

École Shannon Park School

Mid October Update

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October 2025

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

- October 20: Diwali
- October 24: NSTU Provincial conference day - No School for Students
- October 30: Halloween Howl
- November 3: Picture Retakes
- November 6: SAC & Home and School meetings 6pm/7pm
- November 10: Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 11: Remembrance Day (No School)
- November 21: Assessment & Evaluation Day (No School)
- November 27: Home & School Family Event

Halloween Howl

Our Home & School Association is planning a Halloween Howl Family Event for October 30th at Shannon Park School. Please see the flyer for more information.

Book Fair

Our school library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair soon from October 27-31st. All sales on Friday the 31st will be finished by recess. We will be open during the school day as well as on Thursday the 30th after school from 2:15-4:15pm and 6-8pm during the Halloween Howl. Stop by in the earlier afternoon to avoid the long line ups that can happen during Halloween Howl! Students may have a viewing and/or buying time scheduled at the book fair if their teacher so chooses, and they will be communicating that information to families. Book fair flyers will be sent home next week. Thank you in advance for all purchases made at the book fair, all money raised goes to support our school library!

Halloween

As students prepare their costumes on Friday October 31st, we ask that families consider a few things. With safety as a priority, we ask that: costumes are culturally appropriate, and costume masks and weapons are not allowed. Students need to be able to put on/take off their costumes themselves in a timely manner, move easily on the stairs, and be able to attend gym.

Please see any messaging from your child's teacher regarding events/costumes for the day.

Volunteers

We would love to welcome volunteers into our school this year! Volunteers can also help to chaperone on class trips which happen all year long. 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. If the cost of completing these checks is a financial challenge, we may be able to assist. Please contact the Principal, Anne Gourlay AGourlay@hrce.ca

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.

Head Lice

If your child has been in contact with someone who has lice, please check your child's head carefully to see if they have caught lice as there have been reports at school this week. Head lice spread easily, so if one person in the household has lice, others may have it too. A child with head lice may return to school after the first treatment. Please know that head lice is a

common occurrence and we can all work together to minimize the effects. See Guidelines [here](#).

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.