

May 19, 2025

Hello West Bedford High Families,

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

1. **West Bedford Band Concert, Thursday May 29th.** No tickets, voluntary donation (suggested \$10 per family). Doors open at 6:15pm, Concert 6:30-7:15 pm

Band Instrument Rescue Program:

Did you know that there are poor, neglected band instruments hidden away in basements and closets in our community?


Clarinets with broken keys and trumpets without the wind to blow the blues... forgotten, slowly fading away with no one to play them.

If you know of a band instrument that wants to play again, you can help these instruments share the joy of music again!

Please contact Mr. Dimoff, West Bedford Band Teacher: tdimoff@hrce.ca

More information and how you can support this initiative:

<https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/westbedfordband/donate>

2. **GSA Talent Show.** June 12 from 7-9pm. See attached poster.  [GSA Talent Show Poster 2025 \(2\).jpg](#)
3. **Grade 7 and 8 Lunchtime guidelines.** Just a reminder that our Grade 7 and 8's are not permitted off property at lunch. This is a school-based decision and not something we can support, even if parents call in to say their child has permission to go off property alone at lunch. If parents are coming to pick up their children, they can be signed out at the office.
4. **Student Council event: Field day.** On May 27, during the first three periods, there will be a field day where students will be out on the field for games, activities, and sun. This will be the same spirit day where every grade wears their colours (see below) to show their school/grade spirit. If you participate in wearing your colour you get a freezie.

Second period: grade 9

Third period: grades 10 and 11

Fifth period: grade 7 and 8(time change)

Grade 7 wears blue, 8 pink, 9 green, 10 black, 11 white

Spirit day will be a competition for which grade has the most spirit this can be proven by dressing in your colour and participating in as much as you can. The winning grade gets an ice cream party

Madelyn Roberts - Athletics lead

5. Free Skilled Trades Camp in your area!

NSCC in partnership with the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency and The Province of Nova Scotia will be hosting several Skilled Trades Camps for **youth in grades 7 through 9** across the province this summer at **no cost**. Explore a new trade each day - such as carpentry, automotive service repair, plumbing, electrical and more - and discover careers that shape our communities.

Dates & Locations

July 7 – 11 NSCC Cumberland Campus, Springhill NS

July 14 – 18 NSCC Kingstec Campus, Kentville NS

July 21 – 25 NSCC Sydney Waterfront Campus, Sydney NS

August 11 – 15 NSCC Ivany Campus, Dartmouth NS

August 18 – 22 NSCC Burrige Campus, Yarmouth NS

[Learn more about Skilled Trades Camps](#), including how to register.

Registration opens Thursday May 15 at 10am on the NSCC website.

Important Note: Campers must be able to attend the full week of camp to be eligible for registration.

Questions?

Contact skillestradecamps@nsc.ca

6. **Provincial Assessment Gade 8- Reading, Writing, Math.** During the last week of May, our grade 8 students will participate in a provincial assessment of literacy and math skills. This will happen during morning class time between May 26- 29. Students do not need to prepare for this assessment outside of the school day. Teachers have been teaching with this assessment in mind all year and will engage in more direct conversation and practice throughout May.

More information will be shared with families in next Sunday's communication to families.

7. **Access Awareness Week.** Access Awareness Week takes place annually during the last week of May to raise awareness about disability, access and inclusion. This year, Access Awareness Week runs from May 25-31, and the provincial theme is "Our Voices, Our Votes: Disability Rights in Action."

The provincial Accessibility Directorate is providing all HRCE schools with posters to help bring attention to the importance of removing barriers for people with disabilities. The posters are being mailed directly to schools from the directorate and should arrive in the coming days.

For 38 years, Nova Scotians have organized community events, flag raising, forums, and concerts during Access Awareness Week to bring attention to the importance of removing barriers for people with disabilities. More information can be found [here](#).

8. **Homework Hub: Finish the year off strong!**

Did you know your student has access to Homework Hub? Finish the year off strong with the help of experienced tutors!

GNSPES Access: Easy access to online resources and tutoring through your GNSPES account (gnspes.ca) by clicking on the Nova Scotia Homework Hub icon.

24/7 Access: Anytime access to video tutorials, practice questions and vocabulary review.

Bilingual tutors available for students in:

Grade 4-6 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Grade 7-12 on school nights 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

[Watch this video](#) to learn more about Homework Hub!

- 9) **CPA Grade 9 Orientation.** CPA Grade 9 Orientation will take place on Thursday, June 13th from 4-5 PM. We would love it if you could encourage your students to attend. A full description of the event has been posted on the Class of 2028 Google Classroom.

Important Dates:

- **May is Asian Heritage Month**
- **May is Canadian Jewish Heritage Month**
- **May is Polish Heritage Month**
- **May is Speech and Hearing Month**
- **May 22: Grade 6 parent/student session**
- **May 22: SAC meeting (6:30 – 8:00pm)**
- **May 25 to 31 is Nova Scotia Access Awareness Week**

Sincerely,

WBH Admin team

