

September 9-13	Fire Drill
September 12	Stand up Against Bullying (Wear your pink shirt or clothing)
September 26	Terry Fox Walk
September 27	Orange shirt day for Truth and Reconciliation
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no classes)
October 1	Treaty Day
October 14	Thanksgiving (no classes)
October 21	Picture Day (Retakes November 5)

SAFE ARRIVAL

If your child will not be attending school or will be late, it is imperative that you call the school's safe arrival line at **1-833-582-6940** or visit <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> to record them as absent. The automated system will call out for all unaccounted absences.

If your child will be arriving late, please record them as absent, and the office will mark them present once they have arrived at school. The automated system is not set up to account for half day absences. Daily attendance and prompt arrival at school ensure your child(ren) and all other students in the class a successful start to their day. Missing even 10 minutes of a morning routine can interrupt student learning. We encourage parents to call the safe arrival line rather than calling the school.

LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES

Please note that we are a nut aware and scent free school. Please do not send in food with nuts or that may contain traces of nuts. We thank you for checking labels carefully.

END OF DAY PICK UP CHANGES

Please keep end of the day routines for your child as consistent as possible. If you have an emergency arise, please do not leave a phone message, we may not receive it in time. If you know a change in advance, communicate this to your child's teacher and ensure the teacher has acknowledged receipt of it. Students are not permitted to take an alternate bus to or from school. Only students on the specific bus manifest can ride on that bus.

FIRE DRILLS AND LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES

We will have 6 fire drills throughout the year: 3 in the fall and 3 in the spring; 2 lockdown drills throughout the year: 1 in the fall and 1 in the winter; and 1 Hold and Secure drill during the year. Teachers will talk with children to help them understand these practices.

STAND UP AGAINST BULLYING DAY-SEPTEMBER 12



Stand Up Against Bullying Day is recognized on the second Thursday in September across Nova Scotia. Recognizing this day early in the school year allows us to set a positive tone by engaging students in activities that focus on the importance of building healthy relationships. HRCE is committed to ensuring that every school is a safe place to learn and succeed. We put this commitment into action through our policies, procedures, staff development, and school supports. Please join us in taking a stance against bullying by wearing pink on September 12th!

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the children who never returned home and the survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. September 30 falls on a Monday this year, we welcome staff and students to wear orange on Friday, September 27. There will be no school on Monday, September 30 in recognition of this day.



CELL PHONES



Nova Scotia is implementing a new Provincial Directive on Cell Phone Use in Schools to create an optimal educational environment at all grade levels that maximizes student learning, safety, and positive social interactions. This directive aims to reduce distractions and the potential for cyberbullying and inappropriate use of technology, creating school environments where children and youth can thrive. • Students in grades PP–6 will turn off and store their cell phones for the entire school day, including non-instructional times. <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/cellphones>.

Lunch Monitors

We are still in need of Lunch Monitors! If you, a family, or community member are interested in lunch monitoring on a regular or part time/on call basis please contact the school at 902-876-3236.

TRANSPORTATION

Student transportation information for 2024-25 is available to view online through the **BusPlanner Parent Portal**! Please check the portal for exact bus pick up times. Families eligible for transportation will receive an email to access the Parent Portal to view their child's bus information once it is available. Once you receive the email, you must follow the instructions to activate your Parent Portal account and create a password (previous BusPlanner Parent Portal login information will not work). If you can't find the email, please contact 902-431-4723 or transportation@hrce.ca for assistance.



Registration/Demographic Updates 2024-2025



It is important that student information is accurate throughout the school year so that families receive school communications, report cards and can be contacted in case of an emergency. All HRCE schools will be using the 2024-2025 HRCE Demographic Updates Form. This online form has replaced the paper registration form that schools would send home each September to gather demographic updates. Additionally, this form will include the integration of the "Publication of Student Personal Information and Student Work" form that is required to be updated yearly. You will receive more communication regarding this in the next few weeks. Please take a few minutes to check that all information is accurate, make changes as necessary and submit it as soon as possible.