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Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Hello WBS Families!

Curriculum Night: Is TONIGHT! September 2, 2026 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. We will have staff out front with red folders and orange vests. These staff members can tell you who your child's teacher is and where the classroom is located. Your child is welcome to bring their school supplies this evening.

The first day of school is almost here- our doors open tomorrow, Thursday, September 3rd, 2026, at 8:05 am. The first bell for classes is 8:25 am. Please plan to be here between 8:05 am and 8:25 am. Try to give your family lots of time to arrive as the roads and sidewalks will be busy with all schools opening tomorrow. We will be welcoming close to 1100 students in Pre-Primary to Grade 6 so the campus will be crowded and busy. We ask for your patience and understanding as we bring students into the building and to their classes. Please remember that families are to say good-bye outside. Only authorized staff are to be in the building.

Animals on school Property- Please note that dogs and other family pets are not permitted on school property (Service animals are welcome). Signs are posted on the building the fence of the playground. Thank you for following this expectation.

1. **Parking on campus-** Please find information regarding parking below (this information was also mailed out to families on August 31, 2026). If your child is to ride the bus, please put them on the bus. Helping them get into a routine from day 1 supports a smoother transition to school. If your child is walking or wheeling to school, please review road safety and have them walk or ride to school as planned. Try to limit driving your children to school to lessen the congestion on school property.
2. **School Entry** is based on grade level and program (English or French Immersion). Door information can be found below (this information was also mailed out to families on August 31, 2026). Please look for the signs and colored balloons at the different doors.

3. Please put a **tag on your child's book bag** indicating their name, grade level, dismissal information (being picked up or riding a bus (put bus number) or walking home (gr. 3-6 only)

4. **School lunch program-** begins September 3, 2026, for those that ordered.

5. **Teacher-** PowerSchool is now open so that you can view your child's teacher.

We are happy to welcome you to the West Bedford School community. At WBS respect is the standard. WBS is committed to a safe and inclusive school environment. Communications and/interactions that are abusive in language and/or actions will not be tolerated. We ask that everyone have patience, kindness, and respect for one another and our staff.

We are excited to see all our students for the 2026-2027 school year!

Warm Regards,

Susan Casey
(Principal)

PARKING INFORMATION

Please note that **All vehicles**, for students in Primary to Grade 6 student MUST use the lower parking lot to drop off/pick up their children. We feel very lucky to be able to offer this parking option to our families, as most schools cannot offer parking onsite to their families.

Please be respectful, patient, and follow the directions from staff. Everyone's safety is a shared responsibility!

- i. **Pre-Primary Parking passes:** ORANGE parking passes will be handed out to our Pre-Primary families for the 2026-2027 school year. You **MUST** have this parking pass visible to enter the upper driveway by the front playground. Cars will be directed to the Pre-Primary drop off area by a staff member. Please Park responsibly and only in defined parking spots or against the curb. Please do NOT block in other vehicles or leave your vehicle in the middle of the parking lot.

If you cannot show your 2026-2027 pass you will not be allowed to enter the driveway.

- ii. **LC Parking Passes:** There will be no LC parking passes issued this year. There should be no vehicles driving around to the back of the school at any time.

- iii. For those with **accessible parking passes**, There are accessible parking spots by the main blue doors. The accessible parking pass must be clearly visible in your windshield.

NO OTHER VEHICLES should be entering the driveway closest to the roundabout.

v. There is **NO PARKING around the back of the school or the small parking lot next to the High School side of the building between the high school and the field.** ***This area is for staff parking and Special Needs bus drop off and pick up.*** Please respect this procedure so that we can keep our most vulnerable students safe when accessing their

buses.

vi. **EXCEL Families:** *Those families who have a child in Excel can drop off their child between 7:30-7:50 am in the front loop. Pick up after school in the loop is from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.* Dropping off or picking up your child outside these times requires families to park in the lower parking lot.

We ask that you respect these procedures and guidelines as they have been designed to ensure the safety of everyone who is on our school property.

