

November 9, 2025

Hello West Bedford High Families,

Big shout out to our **high school girl's soccer team** for winning division 2 girls soccer provincials on the weekend (in the rain) beating Breton Education Centre in the finals 4-0!! We are very proud of you all and your coaches Stephen Hare and Rebecca Engram.

Please review the info for the upcoming weeks:

1. **Planning for Inclement Weather**

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

Bussed students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and

Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

How will I find out?

By email to the addresses in PowerSchool

By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**

[On the HRCE website](#) [On Instagram](#)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. Please remember: As a parent or guardian you always have the choice of whether or not to send your child to school.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/families/cancellations.

Inclement and parking at WBH. Please remember when picking up, dropping off or waiting for your child in the parking area it should all be in the lower parking lot. Visitor parking is all along the outer edge of the parking area with clear signage on the spots. Please do not drive up the loops past the pylons to drop off your children, this area is for our special needs busing and parking for those with accessibility needs.

With high school staff coming to work after the elementary has already begun, parking for us is already limited, please do not park in our spaces. Violators could be ticketed.

2. **Student Council events.** Our Student Council will be hosting a 3v3 King of the Court Spikeville "volleyball" tournament for grades 7–12 during lunch on November 13th and 14th.

Grades 7-9 will play the 13th at lunch and 9-12 the 14th. Grade 9 students have the choice.

Sign-ups will be open **Wednesday at lunch only**, so don't miss out!

3. **Using the proper doors at WBH.** To ensure the safety and smooth flow of our school day, we kindly ask that all WBH students use only the WBH doors for entry and exit. The elementary doors are reserved for their students. We've posted signs, provided reminders, and reinforce this message with students regularly. Your support in helping remind your child of this policy is greatly appreciated. Thank you!"

4. **AI and your child's learning.** HRCE teachers and staff are introducing students to artificial intelligence (AI) in safe and meaningful ways that build awareness, creativity, and critical thinking. Together, we can help our learners understand how to use AI responsibly and confidently in their education and everyday lives. This informational sheet provides you with starting points for conversations about AI and learning. [HRCE- AI and Your Child's Learning.pdf](#)

5. **Learning more about the Student Attendance and Engagement Policy.** Did you know? [The Student Attendance and Engagement Policy](#) guides our approach to attendance and is in place to support all students.

The policy states that regular, punctual attendance supports academic success, responsibility, and preparation for the future.

Ensuring regular attendance is a joint effort between students, families and schools. As a parent/guardian, you play an important role by monitoring attendance, communicating with the school when your child is absent, and supporting your child's regular attendance.

What Should You Know?

Communication about absences

Schools will monitor attendance and lateness.

All absences must be communicated to the school, following the school's procedure.

If absenteeism or lateness reaches 10% of class time, the school will begin to engage more actively with the student and family.

If it goes beyond 15%, more targeted supports may be used (counselling, referrals, community supports).

High school credit requirement

For Grades 10–12, students must attend at least 80% of class time to earn the credit.

If more than 20% of class time is missed, and efforts to improve attendance haven't succeeded, the teacher may recommend "loss of credit." The principal makes the final decision.

What Can You Do?

Monitor and encourage punctual, consistent attendance

Maintain open communication with the school when absences or challenges arise

Work with school staff to understand supports or accommodations for your child

Be aware of the thresholds (10%, 15%) and possible consequences (intervention, loss of credit in high school)

Remember: the policy allows flexibility. If your child has a legitimate reason for missing school (health, family issue, etc.), schools are encouraged to take a supportive approach.

6. Get your wolves Gear !! Wolves online swag store now open!

Welcome to <https://wbhwolves.entripyshops.com/> - the official online store of the West Bedford High Wolves. Working in conjunction with Entripy Shops, we are the official WBHS swag shop! It's the spirit shop where our students, families, and staff can buy custom gear to show their pride in the Wolfpack. As a bonus, 10% of each sale supports our school's fundraising goals. Pick your favourite gear from top-name suppliers such as Oakley, Champion, Under Armour, Gildan, and Puma. Customize it with our logo, your style and rep the Wolves.

7. Remembrance Day (Nov.11) holds an important place in our schools as it provides a meaningful opportunity for our students to learn about the sacrifices made by veterans and all those who have served in times of conflict. Through ceremonies, discussions and creative projects, we demonstrate respect and gratitude for the freedoms Canadians enjoy. Observing Remembrance Day also helps students connect with Canada's history and reinforces the values of peace, tolerance and community responsibility.

8) November 13-19 is Transgender Awareness Week

Transgender Awareness Week provides an important opportunity to strengthen understanding and respect for the transgender community, to encourage inclusivity in our schools and to promote safe environments where all students feel valued and supported. Learn more [here](#).

9. **Student Transit Pass Program - Fall Survey.** Survey link: [Talk Transit | EngageHalifax](#). Open from Monday, October 20th until November 27th

Important Dates:

- **Tuesday Nov. 11: Remembrance Day (no classes)**
- **Nov. 13-19: Transgender Awareness Week**
- **Nov. 17-20: Report Cards (High School)**

Sincerely,

WBH Admin team