



# École Shannon Park School

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Bells – Supervision 8:05 Classes Begin 8:25 Lunch 11:25-12:15 Dismissal 2:15

## SEPTEMBER 2023

## WELCOME

We are excited for the new school year. Staff are busy with professional learning and getting things ready to welcome students. This year, we are pleased to welcome our new [staff members](#), new preprimary and primary students and of course all our returning staff and students!

### September 5, 2023

**Curriculum Night** – 5pm-6pm - There will be maps around the school so parents can find their student's classrooms. You can meet the teacher and get an overview of the curriculum for the year. There will be an information handout for parents to take home with the year at a glance, classroom expectations and information, the daily schedule, etc. This is not a time to meet about individual students.

**Ice Cream Social** - At 6pm listen for an announcement that ice cream is being served **for students** outside on the front playground (weather permitting) or in the gym where families can socialize. *Thank you to our Home and School and SchoolsPlus for working together to organize our Ice Cream Social.*

You are welcome to bring your child and their school supplies on this evening as well. We look forward to seeing you soon.

## SCHOOL PROCEDURES



One of our primary concerns is the safety of our students and staff. We have procedures we want to make you aware of that help our school run smoothly. Please retain this first newsletter with important information for yearly procedures.

### Safe Arrival

Please report an absence for your student in advance, up to the start of the school day on the date of your child's absence by:

- 1. Toll-Free Number** - Parents/guardians can call **1-833-582-6940** to report future absences using an automated system.
- 2. PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal** Parents/guardians can log in to <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> to access the SchoolMessenger website to report future absences.
- 3. SchoolMessenger App** - Parents/guardians can download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and will sign up using their PowerSchool username (full email).

All three methods are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Up to five consecutive absences can be recorded at once. Please visit [hrce.ca/SafeArrival](http://hrce.ca/SafeArrival) for more information.

**Please ensure we have a valid working phone number, and we can contact you**

**Supervision starts 8:05 do not arrive before**

**Please ensure your child arrives on time to limit disruptions to important routines**

**Parents must call/email to make an appointment with the principal, vice principal or teachers to ensure availability**

**Visitors must sign in at the office, wear a visitor badge and state a reason for each visit**

**Teachers will generally respond to email within 2 business days**

**We are a scent and nut aware school**

**No pets! For your safety, student safety and pet safety (Service Dogs permitted)**

**No smoking or vaping on school property**

**Proper forms are required for the administration of any medications.** No medications will be administered to students by school staff during school hours unless it is necessary and prescribed by a health care professional. This includes any over the counter medications.

**Please ensure we have current custody or court documents if applicable**

**Talk to your child about crosswalk safety**

**All students will ride their assigned bus/buses only**

**Children are not permitted to open outside doors or answer the doorbell**

**Hold Secure Practice, Lockdown Practice and Fire Drills** We will practice these security measures throughout the year to develop an awareness and expectations for safety.

**No Driving/Parking on School Property**

There is **absolutely no driving/parking on school property** for unauthorized vehicles without prior arrangements during the school day. Please drive slow and watch for crosswalks. **When buses arrive, do not drive, or walk around them.** This protects all of us and especially our students.

**Additional reminder that your child's class can change until the end of September**

## Bus Information



All bus students must have their name on the bus manifest and ride only their assigned bus. Please log into [Bus Planner](#) to access your child's account and view your child's bussing information. You will need your child's provincial student number (300 number found at the top of the report card or on the Power School parent portal.)

**Please inform your child's teacher and ensure that you both know the correct afternoon bus number and driver name before the first day of school.** Thank you for your cooperation as we work together on safe bussing.

**Power School Parent Portal Login -**  
<https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/>

## School Lunch Program



Lunch monitors supervise students at lunch, **not** teachers and there is no access to a microwave. Students are required to follow the provincial code of conduct. Students will play outdoors for half and eat indoors for half of the time:

11:25am-12:15pm

Hot Lunches are To Be Determined based on Volunteer availability

## School Newsletters



Please ensure we have your email address and please check it. It will be used for newsletters, alerts, etc. This will ensure you have access information about what is happening at Shannon Park.

## Homework

Teachers will share information with individual classes regarding homework.

## Regular Attendance/Reducing Classroom Interruptions

We need your help to make sure students arrive on time and with scheduling appointments outside school hours when possible.

Of course, we understand that circumstances are sometimes unavoidable but **having your child here regularly on time is very important.**

Arriving late impacts daily lessons/routines, the effectiveness of safe arrival, the function of the office, and student learning. This is especially challenging when many students arrive at different times. Thank you for helping us maintain the best possible learning environment.

*"While student attendance is a critical determinant of student success, students are encouraged to engage in healthy habits and remain at home if they are feeling unwell, especially if they have an infectious disease that might affect fellow students or school staff."*

*~ Nova Scotia Student Engagement and Attendance Policy*

## Important Dates

### SEPTEMBER

- 1:** Organization day (PP-12) - no classes
- 4:** Labour Day - no classes
- 5:** Professional learning day (PP-12) - no classes
- 5:** Curriculum Night and Ice Cream Social 5-7pm
- 6:** Professional learning day (PP-12) - no classes
- 7:** First day of school for students
- 13:** SAC and Home and School Meetings 6-8pm
- 14:** Stand Up Against Bullying Day
- 14:** Violin Parent Meeting 5pm (tentative)
- 25 and 26:** School Pictures Day

### OCTOBER

- 2:** Truth and Reconciliation Day observed - no classes
- 9:** Thanksgiving Day - no classes
- 11:** SAC and Home and School Meetings 6-8pm
- 25:** Halloween Howl 6-8pm (Home and School)
- 27:** Provincial conference day - no classes

### NOVEMBER

- 8:** SAC and Home and School Meetings 6-8pm
- 13:** Remembrance Day observed - no classes
- 17:** Assessment & evaluation day - no classes

**20-30:** Book Fair Runs

**21-28:** Report cards sent home

**23:** AM Professional learning & PM parent-teacher conferences (PP-12) - no classes

**30:** Cookies and Crafts 6-8pm (Home and School)

### DECEMBER

**4:** Professional learning day (PP-12) - no classes

**13-14:** Winter Concert Dates for Primary-2/3 (During the school day- schedule to be determined)

**21:** First day of holiday break

### JANUARY

**2:** Classes resume

**10:** SAC and Home and School Meetings 6-8pm

### FEBRUARY

*February is Registration Month!*

**19:** Heritage Day - no classes

**21:** SAC and Home and School Meetings 6-8pm

### MARCH

**11-15:** March Break

**18:** Assessment & evaluation day - no classes

**25-April 4:** Report cards sent home

**29:** Good Friday - no classes

### APRIL

**1:** Easter Monday - no classes

**4:** AM professional learning & PM parent-teacher conferences - no classes

**10:** SAC and Home and School Meetings 6-8pm

### MAY

**8:** SAC and Home and School Meetings 6-8pm

**20:** Victoria Day - no classes

**25:** Spring Fair 10:30-1:00pm

**29:** Spring Concert Date for Grade 3/4-6 (During the school day- schedule to be determined)

**30:** Violin Concert 6:00pm

### JUNE

**1:** Spring Fair Rain Date if needed

**27:** Assessment & evaluation day (PP-12) - no classes

**28:** Last day of school