

September 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
	1	2	3 Curriculum Night 6-7pm	4 First Day of Classes for Students	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Ice Cream Social & BBQ Fundraiser 6pm Anti Bullying Day	12	13
14	15 NS Lunch Program Begins	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Terry Fox Day	26 Orange Shirt Day	27
28	29 Professional Develop- ment Day—No Classes for Students	30 Truth & Reconcilia- tion—No School				

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

September 3	Curriculum Night 6-7 pm
September 4	First Day for Students
September 11	Anti Bullying Day—wear pink
September 11	Ice Cream Social & BBQ Fundraiser (6pm)
September 15	NS Lunch Program starts
September 25	Terry Fox Day (details to follow)
September 26	Orange Shirt Day
September 29	PD Day—No Students
September 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day—No Classes
October 7	School Picture Day
October 13	Thanksgiving—No Classes
October 20	School Picture Retakes
October 23	Family Bingo Night (more details to follow)
October 24	Provincial Conference Day—No Classes

ARRIVING TO SCHOOL ONTIME

We ask that students arrive to school on-time for the first bell at **8:25 am**. When students arrive late to class, it is not only disruptive to the late student, but also the rest of the class.

SNACK PROGRAM

Our snack program will start again September 10th. 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.

BELL SCHEDULE

First Bell	8:25
Classes Start	8:30
Recess:	10:00—10:15
Lunch:	11:30—12:30
Dismissal Bell:	2:35

[VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL](#)

If you are hoping to chaperone for any field trip or help at the school volunteering, 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 3 months preceding volunteering and updated every 3 years.

Interested in helping out? We would love to have you!

[SCHOOLCASH ONLINE](#)

Paying school-related fees is about to get easier! Colby Village Elementary will once again be paying most school related expenses through SchoolCash Online. This system will allow you to make payments electronically with the click of a button. You will be able to make all payments safely, securely, and quickly through **SchoolCash Online**.

Our school will post items for purchase and assign school fees relevant to your child. You can make all purchases and payments from your phone, tablet, or computer. If you have not already done so, we would like families to register as soon as possible.

To get started, please register for **SchoolCash Online**. It's free and takes less than two minutes. You will receive an email once items are posted for purchase. Visit <https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/> and click **Register** to get started. You can also go to our school's website and click the link on our home page.

Need support? Connect with the SchoolCash Online help desk at [schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support](https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support). We hope that **SchoolCash Online** makes paying school-related fees more convenient!

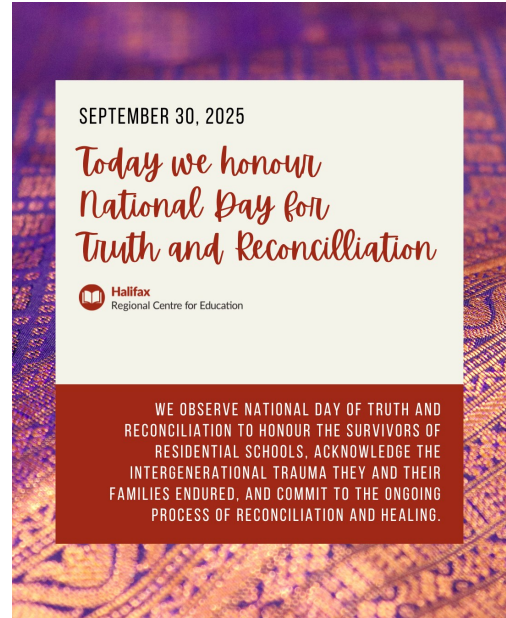
[TIDBITS](#)

Please send a note to teachers if your child is not staying for lunch.

Please remember to send in utensils in lunch boxes as we do not provide these items.

[LUNCH MONITORS NEEDED—PAID POSITION](#)

We are in need of both regular lunch monitors as well as casual lunch monitors. This is a paid position of \$15.45 per hour plus 4% vacation pay with a time requirement of 1 hour per day from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If this is something that interests you or if you know someone who may be interested, please contact the school and the appropriate paperwork can be sent home with your child.



[PICTURE DAY](#)

Tuesday, October 7th is picture day with the retake day on Monday, October 20th. Further information will be sent home via email in the near future.

[PROVINCIAL DIRECTIVE ON CELL PHONE USE IN SCHOOLS](#)

As part of the Nova Scotia's School Cell Phone Directive, we kindly remind everyone that cell phones must be turned off and stored away during the school day. This policy helps minimize distractions and ensures that students remain focused on their learning and school activities. This also includes **Apple Watches**. If your child needs to contact you during the school day, they are advised to come to the office to use the office phone with permission. Please talk to your child about this directive.

