

April 12, 2026

Hello West Bedford High Families,

Please see info below for upcoming week.

### **1. New Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) Code**

As of April 1, 2026, grade 11 and 12 students' FIT blocks are being coded **APP** (School Approved Absence) in Power School. Although it is called an absence, it does not count as an absence in the same way an A or AWN impacts attendance records. This APP code indicates the student can choose to work independently on any course work and the teacher for the course that is coded APP is available to students. Students are expected to be actively working on course work during FIT.

### **2. West Bedford High School Community Prom Tickets now available for purchase!**

Committee volunteers will be in the school Tuesday April 14th from 9:30am to 10:30am/during project-based learning/extended TA to distribute contracts and share prom details. The volunteers will be in the school again April 28th and May 12 just prior to and during lunch (12:00 to 1:15pm) If your senior is interested in attending prom please encourage them to collect a contract this Tuesday. The Community Prom Committee can also be reached at [wbpromcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:wbpromcommittee@gmail.com)

Early Bird Pricing until May 8th- \$110

### **3.School Leavers Program**

The School Leavers Program is being developed in partnership between the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) and the Disability Support Program (DSP), Department of Opportunities and Social Development (OSD; formerly Department of Community Services). This program is one of many initiatives in response to the findings of the [Human Rights Review and Remedy for the Findings of Systemic Discrimination Against Nova Scotians with Disabilities](#), also known as the Remedy which states, "intentional efforts targeting school leavers can prevent crisis and out of community placement while creating local community pathways".

The School Leavers Program aims to complement transition planning already underway at the school level as part of Individual Program Plans (IPPs). Through the School Leavers Program, students are paired with a community-based planner called a Local Area Coordinator (LAC) who will work with them, their family, and their Student Planning Team, to develop their Transition Plan. LACs work in communities throughout the province, and for School Leavers, will help connect them with community programs, opportunities, and resources that align with their interests and transition plan.

The School Leavers Program will focus this year on Grade 12 students who have

- an intellectual developmental disability and/or one or more significant disabilities

- support from a multi-disciplinary team (including Learning Support Teachers and other supports)
- an Individual Program Plan (in the areas of functional academics, social development, and life skills) with a focus on transition planning from school-to-community

#### **4. META Glasses in the classroom**

META glasses fall under the same guidelines as cell phones in the school and **cannot** be worn at any time in the classroom and other restricted areas because they raise significant concerns around privacy, distraction, and academic integrity. These devices, like cell phones, often include built-in cameras and audio recording features, which can capture teachers and students without consent, creating a risk of misuse and discomfort in a learning environment. Additionally, their connectivity to social media and messaging platforms can distract students from instruction and reduce engagement. Finally, the potential to record people, take unauthorized photos, or access information during assessments undermines fairness and trust in the classroom. Students who disregard this will be subject to the Provincial Code of Conduct. Please review this with your child/student and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

#### **5. Graduation 2026 Update**

The date of our first graduation will be June 29, 2026 at 11:00 at WBH. Grad Fees have all been collected and grad gown orders sent in. **Important:** Keep checking the grad google classroom for weekly updates.

#### **6. Mascot Showdown- April 16 at Bayview High**

Grades 9-12: Tickets are on sale this week at lunch for Mascot Showdown Tickets are \$10 each. Come show your school spirit and support for Westy!

#### **Important Dates**

April 14	Half-day (morning) Non-instructional day (grades 10-12)
April 16	SAC meeting 6:00pm
April 16	GSA Talent Show 7-9pm at WB
April 22	Earth Day
April 21-28	Mid-Year Report Cards go home
April 29	High School Progress Conferences/Teacher Professional Practice Day (No classes)

Sincerely,

WBH Admin team