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September 2024 News

Dear CSES Families,

As we step into September, I hope this message finds you well and rejuvenated after a refreshing summer break. This month marks the start of a new school year filled with opportunities, growth, and excitement. We have some wonderful new staff members joining our team and many of our returning staff are in new roles this year. Please visit our school website to view all our CSES staff with their contact information included.

This month, we will be focusing on setting goals and building a strong foundation for the year ahead. Our teachers are dedicated to creating engaging and challenging learning experiences that will help every student reach their full potential.

Please mark your calendars for our Curriculum Night (Sept. 19), where you will have the chance to meet your child's teachers and learn more about what to expect this year.

Here's to a successful start to the school year! Let's make this September a month of excitement, achievement, and positive experiences.

Warm regards,
Karen

Dates to Remember

- **Sept. 5** – First day of classes for students
- **Sept. 12-** Stand Up to Bullying Day - Wear PINK!
- **Sept. 19** - Curriculum Night/Ice Cream Social 5:30-7:00pm
- **Sept. 27** - Orange Shirt Day in honour of Truth and Reconciliation Day
- **Sept. 30** - Truth and Reconciliation Day observed (no classes)
- **Oct. 1** – Treaty Day – Culturally Significant day – schools open
- **Oct. 3rd and 4th-** Picture Days. Your child's teacher will contact you about your child/ren's date
- **Oct. 11** – Professional Development Day – (no classes for students)
- **Oct. 14** – Thanksgiving Day – (no classes)
- **Oct. 25** – NSTU Provincial conference day – (no classes for students)





Arrival and Dismissal

Arrival – Students may arrive anytime between 8:35 am-8:45 am. Students enter the building upon arrival. A staff person will greet them at their designated entrance door and additional support staff will ensure that students arrive at their classrooms safely once they enter the school. Classroom teachers greet their students in their classrooms between 8:35 – 8:50 when classes begin.

Dismissal - 2:50 pm students will dismiss from the doors they entered in the morning.

Being on Time for School - We ask that all students arrive no later than 8:45 am. All students should be in their classrooms and ready to start their day at 8:50 am. Students who arrive after this time miss important instructional time in all subject areas, including Physical Education and Music. Children cannot be dropped off or arrive at school before 8:35 am. This is when supervision begins.

Front Door - We kindly ask that you avoid dropping off your child at the front door in the morning or picking up your child at the front door at dismissal. The only reason students would be entering the school using the front door is if they arrive after 8:50 am. The start to the day and dismissal are very busy. Using their designated door ensures everyone's safety.

Parking Lot Safety

It is important that we work together to ensure student safety in the parking lot of our school. Please remember that the parking lot of the school is **strictly for staff** during the school day. Please take note of the many no parking signs on the street as staff are trying to safely load or unload bus students before and after school. Student safety is our number one priority.



School Bell Schedule

8:35 - Students start arriving

8:50 - Classes begin

11:50-12:45 - Lunch

2:50 - Dismissal

The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.



School Advisory Council (SAC)

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a provincially mandated group that acts in an advisory capacity to the school principal. Our SAC is made up of administration, teaching and support staff representatives, parents/guardians and community members. The SAC meets 6 times each year and discusses a variety of topics surrounding student success in our school. If you are interested in being part of our School Advisory Council, please give the main office a call or contact Karen Muldowney-Doran (principal) kmuldowney-doran@hrce.ca

The Nova Scotia School Lunch Program

The Nova Scotia School Lunch Program is scheduled to begin by the end of October at CSES. Until that time, you will be able to order lunches for your children 4 days per week through HEALTHY HUNGER using SchoolCash (more info below). Information with these lunch options will be sent home in the next few days. More information about the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program will be provided over the coming weeks.

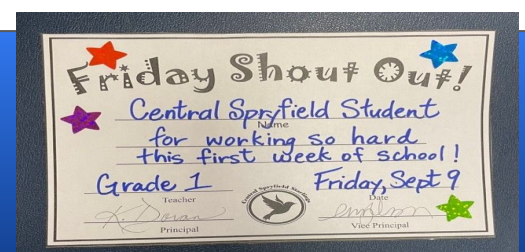
Paying school-related fees is easy!

SchoolCash Online allows 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. This makes payment for HEALTHY HUNGER lunch orders quick and easy. You can make all payments from your phone, tablet or computer. To get started, please register for SchoolCash Online. It's free and takes less than two minutes. Visit School Cash online and click below to register. <https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/>

Friday Shoutouts

Every Friday one or two students from each class receive a Friday Shoutout. Ms.Wyllie and I announce the winners to the whole school and recipients come down to the office to receive their certificate and high fives from the admin team! Teachers choose the recipients from their classes for positive behaviours such as kindness, leadership, and perseverance. 😊

“Friday Shout Outs”





PEANUT SMART AND “SCENT”SITIVE SCHOOL

We have several students who have life threatening allergies to peanuts and nut products. Please respect their health and well-being by sending your child with snacks and lunches that are nut-free.

Additionally, many of our students have medical conditions that can be triggered by scented products. When visiting the school please refrain from wearing products containing perfumes.

Birthday Treats at School

Please do not send birthday cakes, cupcakes or other treats to school. We have many students with food sensitivities as noted above. The safety of our students is always our priority. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Toys & Pokémon Cards

Toys from home and Pokémon cards are not allowed at school. This helps us keep the focus on learning and prevents special items from being damaged or lost. If these items do come to school, students will need to keep them in their backpacks for the day.

Lunch Monitors and EPA subs

We are in need of substitutes for our Educational Program Assistants and Lunch Monitors. If you or someone you know might be interested please contact us at the school for more information. 902- 479- 4286

Stand Up Against Bulling Day is September 12

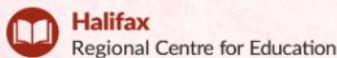


On the second Thursday of September, we recognize Stand Up Against Bullying Day. This day, happening on September 12 this year, is an opportunity for us to start the school year off right – by celebrating inclusivity, kindness and friendship. All schools in HRCE are focused on ensuring all students have a safe and welcoming environment in which to learn and thrive. Please join us and wear pink if you're able on September 12 to take a stand against bullying.

Stand Up Against Bullying Day

*In a world where you can
be anything. be kind!*

Wear pink on September 12!



*Stand Up to Bullying Day Sept ____
Don't forget to wear pink!*

Join us in observing National Day For Truth and Reconciliation



Each year on September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation honours the children who didn't return from residential schools, as well as survivors, their families, and communities.

Orange Shirt Day, led by Indigenous communities, aims to raise awareness about the inter-generational impacts of residential schools and allows us all to show our support for the Every Child Matters movement. As there are no classes on Monday, September 30, we welcome staff and students to wear orange on Friday, September 27.



Please wear orange shirts on Friday, September 27
to honour Orange Shirt Day and
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



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Orange Shirt Day, September 27