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Monday, September 28, 2026

Dear West Bedford School PP-6 Families,

I can hardly believe October is arriving this week! September has flown by as our students and staff have settled into the rhythms of the new school year.

As we establish our routines, I want to share a few important reminders so we can work together to ensure our campus remains a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for every child.

Partnering for Safety and Respect on Campus

1. **School Grounds & Visitor Guidelines:** To protect student privacy and maintain safety during the school day, filming and photographing children on school property is not permitted. In addition, adults should only be on school property during school hours for specific purposes, such as picking up/dropping off a student or attending a scheduled meeting. If you are visiting, please check in at the main office.
2. **Drop-Off & Pick-Up Protocols:** Traffic during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up can be busy, and our procedures are designed keeping student safety as the top priority. We ask that all drivers park only in designated areas and follow the guidance of staff on duty. Please remember that respectful communication is the standard across the Halifax Regional Centre for Education and West Bedford School. Maintaining courteous, positive interactions helps us model the behavior we want to see in our students and ensures a safe working environment for our team.

Cafeteria Expectations & Supportive Scaffolding

Throughout September, our staff has been teaching, modeling, and practicing our school's matrix of expectations with students. While our Grade 3 & 4 students have adapted to lunch routines in the cafeteria, our Grade 5 and 6 students are still developing consistency with cafeteria expectations.

To help our older students build these habits, Grades 5 and 6 will sit at assigned tables with their classes for the next few weeks. This temporary structure allows our staff to provide direct support and guidance as students practice meeting our shared standards:

- **Listen actively:** Follow directions from supervising adults promptly.

- **Stay seated:** Remain seated at assigned tables for the full 25-minute lunch period.
- **Respect shared spaces:** Keep tables and floors clean by putting all trash in the bins and keeping food on plates.
- **Mindful voice volume:** Use inside talking voices to maintain a calm, pleasant dining atmosphere.

We appreciate your help in discussing these positive habits at home so we can continue creating a calm, secure, and joyful school environment for everyone.

Kindly,

Susan Casey, Principal

Important School Information & Updates

Returning Student Registration Form (Due October 5)

The Returning Student Registration Form (formerly Demographic Updates Form) is open through October 5. Please log into the Parent Portal or visit the top banner of our website at www.wbs.hrce.ca to review student details and complete annual permissions and consents.

School Contact Information

Please note contact details for West Bedford School and West Bedford High School:

- **West Bedford School (PP–Grade 6):**
 - **Phone:** 902-405-0337
 - **Email:** wbs@hrce.ca
- **West Bedford High School (Grades 7–12):**
 - **Phone:** 902-405-0442 (Ext. 0 for Office)
 - **Safe Arrival:** Ext. 1 or email WBHsa@hrce.ca (*Please provide caller name, legal connection to student, student's full name spelled out, and reason for absence*).

School Advisory Council (SAC) Voting

Thank you to everyone who expressed interest in joining our SAC! Community memberships are filled, and parent/guardian representative voting takes place **September 28th to October 2nd, 2026**.

- Please cast your vote for 2 candidates here: [SAC Voting Form](#).

YMCA / EAL Newcomer Orientation Meeting — September 29 (6:00 PM – 7:00 PM)

All families are welcome! Join us to learn about school routines in Nova Scotia, PowerSchool, translation services, and the health curriculum.

- *Note:* Parents/guardians are responsible for child supervision, as childcare is not provided.
- Please RSVP using the [Newcomer Orientation Form](#).

Information from our SchoolsPlus Team

What is SchoolsPlus?

SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities.

Manage complex situations

Sometimes students and their families are already connected to many services, but still need help managing it all. Our Facilitators offer comprehensive case management support to ensure everyone involved is communicating clearly and families are receiving the best support possible.

Connect with us!

Parents, guardians and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus - 12 months a year! Just contact the SchoolsPlus Facilitator at your school.

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Resources & support

We can connect students and their families to resources and supports, such as:

Recreation
Help finding and applying for rec programs or related funding.

Tutoring
Help understanding and accessing tutoring supports.

Food supports
Help accessing food banks and other local food supports.

Health & wellness
Help navigating healthcare systems.

General support
Help completing paperwork and applications, as well as transportation and accompaniment to appointments.

Upcoming Dates

- **September 29:** Orange Shirt Day (Students & staff welcome to wear orange) | YMCA Newcomer Orientation (6:00 PM – 7:00 PM)
- **September 30:** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (**No School**)
- **October 12:** Thanksgiving (**No School**)
- **October 23:** Provincial Conference Day (**No School for Students**)