

# Welcome to West Bedford High Grades 7-12



## **Important Information Enclosed**

For the most up-to-date details, please visit our  
regularly updated website: [www.wbh.hrce.ca](http://www.wbh.hrce.ca)



2025-2026 Information Package



## Welcome to the 2025–2026 School Year at West Bedford High

This school year marks a significant milestone as we continue to solidify our culture of discovery and excellence. We are especially excited to celebrate our **first graduating class** as they cross the stage this coming June!

High school is a time of growth, exploration, and opportunity. At West Bedford High, we are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and engaging environment where every student can thrive.

We encourage all students to get involved in the life of WBH—whether through clubs, teams, volunteering, or other activities. Getting involved helps build connections, fosters a stronger school community, and leads to a more rewarding high school experience. We want every student to make the most of their time here.

This **information package** is designed to help make the first few days and weeks of school easier to navigate. Please take time to read through it carefully.

At West Bedford High, you are going to be encouraged to become an even more independent student. When you walk across the stage at graduation, we want you prepared to achieve your goals. One way you can do this from the beginning is to keep on top of your progress as a learner. We encourage you to log into **PowerSchool Student/Parent Portal** regularly to check attendance and marks. Be aware of your progress and ask for support when needed.

Once again welcome to West Bedford High. Please check the website regularly (<https://wbh.hrc.ca/>) for new information over the course of the year. We wish all of you success this school year!

The WBH Administration Team ( Sean MacDonald, Allyson MacKay and Alison Walker)

**Sean MacDonald-Principal**  
**2981002**

**Allyson MacKay-**  
**Vice Principal-Surnames**  
**A-K**  
**2981009**

**Alison Walker-**  
**Vice Principal-Surnames**  
**L-Z**  
**2981003**

**Administration**

**Jennifer Oldford-Surnames**  
**A-Go**  
**2981004**

**Lisa Banks-Surnames**  
**Gr-N**  
**2981005**

**Jennifer Williams-**  
**Surnames-O-Z**  
**2981403**

**Student Services**

**Peggy MacLean-2981001**

**Donna Rogers -2981000**

**Administrative Assistants**

**WBH-902-405-0442**

**Attendance line: press 1**  
**Main office: press 0**

*Visitors to WBH must check in  
at the main office upon  
entering the building. You must  
have a visitors pass to be  
within the school.*

**Main Office**

# Contact Info for WBH

## **TO EXCUSE AN ABSENCE-(902) 405-0442 Ext. 1**

Please indicate child's name, grade,date and homeroom.

If your student will be leaving school early, or arriving late,  
please indicate departure or arrival time in your message.

You can also email your student's absence information to:

**[wbhsa@hrce.ca](mailto:wbhsa@hrce.ca)**

### Morning Routine

- As students arrive, they are asked to enter the doors on the green side of the building. At that point, grade 7 and 8's will be directed to the gymnasium, grade 9's to the cafeteria and grade's 10-12 students will go to their TA classroom.
- Grade 7-9 will be greeted by their teacher and taken to their homeroom. 7-9 class lists will be posted on the walls in the gym and cafeteria.
- This information can also be found on powerschool 1-2 days prior to school starting.

Supplies-please check this link for the WBH supply list: [Supplies](#)

### Fees for the 2025/2026 School Year

This year, student fees are \$10.00. These fees are used to support a range of student events over the course of the year. Fees are to be paid during the first week of school. Please pay through School Cash Online. Please reach out to your child's VP if you have concerns.

**School Cash Online:** [link](#)

**First Day of School  
Information-Sept. 4/25**

Any student that wishes to have a locker will need to pay a school lock fee. The cost of the lock is \$5.00 (cash only). Please send a private email to your child's VP if you are unable to pay a fee at this time or at all. Students are permitted to share a locker with a friend, in this case, the fee remains at \$5 divided by 2.

Non-school locks are not permitted and will be removed if put on a locker.

Lockers will be available for sign up during lunch times the first week of school. Make sure you listen to announcements!

West Bedford High Schools hours of operation are from 8:55 am-3:45 pm. Students are not permitted in the building outside of these hours unless under the direct supervision of a teacher for extra help or an extracurricular activity.

