

Sackville Heights Elementary School

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It has been wonderful to welcome our students and families back to Sackville Heights Elementary School! Whether your family is returning to the school or joining our community for the first time, we hope the first few days have been filled with lots of smiles.

A big thank you to our students, families, staff, bus drivers, and community members for helping us get the year off to such a positive start. The beginning of a new school year always comes with a little excitement, a few adjustments, and lots of routines to learn, and we truly appreciate everyone's patience, flexibility, and positive spirit as we settle in.

As we move through the first few weeks, here are a few reminders:

- **Stay connected:** Please check your child's backpack regularly for school notices and information. We also encourage families to check their email and visit our school website for updates and important information.
- **Bring a water bottle:** Please send your child to school with a water bottle each day. We have water bottle filling stations available throughout the school.
- **Curriculum Night:** It was so nice to see so many families at our Curriculum Night. We hope it made the transition into a new school year easier and more comfortable for everyone.
- **School traffic and student safety:** Please follow all traffic signs and directions when entering and leaving the school property. Our **Kiss and Go Lane is for drop-off only**, and families should remain in their vehicles. Staff members will be there to assist students as they exit the vehicle. If you would prefer to walk your child to the school entrance, please park in the church parking lot across the street.

We are so excited for the year ahead and look forward to working together to make 2026–2027 an awesome year at SHES!

Sincerely,

Martha Walsh, Principal and Lisa Gray, Vice-Principal



Upcoming Events

September 7

Labor Day- No School for Students

September 8

School Lunch Program begins

September 10

Stand up to Bullying Day

September 15

SAC/PTO Meeting #1

September 23

Terry Fox Run

September 25

PD Day for Staff – No School for Students

September 29

Observe Orange Shirt Day

September 30

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation- No School for Students

Reminders

- A change of clothes is always a good thing for students to keep in their backpacks (especially in the younger grades).

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.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO):

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is an important part of the Sackville Heights Elementary community. The PTO works to bring families and the school together by organizing fun events and activities throughout the school year. The money raised through these events is used to support our students and enhance their school experience.

We are always looking for new members and volunteers to join the PTO! Whether you have lots of time to give or can lend a hand at an occasional event, your involvement makes a difference. Meetings are held at the school on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We would love to have you join us!

School Photo Day:

Mark your calendars! School photos will be taken on October 5th and 6th. More details about which classes will have photos taken each day will be sent out closer to the date.

Provincial School Code of Conduct:

At Sackville Heights Elementary, we are committed to creating a safe, caring, and inclusive school community where everyone feels respected and valued. The **Nova Scotia Provincial School Code of Conduct** outlines clear expectations for respectful and responsible behavior and helps guide how we respond when issues arise. We encourage families to review the Code of Conduct with their children as we work together to build a positive school environment.



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**

9:50 – **Recess (P-2)**

10:05- **Recess (3-5)**

11:20 – 12:20 – **Lunch**

12:20 – **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 2:00pm** as any closer to dismissal time causes challenges for staff. **

Stand Up Against Bullying Day:

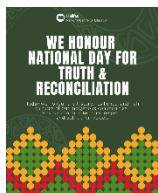


On Stand Up Against Bullying Day, we come together to promote kindness, inclusion and respect in our school communities.

Every student deserves to feel safe, supported and welcome at school. On Thursday, September 10, we invite students and staff to wear pink, if they're able, and help show that bullying has no place in our schools.

Together, we can help create school communities where everyone feels they belong.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation:



On September 30, we honour the children who never returned home from residential schools, and the survivors, families and communities who continue to live with their lasting impacts.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led movement that reminds us that Every Child Matters and encourages all of us to learn, reflect and support truth and reconciliation.

As there are no classes on Wednesday, September 30, we invite students and staff to wear orange, if they're able, on Tuesday, September 29.

Student Transportation:



Everything you need to know about student transportation including eligibility, stop times and stop locations can be found on BusPlanner. Once you register and subscribe, you can choose to receive email and/or text message notifications on changes to routes, bus delays or cancellations.

To sign up, go to BusPlanner at hrce.mybusplanner.ca and click on Parent Portal. Follow the instructions to create an account.

Don't have a BusPlanner Parent Portal account? Need help logging in? Please contact the HRCE Student Transportation Team through the Transportation Inquiry Form [here](#).

Nova Scotia School Lunch Program: Ordering is Now Open



We're looking forward to the 2026-27 launch of the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program! Beginning this school year, the program will be available in all public schools across the province.

Start date

Lunches at your school will begin on Tuesday, September 8.

Registering and ordering

All lunches must be ordered through the online ordering system. To get started, visit www.NSLunch.ca and click "Order Now." Returning users can sign in using their existing account.

More information, including instructions on how to create a diner account, is available at www.NSLunch.ca.

