

École Shannon Park School

NEWSLETTER

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September 2025

Dear Families,

It's almost time! On behalf of all our staff, we hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer break and welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! We are excited to welcome you back to another school year filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences. It is with great anticipation and joy that we extend our warmest greetings to both our returning families and those who are new to our Shannon Park community.

A huge thanks to our custodial team for their hard work over the summer to prepare our building, and to teachers and staff who have spent a great deal of time and thought into creating welcoming and engaging learning environments for our students.

Next week, teachers will email families welcoming your child to their classroom and to let you know your child's class for the 2025-2026 school year. Starting September 3rd at 3pm, you can also check PowerSchool to see your child's class placement. You will need your child's 10-digit provincial student number. This is located on the top left of their report card. *Please note that HRCE is growing each and every day, and class changes may occur as we prepare for the first day and depending on our enrollment numbers.*

Information such as student supply lists, staff directory, and bell times can all be found on the Shannon Park [website](#). In the coming days, we will share more information in a more detailed September Newsletter.

We are excited to partner with you in making this school year a success. Here's to a year of growth, discovery, and shared achievements!

Sincerely,

Ms. Gourlay and Mme. Hazel

Upcoming Dates: Click [here](#) for HRCE 25-26 Calendar

- September 1: Labour Day (No School)
- September 2: School Organization Day - No School for Students
- September 3: Professional Development Day - No School for Students
- September 4: First Day of School for Students -Welcome!
- September 11: Stand Up Against Bullying-Pink Shirt Day
- September 18: Curriculum Night
- September 11 : SAC and HSA meetings 6pm School Library
- September 22 & 23: School Picture Days
- September 26-Observe Orange Shirt Day
- September 29: Professional Development Day - No School for Students
- September 30: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - No School
- October 1: Treaty Day - Culturally Significant Day -School Open
- October 13: Thanksgiving Day - No School
- October 24: NSTU Provincial conference day - No School for Students

PowerSchool Opens for Families on September 3rd

PowerSchool will open to families on Wednesday, September 3 at 3 p.m. In PowerSchool, you'll be able to view your child's teacher(s) and/or class schedule.

First Day of School Procedures

Classroom teachers will be reaching out to families to introduce themselves and welcome students to their class prior to the first day of school. Please make sure you share your child's after school dismissal plans with them (e.g. bus #s, EXCEL, pick up, etc.)

On Thursday, September 4th, Primary students (and grade 1 students in Primary/One combined class) are invited to come directly inside to the school gym through the back gym doors at 8:00am. All other students can arrive at school at 8:00 am and will be outside with school staff who will assist students as they find their classroom teachers.

At 8:15 am the bell will ring and students will come inside with their classroom teacher at their assigned doors. For the first day, all teachers will be outside to meet their students at 8:00 am

and enter together at 8:15 am. Your classroom teacher will share more information through an email prior to the first day of school.

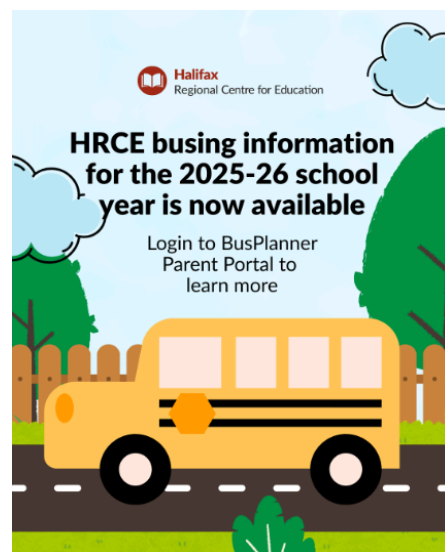
Pre Primary students will meet their teacher at the circle doors closest to the Pre Primary classroom.

BusPlanner

Everything you need to know about student transportation including eligibility, stop times and stop locations can be found on BusPlanner. Once you register and subscribe, you can choose to receive email and/or text message notifications on changes to routes, bus delays or 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 logging in? Please contact the HRCE Student Transportation Team at transportation@hrce.ca or call 902-431-4723.



Stand Up Against Bullying Day is September 11

In 2007, Berwick Nova Scotia classmates David Shepherd and Travis Price bought and distributed 50 pink shirts after a student at their school was bullied for wearing a pink shirt.

With that act of kindness, Pink Shirt Day was born!

On the second Thursday of September, we recognize Stand Up Against Bullying Day.

On **Thursday, September 11**, we will celebrate inclusivity, kindness and friendship. All HRCE school teams 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 11 to take a stand against bullying.



HSA and SAC first meeting

Our first School Advisory Council (SAC) and Home and School Association (HSA) meeting will be Thursday, September 18th at 6pm in our school library. This is a great opportunity to become involved with our school community. If you are interested or just want to know more about each of these groups, please contact us to let us know; spes@hrce.ca