



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**

December 2024



December Information

Winter Concert Information

On December 12, at 12:30pm, Shannon Park School will be hosting our annual Early Elementary (P-2) Winter Concert. Please arrive early to sign in and be seated in the gym for a 12:30pm start. Students from the following classes will be performing:

From Miss Hui: P Noiles, P Francis, P Prior, P/1 McGrath

From Mr. Tuck: P/1 Henwood, 1 Johnson, 1 Presse, 1/2 MacLean, 1/2 Wall, 2 Dull, 2 Stevens/Voysey, 2/3 Maccomb

If you are picking up your child after the concert, it is preferable for safe dismissal and less crowding to wait for students outside at the regular 2:10pm dismissal time near the Primary Exit by the Bus Dismissal Parking Lot. If you need to take them earlier, please sign them out in the main office.

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


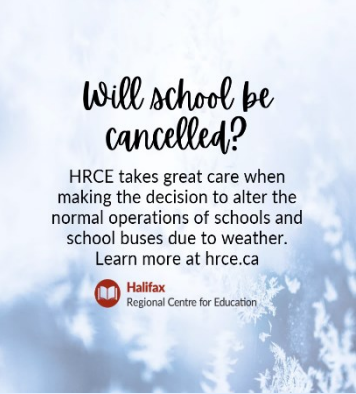
April – Integrity

December – Generosity

May - Perseverance

January – Honesty

June – Citizenship

<p>December Days</p> 	<p>December 3: International Day of Persons with Disabilities December 5: Professional Learning Day (no classes) December 10: International Human Rights Day December 20: Last day of school for 2024 December 25: Christmas Day December 25: First day of Hanukkah December 26: Kwanzaa</p>
<p>Schools Plus</p>	<p>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. Parents, guardians and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus 12 months a year! Just contact the SchoolsPlus Facilitator at your school. Call 902-464-2000, ext. 2331 or email schoolsplus@hrce.ca.</p>
<p>Inclement Weather</p> 	<p>HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather. HRCE’s goal is to communicate any changes as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible.</p> <p>A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or • All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or • Some schools (individually or by family) are closed for the day; or • All schools are closed for the day. <p>If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bussed students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and • Walking students will be dismissed at the regular lunch hour. • <i>Please see our Information Sheet on Early Dismissal for Shannon Park.</i> <p>How will I find out?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By email to the addresses in PowerSchool • By text message, if you have opted-in. If you aren’t sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: 978338 • On the HRCE website • On X (formerly Twitter) • On Instagram <p>It’s important to <i>always</i> have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. All after school care for Shannon Park is cancelled if school is dismissed early or cancelled.</p> <p>For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/weather.</p>

Lunch Monitors



We continue to look for lunch monitors. Please reach out to the office if you have available time to come and lunch monitor with us from 11:15am to 12:15pm each day or select days of the week. Thank you!

We're always hiring!

Did you know that HRCE has roughly 10,000 employees serving nearly 60,000 students?

Our job postings are updated every Wednesday at noon and feature a wide variety of career opportunities!

As HRCE grows, so does our staff. Check out new opportunities weekly at www.myhrce.ca/jobs.

School Procedures

Help our school run smoothly and safely!

- **Safe Arrival** - Report absences in advance, up to the start of the school day by:
 1. **Toll-Free Number** - 1-833-582-6940 to report future absences
 2. **SchoolMessenger App** - Download the SchoolMessenger app and sign up using your 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 by 8:15am to limit disruptions to 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 cannot wander the school to safeguard instructional time and ensure 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 yours, students and pet safety (Identified Service Dogs permitted)
- No smoking, vaping or nicotine products on school property
- Proper forms needed annually to administer any medications. No medications are administered to students by staff during school hours unless necessary and prescribed by a health care professional. Including 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)

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 begins (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