1. Bussing:

- Morning arrival- when buses arrive, staff will supervise the offloading of students and support them in heading to their entry door.
- At the end of the day, students in P-6 who ride a bus will be brought to the cafeteria where they will find an orange pylon with their bus number on it. Pre-Primary students will be brought to their buses and buckled in by their Pre-Primary teachers.
- Students will sit at a cafeteria table designated by their bus number - When their bus number is called, an adult will lead the bus line out to the bus and supervise the students getting on.
- Bus Stop: It is helpful if you could show your child where they are getting off the bus at the end of the day.
- Students in PP-2 must have an authorized adult waiting at the bus stop to receive them. If a child does not have anyone at the bus stop to pick them up, the bus drivers MUST bring them back to school.

For questions around transportation, please reach out to the Transportation Team at Transpdrita_on@hrce.ca; If for some reason, your child does not get off at their bus stop, please call the school at 902-405-0337 and the Transportation Team at 902-431- 4723 to let us know. Your child's safety is important to us.

Arriving at school for the first few days:

- a. When your child arrives at school there will be several staff and Grade 6 student ambassadors on hand to direct students to their proper entrance door and guide them to their classroom.
- b. Each grade level will be assigned to a specific school entrance for when they arrive or leave the building. We ask that students use their assigned entrance as it helps to improve traffic flow within and around the building. This will also provide the most direct route for your child to get to their classroom and to leave at the end of the school day (the door your child goes in, is the door they will exit at the end of the day).

****We ask that families, who accompany their child to school, say goodbye outside of the building. We want to ensure that every child can be assisted by our WBS staff and Grade 6 student ambassadors. ****

Entry and Dismissal Door Colours:

Each Grade level has been assigned a door and a color. Please tie something that is your child's assigned colour to your child's backpack so that we will know what door they should enter and exit. These are the doors that your child will use each time they enter and exit the school for the entire school year.

Grade Pre-Primary Students- Your colour is **ORANGE**; Your door is on the side of the school, facing Larry Uteck in a fenced area. Our Pre Primary teachers will be there waiting to welcome our Pre-Primary students. There will be an orange sign and orange balloons.

Grade Primary (English and French Program) Students- Your colour is **BLUE**; your door is the side door, facing Broad Street and it will have a Blue Sign and blue balloons.

Grade 1 to Grade 6 French Immersion Program Students- Your colour is **GREEN**; your door is at the side front of the building, is facing Larry Uteck. It will have a Green Sign and green balloons.

Grades 1-3 English Program Students- Your colour is **YELLOW**; your door is facing Larry Uteck and is at the end of the building by Blue Water Road. It will have a Yellow Sign and yellow balloons.

Grades 4-6 (English Program) Students- your colour is **RED**; your door is the main doors of the school. It will have a Red Sign and red balloons.

MODULARS: We have two detached buildings: Modular 1 and Modular 2. The teachers listed below are working in these spaces. If your child's teacher is listed below, your child will go to the modular building when they arrive at school. Look for the orange sign and orange balloon.

Modular 1 (closest to back of school) (Pink Bristol board and pink balloons)	Modular 2 (building at the front) (White Bristol board and white balloons)
Lesley Mullins- Grade 4 Jeff Hennigar- Grade 5 Mariah Smart- Grade 4 Kim Jardine- Grade 5	Kathleen Healy- Grade 6 Alea Garrett- Grade 6 Katy Baker- Grade 6 Shannon Christie- Grade 4 Chris Doyle- Grade 5/6

Please note: There will be many staff members outside to help, so please ask if you are not sure which door your child should go in.

2. **Luggage Tag or Information Card AND Grade Level Door Colour** For us to best support your child, please attach a luggage tag or information card and your child's grade level door colour, that can be easily seen, to your child's

backpack with the following information:

Child's Name:

Child's Grade:

Dismissal Plans: (Please indicate **one** of the following on the tag):

- My child is being picked up** (Grades PP-2 students must have an authorized adult pick them up at their dismissal door, students in Grades 3-6 can meet their person at a designated meeting spot set by your family)
- **My child is walking home** (We can only let students in Grades 3-6 go on their own)
- **My child rides the bus**- Please indicate the Bus Number

