

May 25, 2025

Hello West Bedford High Families,

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

1. **Junior High Softball Tryouts.** Junior High softball tryouts are up and underway. Both teams had their first tryout last week, but the final tryouts will be happening this week on the following days.

Girls grades 7-9 - Tuesday, May 27th from 3:30-4:45pm on our school field.

Boys grades 7-9 - Thursday, May 29th from 3:30-4:45pm on our school field.

If you are interested and cannot make that date, please see Ms. Bell in the gym, or by email ebell@hrce.ca

2. **High School Trip 2027 (grades 10-12).** Interested in traveling abroad? The West Bedford High Travel Group, in partnership with EF Tours, will be travelling to Italy in March 2027. If you are interested in learning more about the trip, there will be a student/parent information meeting on Tuesday, June 10 in room 1043 at 6:00pm. If you are unable to attend, please contact Mrs. Trueman for more information.
3. **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>

4. **Exam Schedule (grades 9-11).** Exam schedule will be sent out by Thursday this week.
5. **High School Dance (Grades 9-11).** High school dance is on June 5th from 7 - 9pm. Students/families can pay on school cash online, cost is \$10.00. Students can pick up guest sign up sheets in the office and they must be submitted by lunch on Monday, June 2. Guests from other schools must be attending high school and be in good standing.
6. **Grade 7 Immunization Clinic (round 2).** The second round of immunizations will take place May 30th at the school.

7. **GSA Talent Show.** June 12 from 7-9pm. See attached poster.

[GSA Talent Show Poster 2025 \(2\).jpg](#)

8. **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.
9. **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

10. **Provincial Assessment Grade 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.

11. **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](#).

12. **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 25 to 31 is Nova Scotia Access Awareness Week**
- **May 29: Band Concert**
- **May 30: 2nd immunization clinic (grade 7)**
- **June 5: High school dance (grades 9-12)**
- **June 10: MSMS grade 9 orientation (6:30 to 7:30pm)**
- **June 12: GSA Talent show (7 to 9pm)**
- **June 17: Sports Awards (6:30 to 7:30pm) (This is a date change, originally scheduled June 4th)**

Sincerely,

WBH Admin team