

February 23, 2025

Hello West Bedford High Families,

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.

Events this week:

African Drumming – Thursday, February 27th

2. **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. Please fill out the form using the link by Friday, Feb 28.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeub2S3TTEMMHeZnx3I0NEVN0eugtKoPUCdsULzBhq8--cidw/viewform>

- **Grade 10/11 course selection.** Students in grade 10 and 11 will receive time in their extended homeroom class/ teacher advisor period on February 18th and February 25th to review the course selection booklet for grades 11 and 12. During this time students will review the course selection process with their Teacher Advisor, and write down any questions they may have about the course selection process and use practice selection sheets. On Tuesday March 4th, Mrs Williams will be doing a virtual session with all the grade 10 students, and Mr. Fournier will be doing a virtual session with all the grade 11 students. Students will take these sheets home to review and be signed by their parent/guardian. Course selection sheets for all grade 10 and 11 students are due back on Monday March 17th. **Please see website for info:**

<https://sites.google.com/gnspecs.ca/wbhs-school-counsellor-website/course-selection>

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. Please see website for more info:

<https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/wbhs-school-counsellor-website/course-selection>

- **Feb. 10th-21st Counsellors/students review course selection papers**
- **Feb. 24th-Mar. 7th Counsellors/students enter selection into PowerSchool**

6. **Ear buds/headphones.** Please take a moment to remind your child that Ear buds/Head phones are not permitted in the classroom or hallways. Only areas are: **cafeteria, library and mezzanine (grades 10/11 during FIT time)** as outlined in the cell phone and ear bud/headphone guidelines/policy from the beginning of the year. This also includes homeroom/TA time. Only earbuds/headphones that can be used during class time are those that can be wired into the Chromebook and with teacher permission. **Wireless is not allowed.** Those that do not comply are subject to the Provincial code of conduct. Thanks.

7. **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 27: 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