



April 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).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Easter Sunday	1 Easter Monday No Classes	2	3 Reports Cards go Home	4 No Classes PD & Parent/ Guardian/Teacher Interviews	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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VOLUNTEER & EDUCATION WEEK						
21	22 	23	24	25	26	27
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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 2024-25 school year begins on April 2, 2024 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.



PARKING LOT SAFETY

Parents/guardians are continuing to enter the school parking lot. 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.

PREPARING FOR THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is pleased to provide all students in Nova Scotia with eclipse glasses to view the upcoming solar eclipse safely. These glasses will be sent home with students closer to the April 8th date.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, obscuring the view of the sun from a section of the Earth. This event is extremely rare, with the next solar eclipse not occurring in the province until 2079. Nova Scotia will be just outside of the zone of totality for the solar eclipse; for this reason, it is important that individuals have appropriate protection to view this historic event.

The solar eclipse will begin at 3:27 p.m., reaching maximum coverage at 4:38 p.m., and ending at 5:44 p.m.

For more information, visit:

<https://thediscoverycentre.ca/solar-eclipse-solaire/>

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Many students are arriving late to school on a daily basis. 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.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matters.

NEWS FROM THE PTO

The countdown is on - only a few more months left of school! The PTO is winding down as well, with just two more fundraisers to go.

The first is our Java Moose coffee fundraiser. Anyone needing a little caffeine boost to get themselves into Spring will want to check this out! Ordering info will be coming home the first week of April, with orders and payment due back Wednesday, April 17th. Coffee will be available for pickup before mid-May.

The Spring Fair is quickly approaching and we are very excited to put on another incredible event for our school community. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we need your help! Please let us know if you're able to volunteer on Saturday, May 25th, or help with set-up the day before, by emailing kaela.goodman@gmail.com. Our next planning meeting is on Thursday, April 11th at 7 pm - we'd love to see you there!

As always, it's never too late to join the PTO. We'll be meeting again on Thursday, April 18th at 7 pm in the library. Come work with other parents to help raise funds to give our CVES students the best opportunities possible!

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EDUCATION WEEK 2024

Nova Scotia's annual Education Week will take place from April 14-20, 2024.



This year's theme is Connections to Community and recognizes the work of teachers, student support staff, administrators and Early Childhood Educators who take deliberate effort to enhance and empower their larger school communities, including families and the community at large.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for the impact they have on our students and the outstanding work they do in our school every day.

