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Friday, October 9, 2026

Dear West Bedford School PP–6 Families,

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our families celebrating this weekend! Please note that there is no school on Monday, October 12. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday, October 13.

Important Reminder: Smartwatches and Cell Phones

We are asking for your support at home regarding personal electronic devices at school. Recently, we have noticed a significant increase in students using smartwatches and cell phones during instructional time—primarily to text one another, play games, take photos, and make phone calls.

Under Nova Scotia's [Provincial Cell Phone Directive in Schools](#), cell phones and cellular-enabled smartwatches are not permitted for use during school hours for Pre-Primary through Grade 6 students.

To maintain a safe, focused, and distraction-free learning environment, we will be enforcing this provincial directive alongside the Provincial Code of Conduct. Please take time this weekend to talk with your child about these expectations.

Responses & Consequences

If a student uses a smartwatch or cell phone during school hours, 8:05 am until off of school property at the end of the day, our administrative process is as follows:

1. First Incident: The classroom teacher will speak with the student and contact home to notify parents.
2. Second Incident: The student will be referred to the main office for a meeting with an administrator. The device will be held in the office until the end of the day and returned to the student. Additional consequences, such as a loss of privileges or detention, may apply.
3. Third Incident: The student will be referred to the main office. The device will be kept in the office and must be picked up by a parent or guardian. A consequence, such as an in-school suspension, may be assigned.
4. Fourth Incident & Beyond: The student will be referred to the main office. The device

will be kept in the office for parent/guardian pickup, and further disciplinary actions, up to an out-of-school suspension, will be implemented.

With consistent reinforcement at home and clear reminders at school, we know our students can meet these standards successfully. Thank you for partnering with us to keep our classrooms focused on learning.

Kindly,
Susan Casey,
Principal

Important School Information & Updates

Picture Re-takes: Picture retakes will be held on Monday, October 19th, 2026.

Home and School

The next Home and School meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20th, 2026 at 6 pm in the school's seminar room

School Advisory Council (SAC) Membership

Our next SAC meeting is on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 7pm in our seminar room

Upcoming Dates

- **October 12:** Thanksgiving (**No School**)
- **October 19-** Picture re-take day
- **October 23:** Provincial Conference Day (**No School for Students**)