



MARINE DRIVE ACADEMY NEWS

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Thank You

- Thank you to Rose Irving, Valinda Kennedy, Lauralee Kennedy, Duncan & Jean Kennedy, Courtney Cameron & Denise MacNeill for their monetary donation for our breakfast program in memory of Stephen Leslie.
- Thank you to Tanya MacDonald for her monetary donation for our breakfast program in memory of Stephen Leslie, Ann Klitch, Margaret Pilgrim and Winnie Hawes, Tanya also made a donation in Peggy Ellis Sanford's name.

A big thank you to the following for their generous monetary donation towards our Annual Christmas Dinner at MDA:

Sheet Harbour Lions Club, Gammons Home Hardware & Sheet Harbour Legion. A sincere thanks to the volunteers and staff who helped prepare and serve the delicious meal, your willingness to support was greatly appreciated!

MDA EXAM SCHEDULE – January 25-31, 2024

	Thursday, January 25	Friday, January 26	Monday, January 29	Tuesday, January 30	Wednesday, January 31
AM 8:30-11:30	English 9 - Room 326 Pre Cal 12 - Room 325 Chemistry 11 - Room 317 Math 12 - Room 323 Study Hall - Room 219	Math 9 - Room 324 Math 10 - Room 323 Math 11 - Room 317 Study Hall - Room 219	English 12 - Room 326 Study Hall - Room 219	Make-Up Day (grades 10-12)	Make-Up Day (grades 10-12)
PM	Study Hall - Room 219	Study Hall - Room 219	Study Hall - Room 219	Make-Up Day (grades 10-12)	Make-Up Day (grades 10-12)

Scent/Peanut/Nut Safe School

12:30-2:30					
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**** Please note: All Nova Scotia Virtual School summative assessments will be written on Tuesday, January 23rd.****

GRADE 9 STUDENTS: Grade 9 students will study in their classes from 8:30-9:00. They will write their exam from 9:00-10:30. **Students are not permitted to leave the designated classroom until the end of the exam time.** Students will resume regular classes following their scheduled exams.

Notes:

- No cell phones are permitted during exams.
- Students in grades 10-12 who are remaining in the building must go to study hall.
- In the event of a school closure, the exam schedule is adjusted by advancing it one day for each missed exam day

What’s Happening in the Classroom with Ms. Marsha

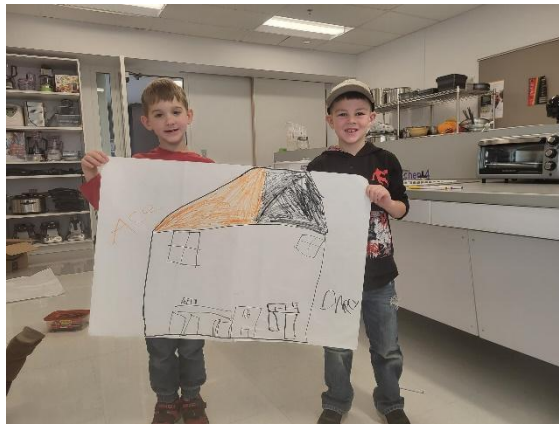


Grade Primary introduction to The Seven Grandfather/Sacred Teachings

Ms. Whyte's class learns about Treaty Education
 - Antle Learns to Skate



Ms. Whyte’s Class makes luski



Registration for 2024-25: Registration for new Grade Primary and Pre-Primary students will take place from February 1st to February 29th inclusive. Register online at <https://www.hrce.ca/families/student-registration>

Please pass this information along to any neighbors, relatives, friends, etc. who have children turning four (pre-primary) and five (primary) years before December 31, 2024.

Reminders:

Main Office

The Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Levy, is away from her desk from 11:00am to 12:00pm. If you call the school and leave a message during this time, please be aware, it will not be retrieved until after 12:00pm.

School Yard Safety: Vehicles are not permitted to drive up over the hill during school hours. This route is reserved for buses dropping off and picking up elementary students & emergency vehicles.

Scent/Peanut/Nut Safe School

Morning Drop-Off Time: There is no supervision at the school until 8:10 therefore, students cannot be dropped off at school before the staff are available. Please do not drop students off prior to 8:10 as it poses a safety risk for your son/daughter. Please take the first driveway to your left and park in the student pick up/drop off loop.

Students Being Picked Up: Students in Gr. P-12 being picked up must be signed out at the office. If someone other than the parent/guardian is picking up a student, the office requires a **note or phone call** from the parent/guardian giving the individual permission to take the student. Pre-Primary students being picked up by a parent/guardian or someone other than the parent/guardian must contact the Pre-Primary teacher(s) at 902-885-2777 ext:1591221.

After School Activities

To ensure the safety and security of our elementary students, we require a **written note** signed by parent(s) or guardian(s) if a child is going to an activity after school. For example, an after-school program with Parks and Recreation requires a written note

Notes must be written on a separate piece of paper, as they are filed at the office.

