



Shannon Park Elementary

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Bell Schedule for 2024-2025 -**Supervision begins 8:00am**/Classes Begin 8:20am/Lunch 11:20-12:10pm/ **Dismissal 2:10**

September 2024

Welcome to all our
amazing students
and their families!



September Information

School Advisory Council

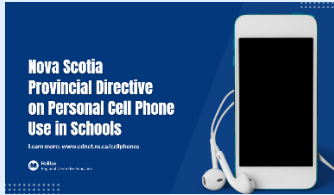
Are you passionate about shaping the future of our school and community? Step up as a member or maybe the Chair of our School Advisory Council. Over the last few years, we have made some memorable impacts to Shannon Park School - come be a part of the fun! Email hrcce-sac-spk@gnspe.ca if you are interested! More information is available at <https://ednet.ns.ca/SAC>

Class Configurations

Class configurations/schedules can and likely will change based on enrollment fluctuations until the end of September. Your child's teacher or classroom may be adjusted to reflect changing enrollment. If there are changes to your child's class, the new teacher will welcome them and send a welcome letter home. Our priority is to provide the best possible educational experience for your child, and we appreciate your cooperation as we finalize classes during September. Thank you for being a vital part of our school community.

Primary and One School Supply Drop Off

There is an opportunity for parents of Grades Primary and One students to **drop off** their school supplies on **Sept 3rd 1:00-4:00pm in the gym**. Please have supplies **bagged and labelled** with your student's name and grade level. Please reach out to us if you need help with school supplies.



Cell Phones

As part of [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. Please talk to your child about this directive. Thank you for your cooperation in supporting a positive learning environment!



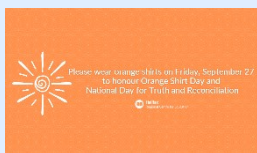
Using BusPlanner

All you need to know about student transportation including eligibility, stop times and stop locations is on BusPlanner. Once you register/subscribe, you may receive email notifications on changes to routes, bus delays and cancellations. To sign up, go to BusPlanner at hrce.mybusplanner.ca and click on Parent Portal. Follow the instructions to create an account.

Don't have a BusPlanner Parent Portal account? Need help? Please contact the Student Transportation at transportation@hrce.ca or call 902-431-4723.

School Cash Setup

SchoolCash Online is an easy-to-use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. You can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more, quickly and conveniently. Simply register an account to be able to pay in several different payment forms. [Click here](#) for more information.



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.



Stand Up Against Bullying Day Sept 12

This day, happening on Sept 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.

School Procedures → Help our school run smoothly and safely!

- **Safe Arrival** - Please report student absences in advance, up to the start of the school day on the date of your child's absence by:
 1. **Toll-Free Number** - Parents/guardians can call 1-833-582-6940 to report future absences
 2. **SchoolMessenger App** - Parents/guardians can download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and will sign up using their PowerSchool username (full email).
 3. **SchoolMessenger** through PowerSchool
- We require a valid working phone number, so we can contact you
- **Supervision starts 8:00am do not arrive or drop off students before 8:00am.**
- Please ensure your child arrives on time to limit disruptions to important learning routines
- Please call/email for an appointment to ensure availability
- Visitors are required to sign in, wear a badge, and provide a reason for their visit.
- Visitors are not allowed to wander the school to safeguard instructional time and ensure the safety of students, staff, and visitors.
- Teachers will generally respond to email within 2 business days
- We are a scent and nut aware school
- No pets! For your safety, student safety and pet safety (Identified Service Dogs permitted)
- No smoking or vaping on school property
- Proper forms are required annually for the administration of any medications. No medications will be administered to students by school staff during school hours unless it is necessary and prescribed by a health care professional. This includes over the counter medications.
- Please ensure we have current custody or court documents if applicable
- Talk to your child about crosswalk safety
- All students will ride their assigned bus/buses only
- Children are not permitted to open outside doors or answer the doorbell
- Hold Secure Practice, Lockdown Practice and Fire Drills will be practiced throughout the year to develop awareness and expectations for safety.
- **No Driving/Parking on School Property** There is **absolutely no driving/parking on school property** for unauthorized vehicles without prior arrangements during the day. Please drive slowly and watch for crosswalks. **When buses arrive, do not drive, or walk around them.** This protects all of us and especially our students.
- [Power School Parent Portal Login](#)

Important Dates for 2024-2025

(Subject to change)

SEPTEMBER

- 2: Labour Day - no classes
- 3: Organization day (PP-12) - no classes all schools
- 4: Professional development day (PP-12) - no classes all schools
- 5: First day of school for students
- 11: Violin Meeting and First SAC and Home and School Meeting
- 19: Curriculum Night and Ice Cream Social
- 23 & 24: Picture Day (Adams Photography)
- 30: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - no classes all schools

OCTOBER

- 1: Treaty Day - Culturally significant day - schools open
- 11: Professional development day - no classes all schools
- 14: Thanksgiving Day - no classes all schools
- 18-25 Book Fair
- 1-18: Provincial Assessments for Grade 6 (4 days)
- 24: Halloween Howl 6-8pm
- 25: NSTU Provincial conference day - no classes all schools

NOVEMBER

- 11: Remembrance Day - no classes all schools
- 22: Elem/Middle/Jr Assessment & evaluation day - no classes elem/jr high only
- 18-Dec 5: Report cards sent home (elem/jr high only)
- 27: Cookies and Crafts 6-8pm

DECEMBER

- 5: Progress Conferences & Teacher Professional Practice Day - no classes all schools
- 12: Grades P-2 Holiday Concert
- 20: Last day of school before holiday break

JANUARY

- 2: Teacher Professional Practice Day - no classes all schools
- 3: Classes resume

FEBRUARY

February is Registration Month!

- 3: Semester 2 beings (high school)
- 13: Family Fun Night
- 17: Heritage Day - no classes all schools

MARCH

- 7: Elem/Middle/Jr Assessment & evaluation day - no classes elem/middle/jr only
- 10-14: Spring Break
- 25-April 3: Report cards sent home (elem/middle/jr high)

APRIL

- 3: Elem/Middle/Jr progress conferences & Teacher Professional Practice - no classes all schools
- 18: Good Friday - no classes all schools
- 21: Easter Monday - no classes all schools
- 30: Elem/Middle/Jr professional development day - no classes all schools

MAY

- 12-27: Provincial Assessments for Grade 3 (4 days)
- 15: Black Excellence Day - Culturally Significant Day - schools open
- 19: Victoria Day - no classes
- 22: Grades 3-6 Spring Concert
- 31: Spring Fair

JUNE

- 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day - Culturally Significant Day
- 27: Assessment & evaluation day - no classes all schools
- 30: Last day of school