

What's Happening @ SHES (January 27, 2025)

1. The next ordering window for school lunches will be open until Wednesday the 29th at noon.
2. **Thank you so much for the wonderful support for our Staycation raffle! This is a great way to support the school and a chance to win a mid winter treat for your family. All tickets are due by January 30th.**
3. This week is Literacy Week! Thank you to all those who were able to attend family reading today. It was wonderful to see so many family members in our classes reading to groups of students.

Here is a list of events we have planned for the rest of the week:

Tuesday: hats off to reading - wear your favourite hat. We will deliver hot chocolate to grades P/1 today.

Wednesday: Reading rocks - wear funky socks today.

Thursday: Score with reading - wear your favourite team jersey or color today. We will deliver hot chocolate to grades 2/3 today.

Friday: Campfire reading - wear your pjs today. Classes will be reading by flashlight for reading time today. We will deliver hot chocolate to grades 4/5 today.

Mystery Reader: each day we will have a mystery reader read a popular book quote with morning announcements. Students can try to guess the mystery reader as well as what book the quote is from.

4. **Heritage Day Family Skate taking place on Monday February 17^h from 11h00-13h00 at the Sackville Arena.**
5. Attendance check ins: The provincial school attendance policy is now back in effect after being temporarily paused during the COVID-19 pandemic. This policy plays a key role in supporting student success, as regular attendance is critical for academic achievement and social-emotional development.

Consistent attendance allows students to:

- Stay engaged with their learning and avoid falling behind.
- Develop important routines and time-management skills.
- Build and maintain strong relationships with peers and teachers.

Attendance Check-Ins

As part of the updated policy, we have been tasked with reaching out to families when a student has missed **5% or more** of the cumulative school time for the year. This is not meant as a formal warning or punitive measure; rather, it is a check-in to:

- Start a conversation about the time missed.
- Offer support or resources if families are facing challenges that may be affecting attendance.

We understand that some absences are unavoidable, and we are here to work collaboratively with families to ensure students have the support they need to succeed.

If you have any questions or concerns about this policy, or if you'd like to discuss your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to contact us. We value your partnership in helping your child thrive here at SHES.