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Dear Families,

Welcome to a new school year! We hope you all had a restful, fun-filled summer. Our entire staff is thrilled to welcome our students back and kick off a fantastic year of learning, growth, and new adventures. 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!

As we prepare for the first day, please keep an eye out for updates from us. Next week, teachers will email families welcoming your child to their classroom and to let you know your child's class for the 2026-2027 school year. *Please note that HRCE is growing each and every day, and class changes may occur depending on our enrollment numbers.*

Additionally, please take note of our updated bell schedule for the coming year. School now starts promptly at **8:10 AM** and dismisses at **2:00 PM**. For any additional updates, calendars, or helpful resources, you can always check our school website. We are so excited for everything this new school year will bring, and we can't wait to see you all very soon!

Sincerely,

Ms. Gourlay and Mme. Hazel

Upcoming Dates: Click [here](#) for HRCE 26-27 Calendar

- September 1: School Organization Day - No School for Students
- September 2: Professional Development Day - No School for Students
- September 3: First Day of School for Students -Welcome!
- September 7: Labour Day (No School)
- September 10: Stand Up Against Bullying-Pink Shirt Day
- September 10 : SAC and HSA meetings 6pm School Library
- September 17: Curriculum Night (more details to follow)
- September 25: Professional Development Day-No School for Students
- September 29-Observe Orange Shirt Day
- September 30: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - No School

PowerSchool Opens for Families on September 2nd

PowerSchool will open to families on Wednesday, September 2 at 3 p.m. In PowerSchool, you'll be able to view your child's teacher(s) and/or class schedule. You will need your child's 10-digit provincial student number. This is located on the top left of their report card.

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 3rd, 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 7:50 am. All other students can arrive at school at 7:50 am and will be outside with school staff who will assist students as they find their classroom teachers.

At 8:05 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 7:50 am and enter together at 8:05 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 through the Transportation Inquiry Form [here](#).

Nova Scotia School Lunch Program: Ordering is Now Open!

We're looking forward to the 2026-27 launch of the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program! Beginning this school year, the program will be available in all public schools across the province.

Start date: Lunches at your school will begin on Tuesday, September 8.

Key dates for the first ordering cycle:

- Ordering opens: Friday, August 28
- Ordering closes: Wednesday, September 2, at noon



Registering and ordering

All lunches must be ordered through the online ordering system. To get started, visit www.NSLunch.ca and click "Order Now." Returning users can sign in using their existing account.

More information, including instructions on how to create a diner account, is available at www.NSLunch.ca.

HSA and SAC first meeting

Our first School Advisory Council (SAC) and Home and School Association (HSA) meeting will be Thursday, September 10th 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