

February 10, 2025

Hello West Bedford High Families,

**REGIONAL CHAMPS!!** 🏆👏🏆

Congrats to the Girls HS Basketball team for winning the regional championship and bringing home the regional banner!

Our Boys Basketball ball team has regional finals this Tuesday at 6:00pm, come out and cheer them on. Let's go wolves!!

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

### 1. Celebrate African Heritage Month 2025

African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia, celebrated each February, honours the contributions of African Nova Scotians.

This year's theme, Legacy in Action: Celebrating Black Brilliance, highlights the achievements and resilience of African Nova Scotians, who have shaped the province's history for more than 400 years.

In schools, recognizing African Heritage Month is crucial for promoting cultural awareness and inclusion. It fosters understanding of the diverse cultural landscape of Nova Scotia, empowering African Nova Scotian students by reflecting their history and heritage in their classrooms. Highlighting their achievements serves as a source of inspiration.

African Heritage Month 2025 is an opportunity to educate, inspire, and celebrate the richness of African heritage in Nova Scotia every day.

**Upcoming Events:** We are excited to announce a **Traditional African Clothing Day** at school! On February 21st, we encourage everyone to come dressed in beautiful traditional African attire. We will also have a **fashion show** showcasing the stunning outfits for our elementary students. Let's celebrate culture, creativity, and diversity together!

### 2. Reminder: February 17 is Heritage Day

Heritage Day 2025 honours the late Nora Madeline Bernard. From Millbrook First Nation, she was a Mi'kmaq activist who fought for her community and First Nations people across Canada.

Ms. Bernard played a key role in getting justice, recognition, and compensation for survivors of the Canadian Indian Residential School system. As a survivor of the system herself, she founded and became president of the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School Association in 1987. She then started a class-action lawsuit for the survivors, which inspired others across the country to do the same, leading to the largest class-action lawsuit in Canadian history. <https://wbh.hrce.ca/wbh/news/2025/february-17-heritage-day-2025>

3. **Hockey (male and female).** Prior to onboarding new coaches for male and female hockey teams at West Bedford High next year we want to ensure we have the interest from students to get up and going. If you have a child in grades 9-12 next year who is interested in playing hockey please fill out the form below. Thus, current grade 8 students can fill out this form.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeub2S3TTEMMHeZnx3loNEVNoeugtKoPUCdsULzBhq8--cidw/viewform?usp=header>

4. **Grade 10/11 course selection.** Grades 10 and 11 will have an opportunity to look through the course booklet and plan their course load for next year on Tuesday during extended TA time. This will be followed up with a presentation from our school counsellors. This is a great opportunity to plan prior to presentation with counsellors and write down any questions they may have. They will be provided with course selection sheet that has them map out their three years.
5. **Grade 9 School selection.** Thank you to students who filled out the google form for school and program selection this week. Our school counsellors will be coming to all grade 9 homerooms over the next two weeks to guide students on how to fill out the course selection sheets for both schools and all. All course selection sheets **MUST** be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the homeroom teacher by Friday February 21st. This is keeping with our course selection timeline for grade 9 students, please see below for important dates.
- Feb. 10th-21st Counsellors/students review course selection papers
  - Feb. 24th-Mar. 7th Counsellors/students enter selection into PowerSchool
6. **YEARBOOKS! DON'T MISS OUT, GET YOURS TODAY! YEARBOOKS ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE LOW COST OF \$50. ORDERS CAN BE MADE DIRECTLY THROUGH JOSTEN'S USING THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

[West Bedford High School 2025 Yearbook](#)

#### Important Dates:

- February is Registration Month
- February is African Heritage Month
- February 10 -21: Counsellors/students review course selection papers
- February TBD: SAC meeting 6:00 – 7:00pm
- **February 27: High School dance (grades 9-11) Time 7:30-9:30**
- Feb. 24 - Mar. 7: Counsellors/students enter selection into PowerSchool

Sincerely,

WBH Admin team

