
WEST BEDFORD



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Hello WBS Families,

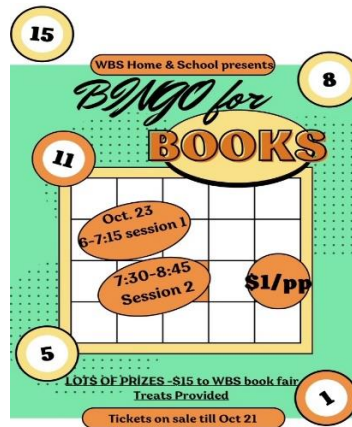
Welcome to October! Our website, along with every other school in the HRCE had a makeover this week. Please visit our school site [WBS website](#) for the latest news from the school and the HRCE. Our weekly memos can also be found on our school site. Have a wonderful week!

1. **HRCE Demographic Forms:** The demographic form for each student has been emailed to families. Please take a moment to update your information and consents around posting pictures. We have almost 600 forms completed but have 500 still outstanding. These forms are important when it comes to yearbook photos, photos on our school socials, photos hung in classrooms.
2. **Back of school access and parking:** Please respect the no access/no parking around the back of the school. We have had to place a duty teacher at the entrance to the back of the building as cars have been going back there to drop off and pick up students. This area is for staff parking only.
3. **Home & School Association (HSA):** Thank you to those who expressed an interest in joining the HSA Executive. There are a number of HSA events happening.

- a. Shoe Charms can be purchased on School Cash until Oct. 22nd;



- b. There will be a BINGO night on October 23, 2024. Please purchase your bingo cards through School Cash. There are two sitting times- please choose only one.



- c. Pizza Fundraiser through Dominoes- October 30th, 2024- this is through Dominoes Pizza outlets.



Next HSA Meeting: We would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to be a part of the HSA as a general member to join this team on Tuesday, October 15th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the cafeteria for the next meeting.

4. **School Advisory Council (SAC):** We currently have a community member vacancy on our SAC. A community member is someone who does not have a child at WBS, but lives or works in the West Bedford community. The next SAC meeting is Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the seminar room. If you are interested in being a community member, please email Susan Casey, scasey@hrce.ca

5. **NS School Lunch Program-** The NS School Lunch Program will open for ordering in HRCE schools on October 18th, 2024. The ordering portal will remain open until October 23rd. You order lunches for two weeks at a time (this is called a cycle). The first cycle of lunches will be served to students at WBS (and across the HRCE) on Monday, October 28th, 2024.

6. **Friday Field Volunteers:** We are going to be able to open the field on Fridays for grades 3-6. Thank you to those who can volunteer their time to supervise the students on the field from 11:05-11:55 am and 11:55 to 12:20 pm. We have enough volunteers to open the field for the second lunch time to those students who are in Grade 3, but in a combined 2/3 class. Thank you to our Volunteers!

7. **Safe Arrival Number:** If your child is going to be absent for the any part of the school day or arrive late, please call Safe Arrival: 1-833-582-6940. Please note if your child will be late arriving to school you must select that they will be absent for the day. When they arrive our admin team will update their attendance.

Upcoming Events:

October 11th- Professional Development Day- no school for students

October 14th- Thanksgiving Monday- No school for students or staff

October 15th- Home and School Meeting 6-7 pm; SAC Meeting 7-8 pm

October 16th- Picture Retake Day

October 23rd- Home and School BINGO Night

October 25th- Provincial PD Day- No school for students