



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**

October 2024

Thank you to our Grade 6 Leadership Team for a great 1st assembly last week!



October Information

School Advisory Council

Are you passionate about shaping the future of our school and community? Step up as a member 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 hrce-sac-spk@gnspe.ca if you are interested! More information is available at <https://ednet.ns.ca/SAC>

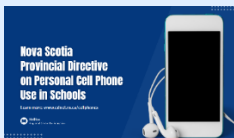
SPES Monthly Character Themes

Each Month we will focus on a specific character education trait:

September – Respect	February – Friendship
October – Responsibility	March – Fairness
November – Compassion	April – Integrity
December – Generosity	May - Perseverance
January – Honesty	June – Citizenship

Home and School

Please see Home and School Information sent through your child's teacher.



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.



Bus Safety

School Bus Safety Week

October 21-25, 2024 is School Bus Safety Week in Nova Scotia!

Did you know that more than 30,000 HRCE students ride the school bus every day?

School Bus Safety Week is a great time to remind students, families and schools of a few daily safety tips that everyone can follow to ensure all students get to school safely.

Bus Stop Safety

- Be on time for the bus and please don't run to/from the bus.
- Stand back off the road and don't push or shove when waiting at a stop.
- Always cross in front of the bus. Walk three metres (10 feet) in front of the bus to a point where you can see the driver and wait for the driver's signal to cross. Proceed to the centre of the road, STOP, LOOK & LISTEN and cross the road when it is safe.
- Never crawl under a school bus or cross the road behind the bus.
- Know the danger zones around the bus.

School Bus Safety

- Please respect and listen to the driver and avoid distracting them.
- Please keep noise levels to a minimum.
- Do not stand or move seats while the bus is in motion.
- Never put your hands, arms, feet or head out of the bus window.
- Ask the driver for permission before you open the bus windows.
- Do not throw anything inside the bus or out of the windows.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times when the bus is in motion.

You can find out more information about School Bus Safety Week, including more safety tips, [here](#).

Tentative Date for Bus Evacuation Practice for students – *Oct 21, 2024*

School Cash Setup

SchoolCash Online is an easy-to-use and safe to pay for your child's 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.



What is SchoolsPlus?

SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities. We can help families navigate complicated situations when they are involved with many different services. This helps ensure everyone is communicating clearly and working on shared goals. SchoolsPlus can also help connect families to community resources and offers mental health support in schools. Contact the SchoolsPlus Facilitator for your school to make a referral. You can find additional information [here](#).



Upcoming Events

Reminder: No classes Oct. 11 & 25

Please note that there will be no classes for grades PP-12 on Friday, October 11 for professional development, Monday, October 14 for Thanksgiving and Friday, October 25 for NSTU Conference Day. These and all important dates can be found in the [HRCE calendar](#).

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 and stay tuned for upcoming student assembly information)

OCTOBER

- 1: Treaty Day - Culturally significant day - schools open
- 4: National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
- 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
- 31: Diwali

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