### Bus Information

Please check your students transportation eligibility for the 2025/2026 school year by visiting: <https://hrcetransportation.mybusplanner.ca/>

If you have any concerns regarding busing, please contact the HRCE transportation Team at 902-431-4723 or [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca)

Please ensure your address is correct on PowerSchool

# School Hours and Bell Schedule

## Bell Schedule

Warning Bell	9:10am
Homeroom/TA	9:15am-9:30am
Period 1	9:30am-10:30am
Period 2	10:30am-11:30am
Period 3	11:30am-12:30pm
Lunch	12:30pm-1:15pm
Period 4	1:20pm-2:20pm
Period 5	2:20 pm-3:20 pm

**\*\* Students go to ILT ( grades 7-9) or PBL ( grades 10-12) first period on Tuesdays.**

- Grade 7 and 8 students are not permitted to leave the school property during their lunch. This is reserved for Grades 9-12.
- Students must remain in the cafeteria from 12:30-12:45. They can then choose to stay inside or head outside onto the designated spaces ( more information to come).
- There are sport teams, intramurals, student council, clubs and other activities for the grade 7 and 8's. ( More information to come)
- In the mornings, Grade 7 and 8's can go up to their homerooms at 8:55 when the doors open.
- If a student is leaving early, a parent/guardian must call/email the school to excuse the student. Students cannot excuse themselves.
- Grade 7 and 8 are released from class at 3:18 pm to allow time to get to their lockers and out to their buses. Bus students can wait inside or in the bus loop.
- Bus Numbers are written on a whiteboard in the main entrance as they come in. They are also posted on X @WBHBusDeparture.
- Walkers can leave the building on their own.

## Grade 7/8 Info

- Grade 7 and 8's stay with their homeroom classes but move from room to room, teacher to teacher. They do not remain in the same classroom all day.
- Weekly updates are sent out Sunday evenings by our Principal. Please ensure you review.
- If you are experiencing concerns, please reach out to your child's teachers first. They know your child best and can normally assist with questions or concerns.



## Grade 7/8 Info

Grade 7-8 students have to remain inside from 12:30-12:45. The cafeteria is available for them to eat lunch in.

At 12:45 they have a few options:

Remain in the cafeteria, head to the field to play in the designated zone, play on the basketball courts in front of the school, utilize the playground/court in front of the school. The lower basketball courts are **off limits** to the grade 7-8s.

Grade 7 and 8 students **cannot leave** property at lunch.



## Grade 7/8 Lunch

Grade 9-12 students can remain in the school for lunch or leave property.

If they choose to stay at school, they can be in the cafeteria, the library or in a space supervised by a teacher. **Ground zero is off limits for lunch times.** The field can be utilized in their designated area and the lower basketball court is for 9-12 only.



## Grade 9-12 Lunch

PowerSchool is the student information system used by Nova Scotia public schools. The parent/guardian portal allows you to see your child's grades, assignments, schedule and attendance.

You will receive a phone call nightly if your child misses a class and is not excused.

Our School District Code is: WRPB

Please click on the [link](#) for more important information about PowerSchool.

Please sign up for notification regarding weather updates from the HRCE here: [link](#)



**PowerSchool and Weather**



# Cell Phone Policy at WBH

WBH aligned with other local high schools to come up with our response when cell phones are used:

## Response to Student Cell Phone/Airpod Use

- Cell phone use addressed by the teacher and the student is immediately referred to the office.
- Teacher contacts the office and completes an incident tracking form (PowerSchool). The teacher will not ask or take the phone. Students are expected to go directly to the office and wait to see an administrator.
- Discipline will be addressed in a progressive manner with consequences that align with the Provincial Code of Conduct.

**First Offense: Meet with the student, review expectations and home will be contacted-letter sent via email.**

**Second Offense: Suspend from school for one day.**

**Repeated Offenses: Suspension, parent meeting and individual cell phone plan.**



If students want to listen to music in class or hallways, they **MUST** use wired headphones. Wireless airpods or headphones are not permitted in class. Airpods are **NOT** permitted in any area other than the cafeteria, mezzanine and library. This aligns with the cell phone policy and the same rules apply-one warning given, then suspension.

