

January 25, 2026

Hello West Bedford High Families,

Please see information below about the upcoming week:

- 1. Assessment & evaluation day** (no classes for Grades 7 to 12 students) is scheduled to take place on Friday January 30th. In the event of school closure the week of January 26th, the Assessment & Evaluation Day will be held on Monday, February 2nd.
- 2. Student Safety:** District 16 Councillor, Jean St- Amand, has asked us to share an improvement that will positively impact student safety. A new button-activated flashing pedestrian beacon has been installed at the Brookline roundabout, fully connecting the multi-use path from Broad Street to Brookline. This improvement enhances safety, particularly during the lunch period when many walk to the nearby plaza. Previously, only one flashing crossing was available for traffic approaching from Hammonds Plains Road. A second beacon has now been added on the Larry Uteck Boulevard exit, improving visibility and safety from both directions. Students are reminded to use the push buttons to activate the flashing beacons on both segments of the crossing every time they cross.
- 3. Morning Drop-Offs:** As a reminder, drivers are asked to enter the driveway and make a left hand turn into the parking lot area before students exit the vehicle. Continue to drive around parked vehicles and then access the exit on Broad Street. Stopping immediately after entering the driveway creates congestion and traffic back-up on Broad Street. **Please do not drive beyond the orange traffic cone.** The driveway beyond the cone is reserved for busses for students with special needs, and for those who use accessible parking. Please do not attempt U-turns in the driveway
- 4. Thank you!** The senior boys' basketball team recognized its seven graduating seniors last week on Senior Night. The team would like to send a huge thank you to Alex MacAulay Photography (www.amphoto.com) for providing each player with a personal 8x10 framed action photo of their season. The team and their families truly appreciated your efforts.
- We had a successful **grade 9 parent/guardian information** evening last Thursday. Families had a chance to learn more about our Flexible Instructional model for grades 10-12. Our school counselling page has been updated with grade 10 course selection material, the slide deck used to guide our presentation, important dates and a video made by grade 11 students to share their experience with FLEX.
- 6. WBH Community Prom 2026** planning is well underway! The success of our prom will depend on the participation and contribution of our parents and our community. Feel free to email us and be sure to check us out on social media for updates and fundraising events. We look forward to hearing from you and/or your graduate and welcome any fundraising ideas or suggestions to make this event enjoyable for everyone! Go Wolves!!

Facebook: WBH Community Prom and West Bedford High School (grades 7-12)

Parents Group Instagram: *wbhcommunityprom* Email: wbpromcommittee@gmail.com
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"This prom has been organized by community volunteers and students. This is not a WBH School event". All questions about prom must be sent to the committee above.

7. One of our students, **Isabelle Foster**, has been selected as a finalist for Canada's Teen Jam and will be performing on Thursday, February 5th, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Bella Rose Art Centre in Halifax (located inside Halifax West High School in Clayton Park). Tickets can be purchased [here](#) through Eventbrite. You can find her music through Spotify.

The information below is specific to the High School (10-12) Assessment Period.

8. It is very important that parents/guardians excuse all absences during high school assessment period once it is determined a student will not be attending school that day.

Excusing an Absence

If your student is going to be late or is going to be absent because of an extenuating circumstance during the assessment period, the attendance line must also be contacted so the absence is recorded appropriately in PowerSchool by our administrative support staff. **(902) 405-0442 Ext. 1 or email: wbhsa@hrce.ca**

As well, a valid reason must be provided to excuse a student from writing the assessment. The student's Vice Principal (VP) should be notified as soon as the decision to stay home is made. They will call you to discuss next steps.

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Exams, Assessments, and Potential Impacts if School Closures

The **NS English 10 Examination** is scheduled for Monday, January 26 and Tuesday, January 27 during regularly scheduled class time. The High School Exam period is scheduled for January 28th – 29th. Classes continue as usual for grades 7-9 while exams are being written.

How would school closure impact this week? Any school closures occurring between Monday, January 26 and Thursday, January 29 will result in the scheduled assessment being moved ahead a day. For example, if a school closure is announced for Monday, the **NS English 10 Examination Part 1** would be written during classes on Tuesday. **Part 2 would be written during class time on Wednesday.** Exams originally scheduled for Wednesday would move to Thursday and Thursday's originally scheduled exams would move to Friday.

Examination Writing Procedures.

- When entering examination rooms, students must leave all personal belongings- backpacks, extra clothing, books, and electronics- at the front of the room. No Bluetooth earbuds permitted. Wired headphones are only permitted for students with documented adaptations.
- Students who arrive late will not be permitted to enter the exam room after the first hour is complete. Students who arrive late prior to the first hour will not be given extra time in lieu.
- Students will not be permitted to hand in an exam and leave the room before 1 hour of the session is complete.
- Students are only permitted to leave the examination room to go to the washroom area when accompanied by a staff member. There is a staff member positioned in each hallway while exams are being written.
- Grades 7-9 Students will remain in a classroom for the day and teachers will go to them. Homeroom teachers will communicate all information important for their group. The gym/art room and tech ed labs will still be available. This is to ensure assessment areas are quiet and orderly.

Important dates to remember:

-January 28-29: High School Exam Schedule

-January 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day

-January 27: Family Literacy Day: The link [here](#) from ABC Life Literacy Canada provides free Family Literacy Day resources for families.

-January 30: Assessment and Evaluation Day (NO CLASSES for 7-12 at WBH)

Sincerely,

WBH Admin team