



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

In November we recognized and celebrated our veterans and those who currently serve in our armed forces to protect and promote peace. Thank you to the Organization Committee and our grade 6 leaders for organizing our Remembrance Day Ceremony.

The Commission on Inclusive Education is seeking input in order to gather ideas that will help shape the future of inclusive education in Nova Scotia. Complete the online survey before **December 15th: <https://inclusiveedns.ca/take-survey/>**



HOLIDAY CONCERTS

This year's Holiday Concerts will take place on December 12th and 13th during our Instructional Day with an AM performance (9:30am) and a repeat PM performance (1:15 pm). This will be a total of 4 **repeat** performances for all classes and each repeat concert is expected to be approximately 65min. long. This will allow parents, grandparents, and family members 4 options when deciding to attend this year's concert. Tickets are not required for the concerts.

Holiday Concert times:

Tuesday Dec 12 at 9:30 am and 1:15 pm - will include the grade 6 band
Wednesday Dec 13 at 9:30 am and 1:15 pm - will include the choir

All students will be in all 4 shows

We recognize there will be certain challenges for parents/guardians with two days of shows. Students are welcome to wear a holiday outfit for both days, or something comfy. The audience will be looking at their smiling faces!!!!

SILVER COLLECTION: There will be a silver collection at all shows to help cover the costs of the sound and lights. Thanks to Ground SOUND productions for providing this service!

GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL AND/OR BUS CANCELLATION DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER - CHANGES

The Halifax Regional School Board takes great care when making the decision to alter the normal operations of schools in the event of severe or inclement weather. New guidelines have recently developed for School and/or Bus Cancellation due to inclement weather.

Partial or Complete School Closure: HRSB staff begins to gather information from various sources beginning at 4:30 am. Staff consults with Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) staff. By 5:30 am, staff makes a recommendation to the Superintendent (or designate) based on the information gathered. The Superintendent makes the final decision to close schools based on this information.

For full day closures of all or some schools, the decision will be announced as close to 6:00 am as possible. Announcements will be:

Posted on the HRSB's website (www.hrsb.ca);

Posted on the HRSB's Twitter account (HRSB_Official);

Important dates:

Last day to order Turkey Dinner	Dec. 6th
Scholastic Book Fair	Dec. 4 - 8
1/2 PD Day (No students)	Dec. 7th (AM)
Parent Teacher Interviews	Dec. 7th (PM)
Hanukkah Begins	Dec. 12th
Holiday Concerts	Dec. 12th & 13th
Turkey Dinner	Dec. 14th
Last Day of School	Dec. 21st
Classes Resume	Jan. 3rd

If you have any questions or comments about any detail in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact the school

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Guidelines for Early School Closure: If conditions deteriorate throughout the day, the Superintendent may close schools early when weather or road conditions are considered to be a threat to the safety of students and staff. In the event of early school closure due to deteriorating weather conditions, the Director of School Administration (or designate) will send an e-mail to all principals as close to **11:00 AM** as possible regarding information about an early school closure.

If forecasted inclement weather is imminent later in the day, at **6 a.m.** an announcement could be made to inform parents of an early school closure and/or to inform parents that a decision will be deferred until no later than **11:00 a.m.** following further examination of developing conditions.

Guidelines for Bus Cancellation - Schools Open: On school days when conditions exist that it is not safe to operate busses there may be a decision to cancel bussing but keep schools open. A decision to cancel some or all bus runs will be announced by 6:00 am. The cancelled buses and impacted schools will be identified in the announcement.

Communication of bus run cancellations will be:

Posted on the HRSB's website (www.hrsb.ca);

Posted on the HRSB's Twitter account (HRSB_Official);

Recorded on the HRSB's School Cancellation Information Line 464-INFO (4636);

Shared with subscribers to the board's email and text notification system; and

Communicated to local media outlets.

Delayed Opening of Schools: On school days when conditions exist that it is not safe to open schools at the regularly scheduled time but it is predicted that conditions will improve a **2 hour** delayed opening may be considered. Delayed openings would be considered when a severe weather event has concluded but snow clearing or other operations require additional time. Delayed opening may also be considered when the physical plant is experiencing an issue (power, water) and additional time is required to prepare the facility for opening.

In the event of a delayed opening the following will apply:

School opening will be delayed 2 hours

School bus pick up times will be delayed 2 hours

Excel child care will be delayed opening by 2 hours

Lunch times will not change.

Afternoon class schedules will not change.

Dismissal time will not change.

1/2 DAY PD DAY AND PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thursday, December 7th (MORNING) will be a 1/2 PD Day for Teacher. **No school for students.** Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Thursday, December 7th (afternoon and evening) from 1 – 4 pm and from 6 - 8pm.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open for purchasing during Parent Teacher Interviews.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) 2017-2018

The SAC held a Town Hall meeting on November 16th on the Future of Basinview Drive Community School: Addressing the Capacity Issues . **Updates can be found on our school's website:** <https://bvc.hrsb.ca/bvc/school-advisory-council/updates-overcrowding-basinview>

The next SAC meeting will take place in January - Date to be determined: Submission of agenda items must be made in writing to the Stephanie Pitcher (spitcher@eastlink.ca) **one month prior** to a scheduled meeting. **All meetings are open to the public as observers only.**

PARENT TEACHER PARTNERSHIP (PTP)

The PTP held its 3rd meeting on Thursday, Nov 30th . Minutes can be found on the school's website.

Meeting Notes: <https://bvc.hrsb.ca/bvc/parents/parent-teacher-cooperative>

The next PTP meeting is **Tuesday, January 9th at 6:30 pm.** All are welcome to attend!!



CAFETERIA HOLIDAY DINNER: DECEMBER 14TH

Holiday Dinner will be on Thursday, December 14th and includes Turkey dinner, Milk and dessert for \$6.25. Orders must be placed by **Wednesday, December 6th**.



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