## 2025-26 CALENDAR NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL CENTRES FOR EDUCATION

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### LEGEND

#### ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/JUNIOR

- Term 1: Sept 4 to Nov 21, 2025
- Term 2: Nov 24 to Mar 13, 2026
- Term 3: Mar 23 to Jun 30, 2026

#### HIGH SCHOOL

- Semester 1: Sept 1, 2025 to Jan 30, 2026
- Semester 2: Feb 2 to Jun 30, 2026

Progress Conference meetings formerly known as Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held on the dates marked on the calendar.

- No School ALL STUDENTS
- First Day of School/Last Day of School
- No School High School Only
- No School Elem/Middle/Jr Only
- Culturally Significant Day (Schools Open)

WBH will send out school related dates in our weekly updates. Please ensure you read the emails to receive timely information.

As a High School, we follow the High School HRCE calendar



## HRCE 2025-2026 Calendar of Dates

Sept. 4	First day of classes
Sept. 11	Anti-Bullying Day-Wear Pink!
Sept. 25	Curriculum Night-6:30pm-7:30pm
Sept.29	PD day ( no classes)
Sept. 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day ( no classes)
Oct.9	SAC Meeting ( time TBD)
Oct. 9	Junior High Dance ( Grade 7 and 8) Time TBD
Oct. 10	Picture Day ( retakes are Nov. 7) * Grad photos are another day
Oct. 13	Thanksgiving Holiday ( no classes)

## WBH Specific Dates-Semester 1

Oct. 24	Provincial Conference Day ( no classes)
Oct.30	Student Council Event ( more info to come)
Nov. 6	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day ( no classes)
Nov. 17-20	Mid term reports go home
Nov. 20	High School Dance ( 9-12) time TBD
Dec. 4	School based PD ( no classes) Parent Teacher 1:00pm-3:00pm and 5:30pm-7:30pm
Dec. 10	Band Concert Time TBD ( Storm Date Dec. 11)
Dec 12	Grade 7 Immunization Clinic ( more info to follow)

## WBH Specific Dates-Semester 1

Dec.17	Student Council Event-Time TBD
Dec. 19	Last day of school before the break
Dec. 22	Teacher professional practice day ( no classes)
Jan. 5	First day back for students
Jan. 19	Exam Study Night Time TBD
Jan. 22	Grade 10 Parent session ( for current grade 9's) 6:30-7:30
Jan.28-29	Mid year assessments ( Grade 9-12) Storm date for grade 9 parent session January 29
Jan. 30	Assessment and Evaluation Day ( no classes)
Feb. 2	Semester 2 begins

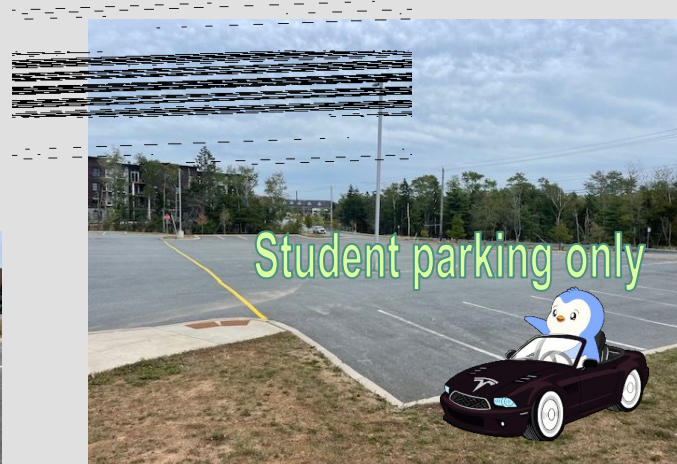
## WBH Specific Dates-Semester 1



**Drop Off/Pick Up**  
Students can be dropped off/picked up in the loop of the lower parking lot. If parents need to park, it must be in a visitor spot.



**Visitor Parking**  
There is visitor parking at the back of the lower parking lot. Visitors are asked to park here and not in staff parking.



