
WEST BEDFORD



ELEMENTARY

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Principal: Susan Casey

Vice Principals: Courtney Smith
: Joanne Treen

Monday, September 8, 2025

Hello WBS Families!

Thank you for your patience and your support on Thursday, our first day of year 3!

Medical Plans: If your child has a medical condition that requires the use of medication (asthma puffers, insulin, epi pen, etc), we require a medical plan to be completed. Please reach out to a member of the administration to receive a copy of this paperwork. It is important that those students with epi pens and puffers have these on their person at all times, in case immediate medical attention is required.

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.

School Advisory Council (SAC): We currently have two vacancies for parents/guardians and 1 vacancy for a community member. For parents/guardians- If you are interested in being a member of our SAC and have a child at WBS, please email Susan Casey scasey@hrce.ca. Community members- If you live within our community and do not have a child at WBS, please reach out to Susan Casey. The first SAC meeting is Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the seminar room.

Home & School Association (HSA): If you would like to be a member of the West Bedford School HSA, please join this team on Tuesday, September 16th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the cafeteria.

Newcomer Workshop “Welcome to School”: Our YMCA school settlement worker, Reena Younis and our EAL staff are offering a workshop to newcomer families with translation services. To provide the appropriate translation services at the workshop, please fill in the following google form: <https://forms.gle/KEZN3raoJqE7kLri7> prior to Friday, September 12, 2025

WBS Catchment Area: As we begin a new school year, it is important that we have the most up to date information for all our students. It also means that we need to ensure that only students who live in our catchment area are attending WBS. When we have students coming from outside our catchment area it puts a strain on our staffing and our resources, thereby decreasing the effectiveness of the work we do. We ask that families follow the HRCE catchment area policy. If you are not living within our catchment area, please let us know so we can support your transfer to your catchment area school.

If you have moved, please complete the HRCE address change form:

The 2025-26 HRCE Current Student Change of Address Form

This is the form required if:

- you are moving for the 2025-26 school year and will need to register for a different school within HRCE: or
- you are moving for the 2025-26 school year, but the address is still within the catchment of the current school.

Click [here](#) to complete this form.

African Nova Scotian Student Support Worker: WBS and WBH have a ANSSSW, Felisha Davidson. Ms. Davidson works with students of African Nova Scotian and Caribbean descent. Please find information from Ms. Davidson below.

My name is **Felisha Davidson**, and I am the African Student Support Worker at West Bedford. I am so excited to connect with you and your children for the 2025–2026 school year!

I support both the elementary and high school communities:

- **Mondays & Wednesdays** – Elementary
- **Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays** – High school

In my role, I:

- Provide academic support to students
 - Create and lead cultural programming
 - Offer a safe and welcoming space where students feel seen, heard, and celebrated
- Throughout the school year, we will engage in a variety of activities and events, including **Kwanzaa, African Heritage Month, and Black Excellence Day**. These

celebrations provide opportunities for students to learn, share, and take pride in their cultural identity and heritage. West Bedford High School has established a Black Student Association that will run a variety of fun, interactive activities for the students of African, Caribbean and African Nova Scotian descent.

I feel truly honored to serve your children and to walk alongside them on their educational journey this year. If you ever have questions, ideas, or would just like to connect, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Email: felisha.davidson@hrce.ca; **Phone:** 902-405-0442 ext. 2982015

Thank you for your partnership. I look forward to a wonderful year together!
Warmly, **Felisha Davidson**, African Student Support Worker, West Bedford

Upcoming September Dates

- **Open House/Curriculum Night is on Thursday, September 11, 2025 6:00-7:00 pm.** This is an opportunity to see your child's classroom, meet their teacher, and take a tour of WBS. Please note that discussions about your child with the teacher are not part of this evening. If you feel that you need to have a conversation with your child's teacher, please make an appointment to have this discussion at another time.
- **Home and School Association Meeting September 16th 6:00-7:00 pm** in the cafeteria
- **SAC Meeting September 16th 7:00-8:00 pm** in the seminar room
- **Newcomer Workshop "Welcome to School" 6:00-7:30 pm in the cafeteria on Wednesday, September 17th**
- **Grade 6 Band Camp-** For Grade 6 students who are in band there will be a band camp on Wednesday, September 24th from 3-8 pm. A pizza supper will be provided. If you have any questions, please reach out to Trevor Dimoff TDimoff@hrce.ca
- **September 29th- Professional Learning Day for staff- no school for students**
- **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation- Tuesday, September 30th- No school for students and staff**