

January 2025 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).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2 PD for staff (no students)	3 Students return to school	4
5	6	7	8 Field Trip 4 C	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Field Trip 4 C	23 Field Trip 2/3 Ba & 2/3 Br Discovery Centre	24	25
26	27 Family Literacy Day	28	29	30	31	

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Winter is definitely here. Parents/guardians are reminded to ensure students dress appropriately for the weather. Sending in a change of clothes on wet days would be recommended.



PRE-PRIMARY AND PRIMARY REGISTRATION

Pre-primary and Primary registration will take place during the month of February. Students currently enrolled in pre-primary who will be attending primary at the same location, do not need to register. The registration process is done completely on line starting February 1st, 2025 at <https://www.hrce.ca/families/student-registration>

If you know anyone in your neighborhood with school aged children, please pass on the information. More information will be posted on our school website and the HRCE website when available.

SAC COMMITTEE

The SAC is responsible for advising principals and Regional Centres (or the CSAP) on various matters, such as the development of policies that promote student achievement and safe and inclusive schools, communication with parents and the school community, and any other matters referred to the SAC by the principal, RCE, CSAP, or the Minister.

If you have any concerns or questions related to our SAC, please do not hesitate to reach out to Felecia MacRae, SAC Chair, via email: HRCE-SAC-CVE@gnspses.ca

IMPORTANT WEATHER REMINDERS

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school busses 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:**

- Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Non-bused 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 [our 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 www.hrce.ca/families/cancellations.



SNACK PROGRAM

Our snack program is up and running again for students. If you are unfamiliar with this program, all students have the opportunity to come to the office during recess or lunch if they are still hungry after eating their food from home. Please have discussions with your child whether you wish for them to come to the office to get snacks and also to encourage them to only come once all other food has been eaten. We do our best to ensure all food from home has been eaten but we are not always able to monitor closely and we do not want any food being wasted from home.

NS SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The Provincial School Lunch Program has been running for the past few months. Please check with your child (ren) regarding their lunches and whether they are eating them. If you have any questions and/or concerns please reach out to lunch@hrce.ca (email) or nslunch.ca (website).

**Why did the student
eat his homework?**

Because his teacher told
him it would be a piece
of cake!