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October 2023 News

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It was so nice to see many of you at our Curriculum Night/Ice Cream Social on Sept 21. Staff and students have really settled in well to our school routines at CSES! As a staff we are working hard to create a positive school environment where students feel safe and challenged academically every day. Overall, the first month has been very successful! Our Terry Fox Walk/Run was a great success. Thanks so much to Ms. McNeil for organizing! A quick reminder that mornings can be quite chilly in October. Please ensure that your child dresses accordingly. We practiced three safety drills in September. The Fire Drill, Lockdown Drill and Hold and Secure. All drills went extremely smoothly.

Regards,
Karen

Dates to Remember

- Oct 2 - Truth and Reconciliation Day observed (no classes)
- Oct 4 - First Pizza Day
- Oct 9 - Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
- Oct 10 - PTA meeting 3:15
- Oct 16 - Retakes for school photos
- Oct 27 - Conference Day (no school for students)
- Nov 17 - Assess and Eval Day (no school for students)
- Nov 23 - Professional Learning-AM / Parent Teacher-PM (no school for students)
- Nov 27 - Report Cards go home



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.

Our first School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting will be held in person on **October 5th at 5:30**. If you are interested in being part of our School Advisory Council, please give the main office a call or email me at Karen Muldowney-Doran (principal) kmuldowney-doran@hrce.ca

Parent Teacher Association (P.T.A.)

Our first PTA meeting will be held on Oct. 10 in person at 3:15. Any parents interested in joining are welcome to attend. Planning school fundraising and opportunities to connect families to school are the main focus of the PTA.

PIZZA Lunch is Back!

If you ordered pizza lunch for your child(ren), pizza will be delivered to the school in time for lunch each Wednesday and will be handed out to students by their teacher or lunch monitor. This Wednesday, October 4 will be our first pizza days.

Our first Pizza Order Dates are as follows

October 4, October 11, October 18, October 25, November 1



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THANK YOU from CSES!

We want to extend a huge thank you to all of the wonderful folks who made our school opening such a success! Backpacks, lunch bags, school supplies and a back to school lunch was provided to all of our students in Grades Pre-Primary to Grade 4!

Thank you so much to Dooly's Young Street, Subway on Herring Cove Rd, Freeman's Pizza, Jenny's Place, Spryfield Legion, Halifax Kin Club, Costco Halifax, Marriott's Heavy Lifting and lots of private community members!



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Volunteering

Interested in helping out? We would love to have you. We always welcome parents to get their backchecks processed so they are available to visit classrooms and chaperone school trips when the time comes.

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 - Request for Search Form, 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.

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PEANUT SMART AND “SCENT”SITIVE SCHOOL

We have several students who have life threatening allergies to peanuts and nut products. We have noticed that many of our students have been bringing nutella, granola bars containing nuts etc.. These food items are not permitted at school. 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.

TOYS at SCHOOL

As noted in the September Newsletter, Toys 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.

Lunch Monitors and EPA subs

We are still 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

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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 **pizza lunch orders** much easier. 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.schoolcashonline.com/>

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.** 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

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October is Mi'kmaq History Month

We celebrate Mi'kmaq History Month in October.

The goal of the month is to help Nova Scotians build awareness of Mi'kmaq history and heritage and to increase understanding of the province's rich Mi'kmaq culture. A poster is produced and numerous events are organized throughout the month in recognition of Mi'kmaq History Month. Students in all grades will be deepening their knowledge of Mi'kmaq culture and history during the month of October and throughout the school year.

We were pleased to welcome Allan Mountford on Orange Shirt Day to share his knowledge with our students about the Seven Sacred Teachings and the meaning behind Orange Shirt Day.



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