



# Sackville Heights Elementary

## November 2023

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### *Principal's Message*

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The winter weather has snuck up on us. This is good timing to let you know about how to deal with inclement weather at school as well as remind families to send jackets etc. with your children in the morning as we go out every day unless it is pouring rain.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all buses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

### **How will I find out?**

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**

On our website [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca)

- On X (formerly Twitter) at [Twitter.com/HRCE\\_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)

On Instagram at [www.instagram.com/hrce\\_ns/](https://www.instagram.com/hrce_ns/)

### **Reminders**

Nov. 2 Picture Retakes

Nov. 6-21 Book Fair

Nov. 7 Flu Shot Clinic

Nov. 13 Remembrance Day—no school for students

Nov. 16 Bingo

Nov. 17 Assessment and Evaluation Day—no school for students

Nov. 21 SAC / PTO Meetings

Nov. 23 PD/PT meetings (no school for students)

Nov. 25 Holiday Market

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation.

### **Remembrance Day**

We continue to accept pictures of family members past or present who have service in any branch of service (police, army, air, navy, coast guard, fire, etc.). The pictures can be emailed to [jstearns@hrce.ca](mailto:jstearns@hrce.ca) (students name, class and persons' name attached). As educators we understand the importance of our role in teaching our students about the significance of Remembrance Day and how important it is to honour our Veterans. We will be holding a school ceremony for **our staff and students only** on the 10th.

### **Safe Arrival**

If you know your child is going to be absent, please let us know in one of three ways:

- Call 1-833-582-6940
- Log into the Power School Parent Portal at <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public>  
On the left hand menu families can click school messenger link
- School Messenger App

When your child is going to be late to please call this number and excuse for the entire day. Have your child check in at the office to have their attendance changed upon arrival.



## School Pictures Retakes

We will be having retake day on Thursday, November 2nd. Any students who were absent on the original picture day or who require a retake will have their picture taken on this day.

## Holiday Concerts Grade P-5—Save the Dates

We are planning on having P-5 Holiday Concerts on the following dates:

- December 12th: grades 2 and 3
- December 13th: grades 3/4, 4 and 5
- December 14th: Primary and Grade 1

Each class will be assigned 1 night to perform. As in the past seating will be limited so only parents/guardians will be able to attend.

We are looking for parents who would be able to help out with student supervision on the nights of our holiday concerts. Up to date CRC and vulnerable sector checks must be complete. Parents who volunteer will absolutely be able to watch their own child's class perform and we will have activities ready for students to do in the classrooms. Without enough volunteers for supervision we are not able to proceed with evening concerts. Please contact the office if you are available to assist.



## Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Meetings

Report cards will be distributed electronically on Wednesday, November 22nd and Parent/Teacher conversations will take place on Thursday, November 23rd. Information on how to book an appointment with your child's teacher and what these will look like will be sent out in the next few weeks.

## Book Fair

We are excited to be having a fall book fair. Preview days for students to take a peak at what is available run from November 6-10 with shopping days on November 14th –16th as well as 20th-21st. The library will be open for evening purchases on November 16th during Bingo.

## From the PTO

We have a lot of different events/ fundraisers overlapping, so just wanted to give a quick run down!

1. Mabels Labels - ongoing throughout the year, can order anytime. Just search "SHES PTO": 'Mabels Labels: Support a fundraiser This is a great time to get some clothing labels for all your winter gear!
2. DFS - orders accepted online until Nov. 10th. Visit Online Shopping for Fundraising Materials Canada (dfscanada.com) and enter organization ID # 7276. Orders are expected to arrive for pick up on Dec. 12th. Lots of unique items and 40% of sales come back to the school!
3. Family Bingo night order forms will be sent home this week. Please return them with exact cash ASAP (no later than Nov. 9th). Each person planning to attend must purchase 1 card booklet to guarantee their seat. Due to capacity limitations, we are requesting only immediate family if at all possible.
4. The SHES Holiday Market is Saturday, November 25th. Please share the event with family and friends: https://fb.me/e/2WawMjtoZ We have over 40 vendors, bakers, local artists and more registered!
5. We are accepting donations at the school for the Holiday Gift Wrap and will have marked bins at Family Bingo night and the Holiday Market for drop-off. We need items for gifts for men, women and children as well as gift bags, so please think of us when cleaning out for the Holidays! This event will be Dec. 5 & 6 and the students LOVE picking out gifts for their loved ones.

As always, thank you for your support, the SHES PTO Committee