
WEST BEDFORD



ELEMENTARY

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Hello WBS Families,

Welcome to October! Please find below information to be shared with families at the start of each school year, along with information on our Home and School Association, and our SAC. Have a wonderful week!

1. **Video Surveillance-** Our school uses a video surveillance system as part of our continued efforts to support a safe, positive and effective learning environment. We recognize that the images recorded by this video surveillance system are personal information and, as with all other personal information, we take steps to balance privacy rights with safety and security concerns. The school has the legal authority to collect this personal information under Section 24 of Nova Scotia's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Only designated staff has access to our video surveillance equipment and such access is restricted as required by law. The system is used to enhance school safety and to deter or take action in response to unlawful behaviours. If you have any questions about video surveillance at our school, please contact Susan Casey, Principal at 902-405-0337.
2. **School and Bus Cancellation Policy-** We would like parents/guardians to know of the procedures for school closures according to the [School and Bus Cancellation Policy \(B.012\)](#). Families are able to confirm instructions in the Demographic form already emailed to families, indicating the plan for their child(ren) in the event of a midday closure.
[From Policy B.012L PLANNING & COMMUNICATION 1.1](#)

1.1.1 At any time when schools are open, parents should use their own discretion when deciding whether or not to send their children to school based on weather, road and sidewalk conditions in their community.

1.1.2 In recognition of the fact that weather conditions may delay the arrival of teachers to school, students should not be dropped off or otherwise sent to school, without ensuring that staff is available to provide direct supervision. (We will communicate through X, InstaGram and our School website)

1.1.3 Principals will inform parents of the process the school will follow in the event of a midday cancellation. (We will communicate through X, InstaGram and our School website)

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 coming up. A separate email will be sent this week to families with this information. 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. **Friday Field Volunteers:** We are going to be able to open the field on Fridays for grades 3-6. Thank you to those who are able to volunteer their time to supervise the students on the field from 11:05-11:55 am.
6. **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.
7. **Key policies and procedures**, such as the Provincial Code of Conduct and the Inclusive Education Policy can be found on our website: <https://wbs.hrce.ca/our-school> These policies and procedures guide our work each day.

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 (more information coming)

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