

Update message – June 2, 2024

Dear WBH Wolves and families,

Please review the information below to help plan for the coming week and learn what is happening at West Bedford High.

1. Final Exams.

Students in both grade 9 and 10 will be writing final exam from June 19-15. Please see schedule below. Other courses prior to assessment week will be conducting process exams in their courses. This is common in all high schools depending on the nature of the course.

Important: Students are only required to be at school during their scheduled assessment times. Teachers will be prepping students for these summative assessments throughout January, prior to assessment week. Students will not be permitted to study in the wings during exam time to ensure a quiet environment for all when writing. If a student needs to study, the library, mezzanine and other designated areas will be available.

Students are not required to be in school on June 25th unless they had a conflict during one of their exams.

- If a student cannot make an exam time for a major reason (medical, etc.) arrangement and approval must go through West Bedford admin team. Please contact Sean MacDonald (macdonalds@hrce.ca) or Alison Walker (Alison.Walker@hrce.ca) by Friday, June 7th. No exceptions will be made after this date (unless serious medical reason). Thanks.

•	Weds. June 19th	Thurs. June 20th	Fri. June 21st	Mon. June 24th	Tues. June 25th
9:30 – 11:30	English 10 Provincial (9:30 – 12:00)	Math 10 Provincial (9:30-12:00)	Science 10 Science 10 IMM FLA 9	Canadian History 11 Mi'kmaq Studies 11 Citizenship 9 Education Civique 9	Conflicts

12:50 – 2:50	Science 9 Sciences 9 Imm	ELA 9	Phys. Ed. 10 Math 9 Math 9 IMM	FLA 10	

2. Examination Writing Procedures.

- When entering examination rooms, students must leave all personal belongings including backpacks, extra clothing, books, and electronics at the front of the room. Students cannot wear AirPods, headphones, etc. during an assessment.
- 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 also not be permitted time beyond the normal 2½-hour termination of the exam.
- Students will not be permitted to leave an exam before 1 hour of the session is complete.
- **Students are not permitted to leave the examination room to go to the washroom area unless accompanied by a staff member.** There is a staff member in each hallway while exams are being written.
- While exams are being written there are to be no students in the hallway. Teachers are asked to direct students to the cafeteria, library or out of the building. Administrators will assist with monitoring the halls at peak times.

3. **English 10 and Math 10 Provincial exams.** The provincial exams are created by the EECD and administered by Grade 10 teachers to all English 10 and Math 10 students across the province on the same day. These exams are worth 20% of their final grade. English 10 exam consists of several components that deal with reading comprehension and crafting pieces of writing in essay form. Math 10 covers all the topics covered this year.

Students at WBHS will be working through a mock exams that simulates the types of questions they will see on the actual exam over the next two weeks. In English 10 students will read and respond to short stories, poems and visual images, and they will practice organizing and writing two different types of essays. The most important part of this preparation is making sure your student is in class and asking questions if they don't understand something. In Math 10, students have an extensive review posted in the google classroom and will be working through mock exams/questions in class over the next few weeks. Attendance in all these classes is crucial to success.

If parents or guardians have any questions about the English 10 exam, they are encouraged to email Mr. Boyce at cboyce@hrce.ca and for Math 10 you can contact Mr. Malick (math department head) at PMalick@hrce.ca no later than June 14. You can support your student at home by accessing their Google Classroom and reviewing the practice materials with them.

