

February 9, 2025

Hello West Bedford High Families,

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

Congrats to the boys and girls high school basketball teams for both finishing 1st in regular season play! The teams are both playing in regionals this week and will play a semi-final double header this Tuesday February 11th as they fight for the Metro D2 banners! The girls game will start at 4pm, followed by the boys game at 6pm - come out and support your wolves!

Reminder of the high school dance (9-11) this Thursday. Payment can be made on SchoolCash online or cash at the office.

### 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 so excited to announce that West Bedford will be competing in the 2025 African Nova Scotia youth quiz. The preliminary rounds will be held Tuesday, February 11th at Halifax North Library. We have a team of five students who will be competing against other schools around HRM.
- 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. **Scent Aware.** Please remind your children of the scent awareness guidelines for schools as we have been having some issues in this area. Many people have sensitivities and allergies to scented products and we all must do our part to keep the school environment free of heavy scents. Please understand that students who do not adhere to these guidelines will be subject to the school/provincial code of conduct.
3. **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. 3rd-7th Grade 9 students choose between WBH/CPA

**Feb. 10th-21st Counsellors/students review course selection papers**

**Feb. 24th-Mar. 7th Counsellors/students enter selection into PowerSchool**

4. **Student council athletics.** Student council will be hosting a Swishmas part two called HOOPENTINES February 12th. This basketball 2 vs 2 king of the court will play out the same as Swishmas **BUT** sign up will be Monday 10th at lunch time **ONLY** and **it will cost 5\$ a team** (2.50\$ a person). If you are interested, **sign up takes place tomorrow at lunch**, then **no more**. Be sure to have your team pre-picked and 5\$ in cash before signing up.

**Reminder to how it works:**

- 7th to 9th grade participants will play on the farther side of the basketball court (half court).
- 9th to 11th grade participants play on the closest side of the basketball court closer to the windows (half court).
- The team to make the basket first stays on the court and the losing team goes to the back of the line, normal king of the court play.
- 3pointers count as 2 tallies and 2 pointers count as 1 tally

Your **GOAL** is to get as many tallies for your team in the 30 minutes of play.

There will be a **PRIZE** for all winners.

Any further questions check in with the athletics lead, Madelyn Roberts, grade 10.

5. **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 3: Semester 2 begins WBH**
- **February 11: Lockdown drill**
- **February 12: Report cards go home**
- **February 10 -21: Counsellors/students review course selection papers**
- **February 13: SAC meeting 6:00 – 7:00pm**
- **February 13: High School dance (grades 9-11) Time 7:30-9:30**
- **February 14 is Valentine's Day**
- **February 17 is Heritage Day (No classes)**
- **Feb. 24 - Mar. 7: Counsellors/students enter selection into PowerSchool**

Sincerely,

WBH Admin team