



# École Shannon Park School

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

## NOVEMBER 2023

### New Morning Duty Procedures starting Nov 14<sup>th</sup>

**Morning Duty Schedule (8:05 - 8:20am)** Zones: Side playground and pavement (Grade P-2 students) / Front playground and pavement to circle steps (Grade 3-6 students). When students get off the bus, they will now go to their designated playground areas above. These zones will be supervised by teachers starting at 8:05am, not before. The entrance bell will ring at 8:20 and students will line up and meet their teachers at their regular entrance doors. Teachers will communicate with you what line colour they will be using for their class.

**Indoor/Rainy days:** Students enter at 8:05am and will go straight to their classrooms where their teachers will be.

**Breakfast Program:** will remain the same and students can come in, make a choice and take it back outdoors with them or wait until they enter at 8:20 to choose something if they want it.

### Remembrance Day and Indigenous Veterans Day

On November 8, we honour Indigenous Veterans who have served in missions in times of war and peace. While not often enough acknowledged, the military service of First Nations, Inuit and Métis in Canada has deep roots.

On November 11, we pause and reflect on the sacrifice of our veterans, past and present. Lest we forget.

We will have our Remembrance Day Assembly for students on **Nov. 9th at 1:00pm** in the gym. If students would like to dress in their uniforms or regalia, we encourage them to do so for this assembly. We encourage you to talk to your children about this assembly as it is a more somber tone than other assemblies throughout the year. If you would like to attend as a veteran or service member, please email [Mr. Tuck](#) so that we can ensure you are looked after when you arrive.

### Inclement Weather

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all buses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and

- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

### **How will I find out?**

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, **if you have opted in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**
- On our website [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca)
- On X (formerly Twitter) at [Twitter.com/HRCE\\_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)
- On Instagram at [www.instagram.com/hrce\\_ns/](https://www.instagram.com/hrce_ns/)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit [hrce.ca/weather](http://hrce.ca/weather). For more information on our school early dismissal procedures, please see the notice attached to the Nov newsletter email.

### **Transgender Awareness Week**

Observed annually from November 13-19, Transgender Awareness Week provides an opportunity to raise awareness and acknowledge the positive contributions made daily by members of the transgender community. The week concludes with Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, a day on which we memorialize victims of transphobic violence.

**Be an ally** - An ally is someone who actively and consistently supports, stands with and advocates for the 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. The best way to be an ally is to listen with an open mind. It is our responsibility to treat all people with dignity and kindness.

### **Picture Retake Day**

Retake day is **November 9<sup>th</sup>**. Please remember Media Release forms from the PowerSchool Registration Support emails must be updated if you want your child to be included in the class picture.

**Happy Diwali** to our students and families who celebrate! [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Message from our Home and School Committee:**

Shannon Park Elementary's Home and School committee is a group of family volunteers who help make important programs (like breakfast and lunch) and special events (like dances, fairs, and fundraisers) happen at our school. We are all about building school spirit and a sense of community!

We always need new volunteers and welcome ideas and creativity!

**Get in touch:** [shannonparkspec@gmail.com](mailto:shannonparkspec@gmail.com)

**Our Halloween Howl dance was a hit!** Thank you to all who attended and supported this event—we raised \$1400 for our school! Have feedback or ideas for next year? We want to hear from you! Please email to get in touch.

**Our fall fundraiser closes on November 3rd—please have online and paper orders and money submitted soon.** Register an account by visiting [ShopDFSCanada.com](http://ShopDFSCanada.com) and using our organization ID #7174, then follow the instructions on how to share your account and make sales.

**Our holiday event is coming up November 30.** More information will be available soon... stay tuned!

**We continue to look for volunteers for our breakfast and lunch programs.** Each takes about an hour of time and very basic food preparation. We really want to grow this team, and expand these programs for our students! Please email us for more details on how you can help.

**Our hot lunch program has grown with R&B Kitchen now offering lunch on Tuesdays (order via [SchoolCashOnline.com](http://SchoolCashOnline.com)).** Little Ceasar's Pizza continues to be available on Wednesdays (order via [HealthyHunger.ca](http://HealthyHunger.ca)). Interested in other lunch options? Email us—we would love to have a third lunch option and are always looking for new ideas and volunteers.

**Did you know that Shannon Park Elementary gets a portion of sales with the purchase of Mabel's Labels' waterproof and durable labels?** Go to [Campaigns.MabelsLabels.com](http://Campaigns.MabelsLabels.com) and search for Shannon Park Elementary School

**Our next Home and School meeting will be held on Nov 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the school library.** All are welcome to attend! We have a Zoom option available for those who cannot appear in person.

**Gratitude Note:** We would like to thank IMS Interprovincial Meat Sales for the donation of a conveyor toaster, griddle, and food to our breakfast program at Shannon Park. It is appreciated greatly!

## School Bus Expectations

When students ride the school bus, students are responsible for following the expectations and the driver must focus on the road. Students are expected to sit safely (seat to seat and back-to-back) with their whole body in the seat and nothing in the aisle. Please continually have conversations with your child. You can find out more information about School Bus Safety, including more safety tips, [here](#).



## SCHOOL PROCEDURES

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).
- We require a valid working phone number, so 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
- Please call/email for 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.
- Visitors are not permitted to roam the school as we protect our instructional time and ensure the safety of students, staff and visitors too
- 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/>



## 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.

## Regular Attendance/Reducing Classroom Interruptions

Thank you for your continued contribution to reducing classroom interruptions and making sure students arrive on time and 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

### NOVEMBER

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

**9:** Picture Retake Day/Class photos will be taken - morning

**9:** Remembrance Day Assembly 1:00pm

**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