

Good Afternoon Sunnyside Families,

We had a wonderful start to the school year and thanks to everyone who was able to come to our Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night! We love being able to meet our students and families so early in the year. Our first two days of school have gone well and students and staff are getting used to and getting to know their classroom communities.

We have quite a bit of information to share with you in this, our first newsletter of the year. It will be posted to the school website as well if you need to look it up. Check out our website at <http://sss.hrce.ca>.

Nova Scotia School Code of Conduct Policy

This fall, all public schools in Nova Scotia are implementing the updated Nova Scotia School Code of Conduct Policy. This is one of the aspects that we are using as a part of the Nova Scotia Safe Schools Strategy. The [Code of Conduct](#) is linked on the school website and also on the [Provincial Safe Schools website](#). All students and school staff should feel safe, respected and included in schools. Safe and inclusive schools are the responsibility of everyone in the school community, and we look forward to working with staff, students, families and community members to this end.

Last spring our staff worked collaboratively to create a school-wide behaviour matrix so behaviour expectations are clear and consistent in both sites and all areas of the school. Teachers will be working with students to help them learn the matrix. This is a living document that will change and grow as needed.

Nova Scotia Lunch Program

Our Nova Scotia Lunch Program begins on September 15th. Ordering for this week is closed. If you have not yet registered for the lunch program you can do so at: nslunch.ca. You will receive emails to remind you when the next cycle ordering window is open. Please remember that orders for the lunch program are placed on a 2-week cycle.

Demographics Update

On September 9, the Demographic Updates Form will be available to families in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. This form should be updated by every family to ensure all information about your child is current, including contacts, medical information, consents and demographics. Even if there are no anticipated changes, please still review this information and submit the form. This information will then be reviewed by the school before updates are finalized. This deadline to submit the form is October 6, 2025.

Stand Up Against Bullying Day

On the second Thursday of September, we recognize Stand Up Against Bullying Day.

On Thursday, September 11, we will celebrate inclusivity, kindness and friendship. All HRCE school teams are focused on ensuring all students have a safe and welcoming environment in which to learn and thrive.

Please join us and wear pink if you're able on September 11 to take a stand against bullying.

Join us in observing National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Each year on September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation honours the children who didn't return from residential schools, as well as survivors, their families, and communities.

Orange Shirt Day, led by Indigenous communities, aims to raise awareness about the inter-generational impacts of residential schools and allows us all to show our support for the Every Child Matters movement.

As there are no classes on Monday, September 29 and Tuesday, September 30, we welcome staff and students to wear orange on Friday, September 26.

School Advisory Council

The SAC is a group of parents/guardians, staff and community members who meet a minimum of 4 times/year to discuss issues pertinent to school life. They are an advisory council to the principal. This year we have 1 parent/guardian position to fill. In accordance with our by-laws, this position must be filled with a parent/guardian of a student at the Fort Sackville site. If you are interested in becoming a parent representative, please contact Ms. Thompson at cthompson@hrce.ca by Sept. 12. If there are more than two people interested, we will hold an election later in September.

Emergency Drills

Each year, we hold a series of emergency drills, including Fire Drills, Hold and Secure, Lockdown Drills and Bus Evacuation Drills. All of these will be coming up in the next few weeks as we get our year started. We will hold our first fire drill next week, followed by a Hold and Secure Drill the next week and a Lockdown Drill the following week. More information on safety drills will be sent home next week.

Using 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 at transportation@hrce.ca or call 902-431-4723.

SchoolCash Setup

SchoolCash Online is an easy-to-use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. You can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more, quickly and conveniently. Simply register an account to be able to pay in several different payment forms. [Click here](#) for more information.

If you need any help with this, please contact Ms. Tricia in the office at 902-832-8983.

Headlice

As students come back to school and start spending time together inside, lice may be spread from person to person. Head lice are common and do not spread disease. We remind parents/guardians to check your student's head periodically for lice and if you find them to treat them at home as recommended by the Nova Scotia Health Authority. Students can continue to attend school once treated. <https://www.nshealth.ca/sites/default/files/documents/pamphlets/07135.pdf>

Upcoming Dates

- **Thursday, Sept. 11:** Stand Up Against Bullying Day
- **Friday, Sept. 26:** Observe orange shirt day
- **Monday, Sept. 29:** Professional Development Day – No classes PP-12
- **Tuesday, Sept. 30:** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation—No school
- **Wednesday, Oct. 1:** Treaty Day (Schools are open)