

Monday Memo for April 29 to May 3, 2024

Hello Families,

I hope that this weekly memo finds everyone well. We would like to recognize that our school community has received news regarding changes for the 2024-2025 school year to support the population growth in West Bedford. The HRCE would like to hear from families regarding the changes through a ThoughtExchange platform. Please share your thoughts around the following question:

As we plan for this change for September, what do you want us to know?

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1. **Information from West Bedford High School:** The Grade 9 parent information session scheduled for **Thursday May 2 at 6:30pm has been postponed.**
2. **Home and School Information:** The Home and School Association have planned two events for WBS Students and Staff happening May 6 to 10, 2024.



3. **West Bedford School Clubs, Committees, and Teams:** It has come to our staff's attention that there are some in the community that feel that nothing happens at WBS for students and that students are missing out. I would like to share with the community the following clubs, committees, and sports teams that have been offered at WBS this year by staff who choose to volunteer their time to offer these experiences to our students.

Clubs and Committees

- : Grade 3 Lunch Bunch Group
- : Grade 3 Run Club

- : Grade 3 Social Success Squad
- : Grade 4-6 Choir
- : Grade 4-6 Peter Pan Jr Musical
- : Grade PP-8 School Song Project
- : Grade PP-8 School Art Installation related to the school song project
- : Grade 4-6 GSA/ Free to be me
- : Grade 4-6 Chess Club
- : Grade 4 Friendship Club
- : Grade 4-6 Blue Jays Affiliate School Program
- : Grade 5 Knitting/Crochet Crew
- : Grade 5-6 Battle of the Books
- : Grade 5 Maker Club
- : Grade 5-6 Persuasive Writing and Debate Club
- : Grade 4-8 Yearbook
- : Grade 4-8 Library is open several days a week for reading and puzzles
- : Grade 7-8 Newspaper
- : Grade 7-8 Drama Club
- : Grade 7-8 GSA Club
- : Grade 7-8 Card games club
- : Grade 7 Comics club
- : Grade 7-8 Art Club
- : Grade 7-8 D&D Club
- : Grade 7-8 School of Rock Band
- : Grade 7-8 Bonus Band rehearsal
- : Grade 8 Student Ambassadors
- : Grade 8 Schools Advisory committee student reps

Athletics

Grade 6-8 students have had the opportunity to play on sports teams within the NSSF. Emily Bell has volunteered her time to do the work of an athletics director in order to offer sports teams:

- Cross Country
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Flag Football
- Track and Field

4. **School Colours and Mascot:** Communication was sent home late last week seeking input from the students and community regarding school colours of Forest Green, Black and White. Please share your thoughts in the google form <https://forms.gle/mHGR774hrkhsd3QG9> . This form will be open until Tuesday, April 30th, 2024.
5. **2024 Student Success Survey Grade 4-8 Students:** The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has once again engaged Narrative Research to conduct the online

Student Success Survey with all students in grades 4-12 (like previous school years). The 2024 Student Success Survey will be available for schools to view and administer between **April 22nd and May 10th, 2024**.

6. **West Bedford School's Song:** The music department is working on an exciting project! We have a ***School Song - "Build a Better Place"***, written by Keith Mullins, Morgan Toney and Ryan Roberts. The school choir recorded their vocals for the song on Wednesday April 24. There will be a video shoot on June 10!
7. **WBS Musical- Peter Pan Jr TICKETS:** Evening shows May, 29 and May 30, 2024 at 7 pm
8. **Head Lice:** Head lice is always "in season" at schools. We have had a reported case this year. It is always advised to check your child on a regular basis, and the stress with them the importance of not sharing hats, brushes, combs, or headbands. For information on how to properly treat Head Lice, please visit Nova Scotia Public Health at <https://www.nshealth.ca/sites/default/files/documents/pamphlets/07135.pdf>

Upcoming Events:

May 2- **CANCELLED**-Grade 9 parent information session at WBH 6:30 pm- **NEW DATE WILL BE SHARED SOON**

May 7- Home and School Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm

May 20- Victoria Day- Schools are closed

May 21- SAC Meeting at WBS Library 6:30-8:00 pm

June 6- Grade 6-8 Dance 6:30-8:30 pm in cafeteria (regular dance- not a semi-formal or grad dance!)

June 18- SAC Meeting at WBS library 6:30-8:00 pm

June 25- Grade 6 Closing Ceremony 9:15 -10: 30 am (doors open at 9 am)

June 26- Grade 8 Closing Ceremony 10:00-12:00 pm (doors open at 9:45 am)

June 27- Assessment & Evaluation Day- No school for Students

June 28- last day of school- Clap out for our Grade 6-8 students

Kind regards,

Susan Casey (Principal)