

# Sackville Heights Elementary School

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Welcome to the new and returning families of Sackville Heights Elementary School!

I want to thank all staff, students, bus drivers, parents, and community members for such a great first couple of days. Your efforts, positive attitudes and understanding as we get back into the routines, has been greatly appreciated. Here are a few reminders for the next week or so:

- Please check your child's school bag regularly for notices and check out our school website and your email frequently.
- Please make sure that student bring a water bottle with them each day. We have Water Bottle filling stations throughout the school.
- Meet and Greet Night – We was so nice to see so many families at our Curriculum/Meet the Teacher Night. We feel that this helped many of our students (and parents) with the transition into school on the first day a whole lot easier.
- For the safety of all students, please make sure that you follow all traffic signs around the school property. Kiss and Go is for drop off only, please remain in your car – staff will help your children exit your vehicle. If you want to drop your child off at the door, please feel free to park in the church parking lot across the street from the school.

We hope you have had a great start to school and are ready for an amazing year at Sackville Height Elementary School!

Sincerely,

Tom Cleary (Principal)  
Lisa Gray (Vice-Principal)

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## Upcoming Events

### September 11

Stand up to Bullying Day – We invite everyone to wear something pink on this day!

### September 16

SAC/PTO Meeting #1

### September 19

Terry Fox Run

### September 29

PD Day for Staff – No School for Students

### September 30

Truth and Reconciliation Day – No School

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## Reminders

- Just a reminder that there is no place for students to heat up their lunch while at school.
- A change of clothes is always a good thing for students to keep in their backpacks (especially in the younger grades).

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## Safe Arrival – 1-833-582-6940:

Student safety is our number one priority. If your child is ill or not going to be at school, please call the toll-free number above so that the school is informed of the absence.

Other options you can take to mark your child as absent would be to go to your child's PowerSchool account <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public> or download the PowerSchool app.

## Communication:

Communication between home and school is extremely important. Any correspondence to staff via email/phone, etc., will be answered within a 48-hour time frame. All email communication will be sent to email addresses and phone numbers that we have on file at the school. If there are any changes, please contact the office to update your information.

## Demographics Update

Today, an email regarding the Demographic Updates Form was sent out to families. This form should be updated by every family to ensure all information about your child is current, including contacts, medical information, consents and demographics. Even if there are no anticipated changes, please review this information and submit the form. This information will then be reviewed by the school before the updates are finalized. This deadline to submit the form is October 6, 2025

## School Photo Day:

Just to make sure everyone marks their calendars, we will be having school photos taken on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. More details about which classes will have photos take each day will be sent out closer to the date.

## Provincial Cell Phone Policy:

Last year, the provincial government implemented the no cell phone policy for all schools. Please remind your children that if you choose for them to carry a cell phone, it is to remain in their backpack all day. All communication with students during the school day should be conducted through the main office.



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## Important Times to Remember

8:00 –Supervision Begins, students enter the building when they arrive. Staff are available at the Student Drop Off/Kiss and Go area.

8:20 – **Instruction Begins**

9:55 – **Recess**

11:20 – 12:20 – **Lunch**

12:30 – **Instruction Begins**

2:20 – **Dismissal**

\*\* Please note there is no supervision of students provided after dismissal (except for students waiting for the bus). \*\*

\*\* Please note that if you are picking your child up early, please do so **before 2:05pm** as any closer to dismissal time causes challenges for staff. \*\*