

Mid September Update

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

- September 17: Curriculum Night/ Frozen Treat Social @ 6:00-7:15pm
- September 18: Terry Fox Walk/Run
- September 25: Professional Development Day-No School for Students
- September 29-Observe Orange Shirt Day
- September 30: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - No School
- October 1: Treaty Day - Culturally Significant Day -School Open
- October 1 & 2: School Picture Days
- October 12: Thanksgiving Day - No School
- October 23: NSTU Provincial conference day - No School for Students

Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night is Thursday, September 17th from 6:00-7:15pm. There will be two scheduled classroom session times followed by frozen treats served from 6:30- 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 has organized a welcome back social with frozen treats. We look forward to seeing you this week!

Learning Supports

As the new school year begins, our teachers and staff are focused on getting to know your children as learners. Our classroom teachers collaborate with learning support teachers as needed (Resource, Early Literacy, and Learning Center, etc.) to ensure every student succeeds. Your child's classroom teacher is your main contact for any questions or concerns about their learning. We also encourage you to attend Curriculum Night, where we'll share details about the curriculum, how we communicate student progress, and the best ways to stay connected.

TERRY FOX WALK/RUN at École Shannon Park School

This year, our school will be participating in Terry's inspirational Marathon of Hope on Friday, September 18th, from 12:40-1:40. 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. Please follow the link <https://schools.terryfox.ca/141954> to our school's donation page or scan the QR Code in the attached document. Thank you for your support!

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 and we will send home the required forms.

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 8:10 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 giving the checks to the school and updated every three years.

Reminders

- Please, do not send **nut or peanut** products to school (this includes Nutella products).
- Please note that teachers are on morning **duty** as of 7:50am. Please do not drop off students before this time. Thank you!
- 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 to school 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. All medications must be in their original containers; prescription medication with the current pharmacy label attached, and non-prescription medication to include the package documentation for guidance *(Parents/guardians are able to request from their pharmacy a separate labelled medication for school use).*
- Please ensure that your child has **indoor shoes** for school and wears outdoor shoes/boots to help keep our school clean.
- Students are not permitted to use **cell phones** during the school day. If students bring cellphones to school, they must be turned off and in their backpacks for the entire school day.