

# May 2025 Newsletter



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**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
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	Grade 3 Literacy Assessment	Grade 3 Literacy Assessment	15 Black Excellence Day	16	17
18	19 Victoria Day No Classes	20	21 6K Field Trip Grade 3 Math Assessment	22 Grade 3 Math Assessment	23	24 Spring Fair 11 am — 2pm
25	26 Grades PH, 1D & 1/2M Field Trip	27	28 Primary Orientation	29	30	31

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 3 - Volunteer Tea (details to follow)
- June 5 & 6 - Bouncy Castle on field for students
- June 6 - 1D & 1/2M Field Trip
- June 9 - Jr. High Band Visit—12:30—1:15
- June 13 - 5/6 & 4C Field Trip
- June 13 - SuperNova—Lower Elementary
- June 19 - Field Day (rain date: June 23)
- June 20th - Grade 6 Closing (afternoon)
- June 27 - Assessment & Evaluation Day—No Students
- June 30 - Last Day of School



## VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL

The end of the school year will be here before we know it and along with that comes yearend field trips. If you are hoping to chaperone for any field trip, you are required to follow the HRCE policy as shown below.

In accordance with Nova Scotia's Provincial Volunteer Background Check Policy, prior to volunteering with the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, all volunteers will provide:

1. A completed Child Abuse Register search, which can be found here
2. A certified and true copy of a Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Check available here, from your local Police or RCMP detachment or through online organizations endorsed by Nova Scotia law enforcement agencies.

Please note: the Child Abuse Register Search and Criminal Records Check must be issued in the three months preceding volunteering and updated every three years. Interested in helping out? We would love to have you!



## PARKING LOT SAFETY

Parents/guardians are continuing to enter the school parking lot. Some individuals have actually been getting out of vehicles and moving the pylons so they can drive onto school property. Please do not drive or park in parking lot to drop-off or pick up students at any time during the day. This includes Excel before and after school. Our driveway and parking areas are for the use of busses and staff only. Please let any caregivers know (grandparents, aunt and uncles, etc) that they should not enter the parking lot.

We limit traffic as a way to promote safety for all of our students.

## PRIMARY ORIENTATION

Primary orientation will be held Wednesday, May 28th. More information will be sent out to families in the coming weeks.

## OUT OF AREA REQUESTS

Parents/guardians may seek placement for their child in a school outside of the neighbourhood in which they reside under the guidelines of the Student Registration Policy.

The Out-of-Area request process for the 2025-26 school year began on April 1, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. You can find the online registration by clicking: <https://www.hrce.ca/families/student-registration/out-area-request>

The electronic submission will be sent automatically to the receiving school and will include a date and time stamp.

Requests for students who will have older siblings in the receiving school in September will be given priority for an Out-of-Area placement if adequate accommodation is available.

Did you know.....

*There Are More Stars in the Universe Than  
Grains of Sand on Earth.*