

January 19, 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 17<sup>th</sup>.

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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			

**Lunch time for all students 12:00pm to 12:45pm.**

Exam times: AM - 9:30 to 11:30 (additional 30 minutes if needed) / PM – 12:50 to 2:50 (additional 30 minutes if needed)

## 2) Examination Writing Procedures.

- When entering examination rooms, students must leave all personal belongings including backpacks, extra clothing, books, and electronics at the front of the room. Students cannot wear AirPods, headphones, etc. during the assessment.
  - Students who arrive late will not be permitted to enter the exam room after the first hour is complete. Students who arrive late prior to the first hour will also not be permitted time beyond the normal 2½-hour termination of the exam.
  - Students in grades 10 and 11 will not be permitted to leave an exam before 1 hour of the session is complete. **All Grade 9 students must remain in the room until the end of the assessment time. They are expected to bring a book, study materials for the afternoon assessment or other work they need to complete for one of their courses. Grade 9 students cannot go home early after an assessment. They are required to be at school the entire day on the days they write assessments.**
  - **Students are not permitted to leave the examination room to go to the washroom area unless accompanied by a staff member.** There is a staff member in each hallway while exams are being written.
  - While exams are being written there are to be no students in the hallway. Teachers are asked to direct students to the cafeteria, library or out of the building. Administrators will assist with monitoring the halls at peak times. **Grades 7 and 8 will remain in their homeroom classrooms for the day and teachers will go to them. This is to ensure assessment areas are kept as quiet spaces.**
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)
4. **Hockey at West Bedford (2025-2026 school year).** We are looking to try to get both male and female Hockey up and started next year. We are looking for applications for head coaches, assistant coaches, managers, and fundraisers. If you would like to get involved or know someone who does, please reach out to our Athletic director, Emily Bell, at [EBell@hrce.ca](mailto:EBell@hrce.ca).
5. **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.
6. **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. Doors open at 7:20 pm. Anyone from grades 9-11 is allowed to bring a plus one, but only from 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 1. (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 then will donate funds to the school which will go toward paying for some of the new team uniforms purchased this year. Thanks to Steven Eaton (parent) for setting this up.
7. **GRADE 7/8 OVAL TRIP Update.** Due to so much interest and how quickly the trip filled up, we have added a 4<sup>th</sup> bus (40 more spots) to the junior high trip to the Oval on Monday, January 27th. Please pay the \$6 on School Cash AND bring in your signed permission slip the gym ASAP to secure a spot. *Due to equipment availability at the Oval, no additional spots will be added once these additional spots are filled.*

8. **Unified Sport is coming to WBH!** *Are you a student who enjoys helping others? Do you want to support members of your school?*

Special Olympics Unified Sport® is built upon the premise that in order to have the greatest impact the change process needs to start with young people. Unified Sport brings youth with and without intellectual disabilities together through education, sports and related initiatives that provide them with the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to create and sustain school communities that promote the acceptance, respect and human dignity for all students.

Students who are interested in being involved with this would need to commit to one lunch time per week and one HRCE school based basketball tournament in the spring!

Sign up outside the office or come and see Mrs. MacKay for more information!

<https://www.specialolympicsns.ca/what-we-do/unified/>

9. **MAKE UP FITNESS TESTS FOR ALL PE STUDENTS.** There will be makeup fitness testing this Thursday at lunch for ALL PE 7 - 11 students who have missed a test. The 12 minute run will start at 12:40, and the beep test will start at 12:55.
10. **FUNDRAISER FOR THE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBAL.** The girls high school basketball team is having a fundraiser with Domino's pizza this Wednesday, January 22nd. Order a 3 topping large pizza and cheesy bread for \$19.99 from ANY of the HRM Domino's locations, and the team gets \$5 towards their upcoming travel expenses! Support our wolves and enjoy some midweek pizza 😊
11. **CPA Grade 10 student information Session.** Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup> to meet with this year's grade 9 classes.

#### Important Dates:

- January 22: Grade 10 Parent info session (for current grade 9 students) 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- January 23: CPA Grade 10 Parent info session to current grade 9 students
- 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