Our NEW Student parking is on a first come, first served basis. Students are only to park in allocated students spaces. Tickets will be handed out if students park elsewhere. Tags must be displayed. Student parking is designated by a yellow line. More info to come.

## Drop off, pick up and Parking at WBH



Our bus loops are clearly marked and are reserved exclusively for school buses throughout the day. They are used by both elementary and high school students and are **not to be used for pick-up, quick stops or drop-off at any time before 4:00 PM.**

If you are visiting the school, please use the designated visitor parking area and check in at the main office upon arrival. For safety reasons, the bus loop is off-limits to all non-bus traffic during school hours.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!



WBH is proud to have our first graduating class in 2026.  
Grade 12 students/families are invited to join the google  
classroom.

There will be valuable information about post secondary,  
employment and everything related to graduation!



**WBH CLASS OF  
2026**

JOIN THE  
GOOGLE  
CLASSROOM:  
GTYYLP6E

Important Information for 2026 Graduates



# Student Expectations at WBH-Grades 7-12

- Come to school prepared to learn EVERYDAY!
- Be on time for your classes.
- There is no wandering of the halls during class time. Excessive wandering will result in an office referral.
- Vaping or smoking is against the law and not permitted at WBH. We enforce fines and follow the HRCE policy on vaping.
- Respect yourself and others-WBH is an inclusive environment and any language/actions that is demeaning in nature will not be tolerated. We follow the provincial Code of Conduct at WBH. [Link](#)
- We have gender neutral, single stall washrooms throughout the school. There should never be more than one person in a bathroom stall. More than one person will result in an office referral.
- We are members of a larger community. As such, you are expected to treat all members of the community and all property with respect.



# Student Expectations at WBH-Grades 7-12

- Attendance is mandatory under the Education Act. Attendance is monitored daily. If excessive classes are missed, administration will address this issue under the Student Attendance and Engagement Policy. TA's also support this for grade 10-12. [Link](#)
- Stay on top of your school work. Grade 10-12 must use their agendas to help support organization and learning.
- As outlined in the provincial cell phone directive, there are no cell phones permitted in the academic wings and classrooms of the school. All guidelines will be reviewed in the first days of school. For high school students, there are only 3 areas at WBH where phones are allowed: Cafeteria, Library and Mezzanine. No other areas permit cell phones. [Link](#)
- Social media is to be used responsibly. Violations will be supported through the Code of Conduct. No video or pictures of others may be taken within the school.
- Grade 10-12 students are expected to be at school during their scheduled FIT (flexible time) time to ensure work is completed. Students leaving the school for any longer than one period, must sign out and parents must call and excuse their child if they are leaving, as you would for any other absence. This will be monitored.

We're excited to offer businesses the opportunity to advertise by displaying their banners in our gymnasium — a high-visibility space used for school events, athletics, and community gatherings. Only 2 spots are left. These banners are for a lifetime of the school for a cost of \$7500 + cost of banner. These funds will support our growing arts and athletics programs.

Big thanks to our current 3 community sponsors BebeKennedy Real Estate Group, The Brace Space, and Chapman Certified Collision Centre who helped launch many of our athletic teams especially Football in our second year of opening. We could not have done this without you.

If interested please contact Principal Sean MacDonald at: [macdonalds@hrce.ca](mailto:macdonalds@hrce.ca)



## Business Banner Sponsorship Opportunity

# Success at WBH Occurs When We Work as a Team

## Students

- **Plan to Succeed**-set realistic and challenging goals
- **Work the Plan**-commit to complete your daily goals
- **Make Teacher contact**-regular contact that is meaningful
- **Do the work ( school and home)**-take responsibility to complete work

## Parents

- **Communicate**-maintain contact with the school when needed
- **Check**-monitor your child's progress, check agendas and sign at the end of each month (Grade 10-12)
- **Expect**-communicate high expectations with your child
- **Connect**-Be involved in your child's education
- **Encourage**-Create a home environment that encourages learning

## Teachers/Staff

- Communicate
- Plan and help students set goals
- Advocate
- Monitor progress and attendance
- Be a team member with students, parents, and staff

