

Mid September Update

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September 2025

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

- September 18: Curriculum Night
- September 22-26: School Spirit Week (see details below)
- September 22: School Picture Day Grade Pre-Primary-2
- September 23: School Picture Day Grade 2/3-6
- 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

Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night is Thursday, September 18th from 6:00-7:15pm. There will be two scheduled classroom session times followed by ice cream served until 7:15pm. The first in class session will go from 6-6:20pm then 6:25-6:45pm for the second. Afterwards, our Home and School committee organized a welcome back social with ice cream. We look forward to seeing you this week!



Medication at School

Students requiring medications at school must have proper documentation on file in the school office. Forms must be completed each year so we have current information in the office. Over the counter drugs must also follow this procedure. All medication is kept in a secure location in the office and is given to the student by appropriate school personnel when required. Prescribed medication must be in the original bottle/container with the student's

name and dosage. Please contact the school spes@hrce.ca if your child requires medication during school hours.

Lunch

The [School Lunch Program](#) begins this week. The ordering period is open now, for the following two weeks. We have a new vendor this year and you will also notice some changes to the menu. At home, you may wish to talk to your children about:

- Keeping any negative comments about the meals to ourselves. We want to ensure all our students feel comfortable with this opportunity.
- Ask your children which meals they enjoy to help you make choices about your orders.
- Having some snacks in the lunches in case they don't enjoy a meal they may be trying for the first time.

We are also looking for lunch monitors. If you are interested, please contact the office 902-464-2084 or spes@hrce.ca

Safe Arrival

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school each day. You are able to report future absences using an app, website, or toll-free phone number.

- Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system at 1-833-582-6940
- SchoolMessenger Through [PowerSchool](#)
- Use the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email address) that the school has on record for you.

All three methods are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Up to five consecutive absences can be recorded at once. If your student is absent and the absence has not been reported in advance, you will receive notifications via email, text, and phone calls from School Messenger.

If SchoolMessenger cannot reach you, office staff will follow up. Please make sure you contact Safe Arrival before 8:20 am as teachers will be completing their attendance at that time.

Children arriving late must sign in at the office.

Provincial Student Attendance and Engagement Policy

Regular school attendance plays a key role in setting students up for success. We understand that sometimes special circumstances arise and we work collaboratively with our families to navigate these challenges. Please let us know if there is anything we can do



to support regular, consistent attendance for your child. You can also read more about the provincial policy [here](#).

Volunteering

We would love to welcome volunteers into our school this year! If you are interested, please reach out to the school spes@hrce.ca. We can provide you with a letter that states you are volunteering with us which reduces the cost of the checks.

Prior to volunteering with the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, all volunteers will provide:

1. A completed Child Abuse Register search, which can be found [here](#). As of June 2025, digital confirmations are available for Child Abuse Register checks. For more information, click [here](#).
2. A certified and true copy of a Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Check available [here](#), from your local Police or RCMP detachment or through online organizations endorsed by Nova Scotia law enforcement agencies

Please note: the Child Abuse Register Search and Criminal Records Check must be issued in the three months preceding volunteering and updated every three years.

TERRY FOX WALK/RUN at École Shannon Park School

It was 45 years ago that a young man from British Columbia captivated Canadians with his determination, commitment, and energy to find a cure for cancer. His name was Terry Fox.

This year, our school will be participating in Terry's inspirational Marathon of Hope on Thursday, September 25th, from 1:00-2:00. In the event of inclement weather, the walk will happen the following week. Please be mindful of the weather and ensure your child is dressed appropriately for an outdoor walk/run.

We are extremely proud of our school's accomplishments in the Terry Fox Run. If you are able, any support to our school's fundraising efforts is appreciated. This year all donations will be made online. The link to our school's donation page is: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/102448>

Thank you for your support,

Erin Walters and Pam Goulden

Physical Education

School Spirit Week

BACK-TO-SCHOOL September Spirit Week	
MON 22	Blue and White Day • Wear school colours!
TUES 23	Silly Socks and Hat Day • Wear crazy socks and/or hats!
WED 24	Tropical Clothes Day • Celebrate the end of summer by wearing tropical clothes.
THURS 25	Sports Day • Wear a jersey and participate in SPES' Terry Fox Walk.
FRI 26	Orange Shirt Day • Students are encouraged to wear orange for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Reminders

- Please, do not send nut or peanut products to school (this includes Nutella products).
- It is helpful to have a complete change of clothes in your child's backpack just in case of mud, puddles, or spills and it may save you a trip in the middle of your day.
- Please do not bring dogs onto school grounds.
- Please do not drive or park 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.
- Please request proper forms for the administration of any medications. These need to be completed each school year. Medications can be administered to students by school staff during school hours when we have completed forms on file at school. This includes over the counter medications.
- Please ensure that your child has indoor shoes for school and wears outdoor shoes/boots to help keep our school clean.