

Monday Memo for October 30 to November 3, 2023

I am happy to share that all of the lockers have been assigned for grade 7 & 8 students who have submitted the locker form. If there is still a junior high student that would like a locker, please submit the locker form found on our website wbs@hrce.ca – go to OUR SCHOOL-STUDENTS- LOCKER AGREEMENT. On Tuesday, October 24th, the Junior High students participate in an assembly where the school norms and expectations were shared with them.

Cell phones:

A key expectation for all students at WBS is that cell phones are to be put away and not used during 8:05 to 2:35 pm. If families need to get a hold of their child, please call 902-405-0337. Cell phones are to be kept in book bags, and book bags are to be kept in their locker, their designated space in their homeroom or their cubby. We have noticed that without their phones, students are engaging more in conversation with one another, and being more physically active. This is something that we would like to continue to foster.

School Spirit Week:

Our student ambassadors have planned a spirit week for all students at WBS. This is the start of developing our school culture and climate. We hope that students choose to participate on the days they are comfortable with.



Have a wonderful week everyone!

Susan Casey (Principal)

West Bedford School Yearbook: West Bedford School has partnered with Jostens to produce the first ever WBS Yearbook! To help kick off our sales, we are offering an early bird special until the end of November!!

(1) Purchase your WBS Yearbook between now and November 30th for the discounted rate of \$35.00 with free personalization options.

(2) Starting December 1st, yearbooks will be sold for \$40.00, with an additional \$5.00 for personalization.

(3) Final sales will run from Feb 1st to March 8th. The yearbook will be sold at full price \$45.00 with additional \$5.00 for personalization options.

Please view the WBS website main page for the online sales link or click [here](#).

WBS Cafeteria: Our cafeteria is now open to all students at West Bedford School PP-8. We strongly encourage online ordering to help reduce the wait times for food. Please ensure that you are selecting your child's teacher, as lunches will be delivered to the classroom for students in PP to Grade 3.

Morning Arrival- We understand that there may be days when it takes longer to get to school. Arriving prior to the 8:25 am start time, however, sets students up for success. It allows students time to get settled for their day, to socialize with classmates and to touch base with a teacher, if needed. Students should arrive between 8:05 to 8:24 am and enter through their assigned coloured door. Please know if students ride a bus and the bus arrives after 8:25 am they will not be marked late.

School Advisory Council- The first SAC Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 17th from 6:30-7:30 pm at WBS.

We are currently looking for 3 non-parent community members to join our committee. We will be sending out an expression of interest form November 3rd and it is due back by November 17th.

Online Demographic Forms- The portal to submit the demographic form to update important information continues to be open. This form was emailed to families. The form includes phone numbers, email addresses, emergency contacts, and medical information. This online demographic form replaces the paper copy of the registration form. Please submit this form with any updates ASAP. The school uses the information we have on file for many reasons. If your information is not up to date then you may not receive our memos, report cards, or other information. The media consent is also in the demographic form. Without an updated consent students will not be able to have their photo in the yearbook or any other social media platforms.

Nut Free Building- *This is VERY IMPORTANT!* We have a number of students who have life threatening allergies to all types of nuts (Tree nuts and ground nuts). We ask that all food that is sent to school is nut free.

Scent Free Building- We ask that scented products (deodorant, perfume, lotion, etc) not be worn while in the building. We have several students and staff who will have a severe allergic reaction to scents.

Athletics: Our athletic teams are up and running with soccer, cross-country already mid-season. The volleyball teams are getting started and prior to January, basketball will begin. If you have questions around any of the sports teams, please contact Emily Bell at ebell@hrce.ca.

Upcoming dates

October 30-November 3: School Spirit Week

November 13- Remembrance Day observance (no school)

November 17- Assessment and Evaluation Day- No school for students

November 21- SAC meeting 6:30-7:30 pm

November 23- No school for students- Professional Development in the morning and family-teacher meetings in the afternoon and evening

November 28- Report cards for Term 1 will be distributed