CONFLICTS
MATH 10	PRE CALCULUS 11	SCIENCE 10	
	ENGLISH 10		
Jan 27 - Monday 12:50 PM	Jan 28 - Tuesday 12:50 PM	Jan 29 - Wednesday 12:50PM	
ENGLISH 9	FRENCH LANGUAGE ARTS 10	CITIZENSHIP 9	
BIOLOGY 11	FRENCH LANGUAGE ARTS 11	ED. CIVIC 9	
HISTOIRE CAN 11	GLOBAL GEOGRAPHY 12	PHYSICS 11	
MI'KMAW STUDIES 11	AFRICAN CANADIAN STUDIES 11	CHEMISTRY 11	
ENGLISH 11			

*****Please note the time change for the afternoon exam as it differs by 15 minutes from the memo sent last week.**

Lunch time for all students 12:00pm to 12:45pm. Exam starts 12:50pm

Exam times AM - 9:30 to 11:30 (additional 30 minutes if needed till 12:00pm)

PM - 12:50 to 2:50 (additional 30 minutes if needed till 3:20pm)

****More details around exam procedures will be out in the next memo as we are still working out a few details with respect to expectations for students in grade 10/11 vs grade 9. Stay tuned.**

2. **O2 (Options and opportunities Program) Presentation for students Tuesday, January 14th.** Grade 9 students will receive O2 presentation this week. They will also hear from CPA's O2 lead teacher when they come in later this month. Dates are still to be determined. Parents will hear about this program at both our parent presentation and CPA's.
3. **Grade 10 Parent session Wednesday January 22 (6:30 -7:30pm).** We will be hosting a grade 10 information session for parents of current grade 9 students to discuss what West Bedford High offers, discuss the FIT (Flexible Instructional time) model and answer any questions you may have. This session is for parents only as students will be getting their own sessions at school through our school counselors. Here are a few things we offer:
 - Flexible Instructional time (FIT model)
 - Teacher advisors
 - AP (Advanced Placement courses) Check out - <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/> if you want to learn more prior to our session.
 - Academic and Advanced courses
 - O2 (Options and Opportunities program), French Immersion, Skills trades - Construction and Manufacturing (metal work/welding)
 - And More
4. **Grade 7/8 Oval Field Trip.** On Monday January 27th, the grade 7 & 8 students have the opportunity to participate in a winter ice skating field trip to the Emera Oval. Students attending the trip will miss periods 2 & 3 on this day. **The cost for this trip will be \$6 per student. This fee** will cover the bus ride to and from the Oval (*the school is covering a portion of the buses in order to have this lower cost for students to maximize participation*). **This fee can be paid on SchoolCash only. This is a first come-first serve participation activity that is open to all students in grade 7 and 8 - there are only 132 spots available (3 busses).**

All Jr High students have been given permission forms this week in their PE classes - completed forms should be returned to any of the PE teachers. A student will not be guaranteed a spot until their form is passed in AND they have paid the fee on SchoolCash.

Please read through your child's permission slip for all details and information. If you have any questions, contact Ms. James at kjames@hrce.ca

5. **MAKE UP FITNESS TESTS FOR PE STUDENTS.** Make up fitness tests for any students in grades 7-10 who missed any of their tests will be this Thursday January 16th at lunch. The 12 minute run will start at 12:40, followed by the beep test at 12:55.
6. **Study Night (grades 9-11).** Study Night will take place on Monday, January 20th, and will be from 6-8 pm. Teachers will be available for additional help, and there will be hot chocolate, tea, and snacks provided.

7. **High school dance (grades 9-11) – Thursday, Feb. 13 - 7:30 to 9:30.** The Blooming Hearts dance will be on Thursday, February 13th, from 7:30-9:30 pm, and doors open at 7:20 pm. Anyone from grades 9-11 is allowed to bring a plus one, but only from the grades 9-12; make sure if you're planning to invite a guest, you get a form from the office and have it filled in and returned by February 1st (no later). Guests will pay at the door. Tickets will be \$10 each on school cash, and make sure to bring extra for concessions (snacks, water, etc.).

RBC (Royal Bank) will be coming and working our canteen, and will donate funds to the school which will go to paying for some of the new team uniforms purchased this year. Thanks to Steven Eaton (parent) for setting this up.

8. **CPA Grade 10 information Session.** CP Allen High School will be hosting an information session for current grade 9 parents/guardians regarding grade 10 programming and course selection for the 2025/2026 school year. This session will be held on Thursday, January 16th starting at 6 pm in CP Allen's school cafetorium. We hope to see you there!

Important Dates:

- January 14: O2 presentation to grade 9 students.
- January 22: Grade 10 Parent session (for current grade 9 students) 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- January 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- January 27: Family Literacy Day
- Jan 27 – 30: Mid-year assessments (grades 9-11)
- **Jan-31: Assessment and Evaluation Day – no classes**
- January 29: Lunar New Year
- February 3: Semester 2 begins WBH
- February 4-14: Report cards go home
- February 6: Curriculum night (grade 10 and 11 only – semester courses) 6:30-7:30
- February 13: High School dance (grades 9-11) Time 7:30-9:30

Sincerely,

WBH Admin team