4. **GSA Talent Show.** The GSA at West Bedford High invites a supportive community to the 1st annual GSA Talent Show on Thursday, June 13, 7-9 pm. Tickets are \$5 per adult and pay-what-you-can for students. They will be sold at the door, which opens at 6:15 pm. Youth performers from across high schools along with the Halifax Gay Men's Chorus will be coming together for a night of music and joyful connection. If you have any questions please email Jodie Charters (Youth Health Center Coordinator) at Jodie.charters@nshealth.ca. [GSA Talent Show Poster 2024.png](#)
5. **Grade 11 Pre-Cal summer bootcamp.** With the new pathways in high school math, students are not required to take Math 11 prior to taking Pre-Cal 11 in high school. We have a significant number of students who have chosen to do this and want to ensure they have the skills necessary to start the year off with confidence. Due to this, we are offering a 2 day summer Math Boot camp lead by Mr. Malick, Pre-Cal 11 math teacher next year, to ensure our students are ready. We are currently waiting on the 2024-25 school year calendar to be released to determine our dates in late August. We will be sending home a letter in the next week or so once we have it. West Bedford Math department is excited to offer this great opportunity for our students.
6. **Parking in the fire loop.** We are continuing to refine our procedures in the fire lane as we have had some incidents of fire alarms after our dismissal time, but the high school is still in session. Families are reminded that there is no parking in the fire loop in front of the main blue doors. We cannot predict when we may need the services of fire or emergency vehicles, so it is very important that this loop remain free of vehicles.

*EXCEL Families: Afternoon pick up-*Access to the fire lane will be open to families for quick pickup from 4 pm onward. This ensures that all students in

both schools have been dismissed for the day and emergency vehicles have clear access to the fire lane. Please know that you may be asked to move your vehicle quickly in the event of an emergency.

Accessible Parking Spots: Accessible parking spots will always be available for those who have an accessible pass and have an appointment or other business in either school.

7. **Planning for Next Year.**

- **School Bell times.** School bell time will remain the same as this year for all grades (7-11).
- **Reporting Periods and school calendar.** All grades (7-11) will follow the high school calendar. Thus, all grades will have 4 report cards/reporting periods. PD days, parent teacher, etc. will be the same for all grades.
- **School Dances and other activities.** School dances and other activities will continue to be a 9-11 or 7, 8 activities for most events. We want to welcome our grade 7 and 8 students, but also recognize the need to keep certain events separate due to the ages of the students.
- **School Sports.** We will be running both Junior High and High school sports. Students in grade 7-9 can try out for both Junior High and High school sports teams. Again, depending on the nature of the sport safety and skill level are looked at first and for most.
- **Clubs.** Clubs will be kept separate for both Junior (7 and 8) and High school (9-11), with some possible connections throughout the year depending on the nature of the clubs.
- **Student Council and other leadership opportunities.** Student council and grade 7 and 8 leadership opportunities will also operate separate with opportunities to come together and plan whole school activities, etc. Again, we want to be bringing in our new students where possible and providing voice to what happens at West Bedford High,
- **Grade 7 and 8 classrooms in the school.** Grade 7 and 8 classrooms will remain for the most part where they currently are. However, due to the number of homeroom classes next year, we will have to move a few grade 8 homerooms into other areas of the school. Most grade 7 and 8 students have already been moving throughout the building all year for various classes, this will have very little change.
- **More info to come in next weeks memo.**

8. **Athletics Fundraiser. New May jackpot. Reminder that we will need to purchase new uniforms, with school logo and colors, for the next year.** This is a great way to fundraise for all our teams at West Bedford High School and for potential community members to win some cash. <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/sports/3339>

9. **Daily Announcements and other info.** Posted daily on our website. <https://wbh.hrce.ca/> . Also please check our Instagram account (wbh_hrce) for up to date information.

Important dates and acknowledgements

- National Indigenous History Month
- Italian Heritage Month
- Filipino Heritage Month
- Portuguese Heritage Month
- Pride Month
- June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 4 - Sports awards (6:30 – 7:30pm)

June 12 - Band Concert (6:30 – 7:30pm)

June 13 - School breakfast- details to come

June 13 - GSA Talent show (7-9:00pm)

June 19-25 - Final summative assessments

June 26 - Assessment and Evaluation day (no classes)

June 27 - Assessment and Evaluation day (no classes)

June 28 - Last day of school