


November 2024 Newsletter



HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE: If your child will be absent, please let us know by using one of the following methods:

- **Toll-Free Number**—Call 1-833-582-6940 to report an absence using an automated system.
- **PowerSchool Parent Portal** — Log into <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> and access the SchoolMessenger website to report an absence.
- **SchoolMessenger App**—Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email address).

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3	4	5	6	7 Remembrance Day Assembly	8	9
10	 REMEMBRANCE DAY lest we forget...	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Assessment & Evaluation Day—No Classes	23
24	25	26	27	28 Grades 5 & 6 Field Trip (details to follow)	29 Grades P,1,2,3&4 Field Trip (details to follow)	30

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 8th - Indigenous Veterans Day
- November 11th - Remembrance Day—No classes
- November 13-19 - Transgender Awareness Week
- November 20 - Transgender Day of Remembrance
- November 22nd - Assessment & Evaluation Day—No classes
- November 28th - Grades 5 & 6 Field Trip—more details to follow
- November 29th - Grades P, 1,2,3&4 Field Trip—more details to follow
- December 4th - Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conference (6pm—8pm)
- December 5th - PD a.m. & Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conference (1pm—3pm) - No classes all day
- December 9th - Christmas Concert (morning and afternoon) - more details to follow**
- December 20th - Last day of classes before Holiday Break
- January 3rd - Schools Re-Opens for students



STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL PROPERTY DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

If your child will be leaving school property for lunch, they must have a note from home or a parent/guardian must call the school to give permission.

CHANGE OF AFTER SCHOOL DISMISSAL ROUTINE

If there is a change to your child's dismissal during the day, please call the office so that we can let the teacher, and your child know. Teachers are not always able to check their emails during the day.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in chaperoning or volunteering in the classroom or with the Home & School, etc., in accordance with HRCE's Student Protection Policy, all volunteers will provide:

1. A completed Child Abuse Register - Request for Search Form, which can be found <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-child-abuse-register-search>
2. A certified and true copy of a Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Check available from your local Police or RCMP detachment or through online organizations endorsed by Nova Scotia law enforcement agencies <https://www.halifax.ca/fire-police/police/criminal-record-check>

Please note: the Child Abuse Register Search and the Criminal Records Check must be issued in the six months preceding volunteering and updated every three years. For more detailed information, please follow this link: <https://www.hrce.ca/volunteer>

NS Provincial Lunch Program

The Provincial lunch program is off and running for students at CVES. We have been directed that students are not permitted to bring their leftover food home with them and that it must be disposed at school. We encourage you to discuss with your child whether they are eating the food or not, this is not something that the staff are able to monitor. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please direct these to lunch@hrce.ca or nslunch.ca

REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVANCES

Students in grades PP to 6 will be attending a Remembrance Day Assembly in honor of our veterans and those presently serving in the Armed Forces. The assembly will be held outside at 10:30 (weather permitting) on Thursday, November 7th. If necessary due to weather conditions, we will move the ceremony to the gymnasium. Students who belong to a service organization such as: any level of Scouts Canada or Girl Guides of Canada, Cadets, etc., are welcome to wear their uniform.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- Bussed students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**
- On the HRCE website
- On X (formerly Twitter)
- On Instagram

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/weather.

NUT FREE

Please note that Colby Village School continues to be a Nut-Free environment. We do have students and staff with severe peanut/nut allergies and it is crucial that you do not send your child with any peanut or nut products such as hazelnuts, walnuts, Nutella, cashews, Brazil nuts, pine nuts, tree nuts, etc. Thank you for your cooperation with this very important matter.



Did you know.....Sharks don't have bones. Their skeletons are made of cartilage - the same soft, flexible stuff as your ears and the tip of your nose are made of.