

February 2023



ADMIN TEAM'S MESSAGE

Hello Families,

As the year has progressed, there have been an increasing number of students arriving late to school. This causes a disruption to learning for the student who is late as well as for those who are here on time. That said, your help in ensuring that your child arrives at school on time would be greatly appreciated.

Our teachers continue to work on implementing strategies that promote achievement of our school improvement goals. As always, I encourage you to communicate regularly with your child's classroom teacher to address any questions or concerns.

There has been an increasing number of office referrals in the past few weeks relating to hands on behavior. Students are using their feet and hands to solve issues they face with peers. Please talk with your child about appropriate / expected school behavior. This includes throwing of items as well. We need to keep our students safe.

Students are asked to bring a water bottle to school each day which can be filled up at one of the filling stations in the halls. Please be reminded that we ask that no scented products be brought to school (hand cream, hand sanitizer, etc.). If your child must have such products at school, please ensure that they are scene free. We do have hand sanitizer for students use in the classrooms and various locations throughout the school.

Thanks Keri McLeod and Andrea Temple

"Darkness can not drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."
~Martin Luther King Jr

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A reminder to always report if your child will be absent from school.

BELL TIMES

8:30 - Entrance Bell
10:30- 10:45- Rcess
12:15- 1:15- Lunch
2:45 - Dismissal – All
Grades

NUT FREE

Please note that Ocean View Elementary continues to be a Nut-Free environment. We do have students and staff with severe peanut/nut allergies and it is crucial that you do not send your child with any peanut or nut products such as hazelnuts, walnuts, Nutella, cashews, brazil nuts, pine nuts, tree nuts, etc. Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.

NO PARKING

Please be advised that no vehicles are to be driving on the school grounds at any time during the day. This includes dropping off and picking up students from Excel and/or Pre Primary at the end of the building and parking in the school driveway that is for emergency/authorized vehicles. We appreciate your support in respecting these parking rules to keep our students safe. Please share this information with anyone who may be dropping off or picking up your child. We also remind you to obey the no parking signs in front of the school. When cars are parking in the no parking areas, it is difficult for the buses to maneuver around them safely to get to the school. We have also had concerns with parents/guardians parking in no stopping/no parking areas and the bus loop for Island View. This is against the HRM posted traffic rules.

SAFEARRIVAL BY SCHOOLMESSENGER

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring all students arrive to school safely each day. Parents/guardians of students who attend our school now have the option to report their child's absence in advance using a toll-free number, the PowerSchool Parent Portal or the SchoolMessenger app.

SchoolMessenger SafeArrival – an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for families to inform their child's school if they will be away – powers all three of these options.

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).

For more information about reporting your child's absence and a list of frequently asked questions, visit: <https://www.hrce.ca/safearrival>

UPCOMING DATES

February 1-28	Registration Month See HRCE website
February 20th	Heritage Day—Rita Joe (no classes)
March Break	13-17 (no classes)
March 20	Monday—Assessment and Evaluation Day no students
March 30	Am-PD staff / PM –Parent-Guardian meetings

February is Registration Month

Do you have a child who is eligible to start Pre-Primary or Grade Primary this fall?

It's time to register for the 2023/2024 school year! HRCE begins the registration process in February to determine staffing needs and teaching assignments.

*Children who are currently enrolled in Pre-Primary do not need to re-register for primary.

Grade Primary French Immersion

For families who are contemplating French Immersion for Grade Primary in September, an information session will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2023, at 6:30 PM at Horizon Elementary School. It will be a PowerPoint presentation and a Q & A

Effective February 1, 2023, we will be accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year **through our new online portal, PowerSchool Enrollment.**

Tip: Before you begin, make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (image, PDF or Word document):

Proof of identity/age with one of the following: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers) if you are new to the HRCE.

Proof of home address (a recently dated official government or utility document with your current address that includes your name and date, such as water bill, power bill, internet bill, home fuel bill, a tax receipt, property assessment or a mortgage contract); and Nova Scotia Health Card or Canadian Province Health Card or, for non-citizens while in Canada, proof of Medical Insurance Information.

Visit the [HRCE website](#) for more information and to enrol your child today!

Need Help?

If you require assistance completing the registration form or do not have access to email, please contact one of our Parent Navigators:

[Amelia Downey](#)

902-464-2000 x4362

902-229-1705

[Natasha Horne](#)

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902-219-0587

SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS

Winter is Coming: Guidelines for Inclement Weather

Making the decision to alter the regular operations of school and/or school buses due to inclement weather is never an easy task. To learn more about how the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) makes this call, visit www.hrce.ca/weather.

When is the decision made?

HRCE's goal is to make the decision as close to 6 a.m. as possible.

A 6 a.m. announcement could be:

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and all bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
 - All schools are open, but some or all buses are not operating for the day; or
 - Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If the weather deteriorates through the school day, the HRCE can decide to dismiss early. In the event of an early dismissal, the decision will be communicated as close to 11 a.m. as possible.

An 11 a.m. dismissal means:

- Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly-scheduled lunch hour.

Please Note: students in Grades Primary to 6 will not be released from school until parents/guardians or designates have been notified by the school.

How will families be notified?

- Families will receive an email and text message (*opt-in is required: text Y to 978338*)*

Check our website at www.hrce.ca

Follow us on Twitter at [@HRCE_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)

- Call the HRCE information line at 902-464-INFO (4636)

All local radio stations are informed

[Click here](#) for a printable PDF of our guidelines.



APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

As we settle in to colder temperatures this winter, parents/guardians are reminded to ensure students dress appropriately for the weather. Sending in a change of clothes on wet days would be recommended.

Please label your child's footwear and clothing as the Lost and Found is overflowing at this time of year.