

May 10, 2026

Hello West Bedford High Families,

Happy Mother's Day!! Please see info below for the upcoming weeks.

**Fire drill this week!!**

### **WBH Athletics**

**Track and Field.** Track and Field practices have started and are up and running. All athletes that signed up to take part in this year's track meet should be listening to announcements or checking with Ms. Bell for weekly practice times.

#### **Important Track Dates:**

**Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>** - County Track Meet. This is an all-day event at Beazley Field in Dartmouth. Students are responsible for their transportation to and from the event on both days.

**Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup>**- Regional Track Meet, also at Beazley Field.

### **May 15 is Black Excellence Day**

Black Excellence Day 2026 in Nova Scotia is an opportunity for schools to reflect on the learning and exploration of Black people and culture over the past year. It recognizes, celebrates, and supports learning from the achievements, contributions, and leadership of Black individuals and communities. More than a single-day celebration, Black Excellence is the recognition of meaningful steps toward strengthening inclusive learning environments where all students see themselves reflected in curriculum materials, through the stories we tell and the histories we honour.

The purpose of celebrating Black Excellence in our schools and classrooms is to affirm student's identities, build confidence, and inspire futures by highlighting role Black people have made in education, science, arts, leadership, and community advocacy. It reflects and celebrates thoughtful conversations in schools about equity, representation, and the ongoing work to remove systemic barriers.

This moment of reflection also invites educators and school communities to consider how Black Excellence is represented within their own classrooms and learning spaces. For some, this may affirm intentional work already underway; for others, it may serve as an opportunity to begin or deepen this practice. Black Excellence Day reminds us that

this work is ongoing, and that there is always time to plan, reflect, and be deliberate in ensuring all students see themselves meaningfully reflected in our schools.

We welcome everyone to wear a black shirt, if you're able, on May 15 to show your support for Black Excellence Day!

### **Scholarships/Bursaries/awards for WBH graduating students**

We are still 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. These can range anywhere from \$100 dollars and up to be given out annually. We can help set up the criteria for the award. We have only received a couple so far, largest was \$500.

Please reach out to Principal, Sean MacDonald, at macdonalds@hrce.ca if you are interested or know a business that would like to set one up. Let's create some exciting local awards for our students to strive for and help support them on the journey after high school.

### **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.

Update: Each student will receive 5 tickets for guests.

### **CPA grade 10 orientation**

Grade 9 students who intend to attend CPA next year are invited to attend our Grade 10 Orientation on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-4:45. Students will be welcomed into the building by our mascot starting at 4 PM. As groups of students arrive, they will be taken on guided tours of our building by students' council members. Students will have the opportunity to ask as many questions as they would like to our knowledgeable guides. Parent/guardians may remain on site to collect their children as they exit, but tours are limited to students.

### **Important Dates**

- **May is Asian Heritage Month**
- **May is Canadian Jewish Heritage Month**
- **May is Polish Heritage Month**
- **May is Speech and Hearing Month**

May 10-16      Education Week

May 13            Grade 6 Parent information session (students entering grade 7  
Sept. 2026)

May 15            Black Excellence Day

May 17            International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

May 18            Victoria Day (No classes - all schools)

May 31-Jun 6    Access Awareness Week

Sincerely,

WBH Admin team