Hello West Bedford High Families,

Great first week with our students. Lots happening right away with student life with many sports up and going already. Great to see so many of our students at the football game supporting our team.

Please see the information below for the upcoming week.

1. **Student Fees (overdue).** We have about 60% of our student body paid at this time. Important to note we have the lowest student fees for all high schools. These fees are used to support events happening in the school put on by student council, presenters, etc.

If you cannot pay through school cash online, you can pay in cash at the office.

Locks - \$5.00 (cash only) - can still be paid at the office.

SchoolCash Setup. SchoolCash Online is an easy-to-use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. You can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more, quickly and conveniently. Simply register an account to be able to pay in several different payment forms. <u>Click here</u> for more information.

2. **New provincial student code of conduct.** Please take a moment to watch our first video that was viewed by all students. <u>Meeting</u>

This is the first of a few videos that cover all the categories in the code of conduct. It is important for you to know how these unacceptable behaviors are defined.

- 3. **Families of African descent.** Please see the attached letter from our African Nova Scotia Student Support worker, Felicia Davidson. <u>ANSSSW</u> letter to families Sept. 2025.docx
- 4. Flexible Instructional time (FIT) model information and guidelines (grades 10 12). This is our third year with this new model, we have learned lots over these years and we want to ensure student success by ensuring students are adhering to the model's foundational practices. Please take time to review with your child. Thanks. Grade 10 -12 FIT expectations (1).docx

5. WBH ATHLETICS

> JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS SOCCER

We are so excited that we have a coach for our girls junior high team! Tryouts will be running from 3:30-4:30 on Tuesday and Thursday this week. Meet on the WBH field!

> HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

The final tryout for high school boys soccer will be this Monday, the 15th from 4:00-5:30pm on the Ecole Secondaire du Sommet field (500 Larry Uteck Blvd)

High school Hockey (grades 9-12)

We are excited to get our 2025/2026 hockey season underway with our first tryouts on Monday September 15 and Tuesday September 16 at the Greenfoot Energy Centre. There will be 2 additional tryout dates the following week on Monday September 22 and Tuesday September 23.

All tryouts will take place at the Greenfoot Energy Centre at the times listed below. Coaches Brandon Rose, Devon Decoste, Brendan Fougere and Felix Barakett are looking forward to the upcoming season and invite all interested players to attend the tryouts.

Monday, September 15: 7:45pm-9:45pm (rink D)

Tuesday, September 16: 7:30pm-9:00pm (rink A)

Tryout Fee is \$60 and can be paid online using school cash.

> CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country practices will be starting up this week for students in grades 7-12. Please listen to announcements and check the athletic calendar on our website for dates and times!

- 6. **2025-26 Demographics form (please complete).** Please take a moment to complete the 2025-26 Demographics Update Form, accessible in PowerSchool's Parent Portal. Updated forms must be submitted by October 6, 2025.
- 7. **Lockdown drill.** We will be conducting our first lockdown drill this week. Teachers have covered this in the first week of school but will review this again multiple times this week prior to the drill.
- 8. **Cell Phone and social media guidelines.** See information package attached to review guidelines.
- 9. **Safe Arrival -Leaving messages.** When leaving a phone message on safe arrival line, please spell out name of student, especially last name. Or use email **wbhsa@hrce.ca**.
- 10.**West Bedford High Main office number.** There are some families when calling the school calling the Elementary side. Please make sure you are calling the correct school Main office number for West Bedford High School **902-405-0442** for grade *7-12* inquiries. Please do not call elementary side for questions regarding grade 7-12 students.

11. Cafeteria/school lunch program. See info sent home on Friday.

Important Dates:

- Fourth week of September: Gender Equality Week
- Thursday, Sept 25: Curriculum Night 6:30 to 7:30
- Friday, Sept. 26: Observe orange shirt day
- Monday, Sept. 29: Professional Development Day No classes PP-12
- **Tuesday., Sept. 30:** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation No classes PP-12

Sincerely,

WBH Admin team