



École Shannon Park School

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

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PowerSchool Online System

Please see the previous emails sent to you from [PowerSchool Registration Support](#) to update your child's information asap. It includes important demographics and the media release forms that must be updated yearly for us to include your child's picture on things like their class picture and X (formerly Twitter) to celebrate our school learning. If you are having trouble getting into PowerSchool, you can call the office for help. (902) 464-2084

Safe Arrival Update

The Safe Arrival system is currently not available within the PowerSchool Parent Portal. The system is still working through both the SchoolMessenger APP or the 1-833-582-6940 number.

Message from our Home and School Committee:

Hello Shannon Park Families,

The Home and School Committee is excited to launch our fall fundraiser this year. Your students will be coming home this week with a catalog of beautiful gift wrap and unique gift ideas to share with your friends and families. Please check their backpack for all of the details! ~Your Home and School Committee



SCHOOL PROCEDURES

One of our primary concerns is the safety of our students and staff. Please ensure you are aware of the procedures to help our school run smoothly and safely.

- **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. **SchoolMessenger App** - Parents/guardians can download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and will sign up using their PowerSchool username (full email).
- 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.
- **Power School Parent Portal Login** - <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/>

Emergency Management Plans

All HRCE schools have Emergency Management Plans, which are reviewed, updated and practiced every year. These plans have three responses to an emergency situation: *Shelter in Place*, *Evacuation*, and *Relocation*.

- *Shelter in Place* involves either a *Hold and Secure* (where no one enters or exits the building, but those inside may be able to move around) or a *Lockdown* (where no one enters or exits the building and all students and staff are concealed in a secure location, away from doors and windows).
- *Evacuation* involves all students and staff exiting the building but remaining on the property.
- *Relocation* involves all students and staff moving from the school property to another nearby site.
- It is also important to note that HRCE can respond to an emergency evacuation using our large network of school buses. There are more than 400 school buses on the road every day.

School Bus Safety Week

October 16-23, 2023 is School Bus Safety Week in Nova Scotia!- Did you know that HRCE has more than 30,000 students who ride the school bus every day? School Bus Safety Week is a great time to remind students, families and schools, of a few daily safety tips that everyone can follow to ensure all students get to school safely.

Bus Stop Safety

- Be on time for the bus and please don't run to/from the bus.
- Stand back off the road and don't push or shove when waiting at a stop.

- Always cross in front of the bus. Walk three metres (10 feet) in front of the bus to a point where you can see the driver and wait for the driver's signal to cross. Proceed to the centre of the road, STOP, LOOK & LISTEN and cross the road when it is safe.
- Never crawl under a school bus or cross the road behind the bus.
- Know the danger zones around the bus.

School Bus Safety

- Please respect and listen to the driver and avoid distracting them.
- Please keep noise levels to a minimum.
- Do not stand or move seats while the bus is in motion.
- Never put your hands, arms, feet or head out of the bus window.
- Ask the driver for permission before you open the bus windows.
- Do not throw anything inside the bus or out of the windows.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times when the bus is in motion.

You can find out more information about School Bus Safety Week, including more safety tips, [here](#)

Joint Accessibility Plan

HRCE, along with Nova Scotia's six other regional centres for education and Conseil scolaire provincial have been developing a multi-year plan to ensure accessibility in public education. This is part of a bigger goal for an accessible Nova Scotia by 2030. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Last February, Nova Scotian families and staff across the province were invited to review the draft plan and submit feedback. We sincerely appreciate everyone who contributed and shared their voice. Your thoughts, ideas and feedback during the consultation were invaluable.

HRCE is excited to let you know that with your input, the Joint Accessibility Plan has been finalized. [Click here](#) to see the plan.

Next, HRCE will start to develop an implementation plan for our region. You can expect more updates as we continue the important work of creating accessible public education in Nova Scotia.

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

We are still looking to hire lunch monitors. If you are available at lunch a few days a week or all days of the week, please reach out to Paula Leger in the office for a hiring package and ensure that you have your criminal records check (with vulnerable sector) and child abuse registry.



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.

Regular Attendance/Reducing Classroom Interruptions

Thank you for 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.**

"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

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 Event)

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