

January 4, 2026

Hello West Bedford High Families,

Hope everyone had a great holiday! We are looking forward to welcoming our students back tomorrow. I want to let you know in advance that I (Sean MacDonald, Principal) will be getting knee surgery in mid-January and thus will be out from January 19 till after March break as long as all goes well. I will have more information on who is replacing me for that time in the next week or so.

Please see info below for the upcoming weeks:

1. **High school summative assessments/exam Schedule (Grades 10-12).** Exam schedule and procedures will be sent out later this week to families in grades 10-12. Grades 7-9 do not have exams. Exam dates are January 28-29.
2. **Power Outage Information for Families.** As we move into the winter months, we want to share how decisions are made when a school experiences a power outage.

Our priority is always to keep schools open safely when possible. A power outage does not automatically mean classes are cancelled – even if it happens during the school day. The decision depends on when power is expected to be restored.

Here's what happens:

When a school loses power, HRCE's Operations Team contacts Nova Scotia Power to gather available details on the cause and an estimated restoration time.

Once we have this information, we consider:

Before school starts: Have buses begun their routes? If so, we wait until students arrive before making a decision. If classes are cancelled, elementary families will be contacted before dismissal.

During the school day: How close is dismissal? What is the temperature in the building? Does the school rely on power for water or septic systems? These factors, among others, help us decide whether to stay open or close. Often, power returns faster than we could safely send students home.

If classes are cancelled:

HRCE will notify families by email and text.

Deciding to close schools during a power outage is never simple, but safety is always our top priority. We understand that cancellations can be inconvenient, and our goal is to keep students learning in class whenever possible.

More information about school cancellations for any reason can be found [here](#).

3. **Graduation 2026 Information.** A reminder to our graduating class of 2026 to check the Graduation classroom regularly. There are scholarship, bursary and university information pages that are updated regularly.

Scholarships/Bursaries/awards. We are looking for any local businesses or individuals who would like to set up a scholarship/bursary/award for our current graduating class and future graduating classes. Please reach out to Principal, Sean MacDonald, at macdonalds@hrce.ca if you are interested. Let's create some exciting local awards for our students to strive for and help support them on the journey after high school.

Grad photos will be done January 19-23, 2026

We will have 2 photographers doing pictures, so there are 2 time slots per 20 minute session

There is a \$25 sitting fee-cash only

Please sign up for one spot only

These sessions are for one grad per session

Sign up link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdB2XlzAweda4uEnvu5mabk5XDYhhz3MYdRh6ObzRi_bZMZA/viewform?usp=header

4. **2005-26 Yearbook.** Early bird pricing alert! Get your 2025/26 Yearbook now for the lowest price of \$50.00! The link to purchase your copy is: <https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A02188783> Sale Yearbook price after December 19 will be \$60.00. Don't miss out, order yours now!

5. **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

Important Dates:

January 5: First day of school for 2026

January 19-23: Grad photos

January 19: Exam study night

January 22: Grade 10 parent information session (current grade 9 students)
6:30-7:30

January 28-29: High School Summative Assessments

January 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day

January 27: Family Literacy Day

January 30: High School Assessment

Sincerely,

WBH Admin team