Reporting an Absence for PP-12 Students: For your child's safety, it is very important that you contact the school if your child will be absent or late for any reason. Please call 902-885-2777 and extension 1 to report an absence. **Leave your name, the student's name (first & last), and reason for the absence (type of illness and symptoms, medical appt, etc.).** Leaving a message will avoid the school calling home. The absence line is available 24/7.

When the percentage of total students absent most likely due to illness is 10% or higher, the school will need to provide this information to Public Health, so it's important for the school to know when your child is out due to illness and the type of symptoms.

Students Arriving Late: We, at times, have students arriving late. Research shows that there is a correlation to academic success and student attendance. We are seeking parent/guardian support in having this improve. Classes begin at 8:30 AM. When students arrive late it is very disruptive to the learning in the classroom as it requires the teacher to stop instruction to record attendance, while the other students are waiting to re-engage in the lesson. We look forward to this situation improving, with your support.

If a student does arrive late due to an appointment or unforeseen circumstances, they must report to the main office to sign in.

Water Bottles

Students are reminded to bring a water bottle to fill up at the coolers.

Cafeteria Online Ordering

Please place your order online at <https://marinedriveacademymys-ns-hrce.nutrislice.com/m/>

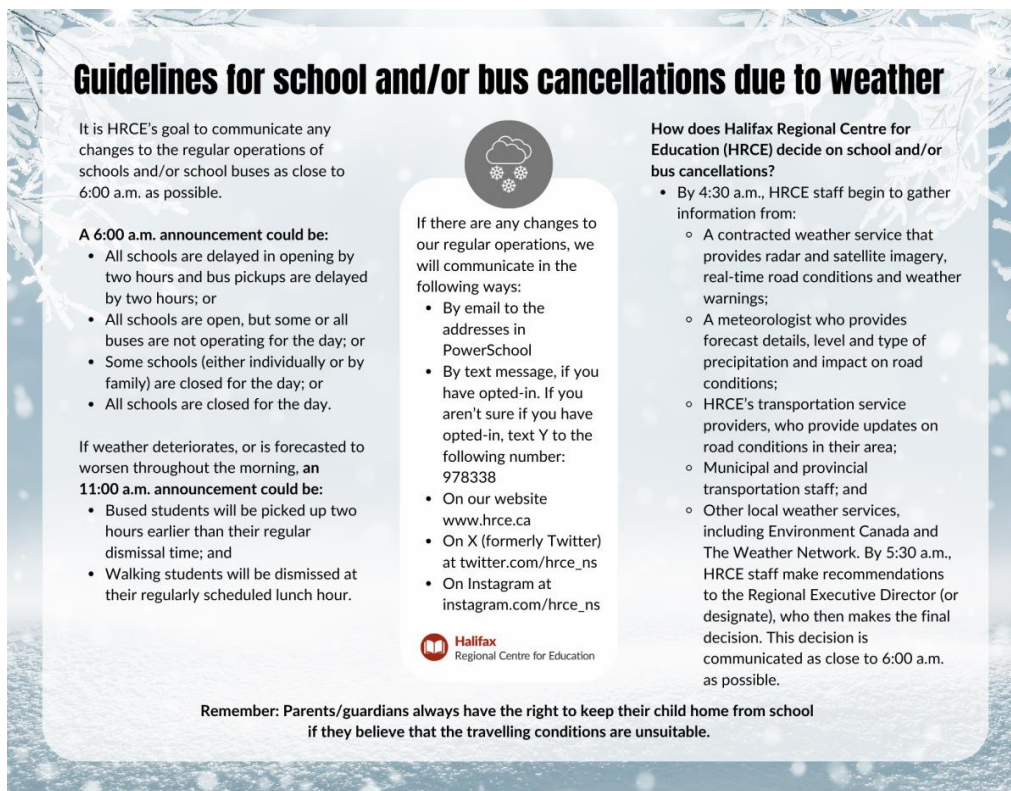
If there is a snow day or 2-hour delay opening and you have placed a cafeteria order for your child, you will be issued a credit on your account. So, the next time you order it should be showing on your account. Also, if your child is out sick a day and you have placed an order

you can go onto the Chartwells website at the website above and request a credit for the morning of the day your child is absent or email Tara at tara.lucas@compass-canada.com and she will put in for a credit for you.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to serving you.



Cold Weather Reminders: As the weather continues to get colder, we remind you that our P-6 students will be going outside for fresh air and exercise during recess and lunch. Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather and to be prepared to stay outside for approximately 30 minutes at lunch time. **Please ensure that all outerwear is labelled with your child's name or initials, so it can be returned to the owner if found.** Please put extra pants, socks, and mittens in your child's backpack for wet/snow days! Once the snow comes, students who wish to play in the snow will require snow pants.



Guidelines for school and/or bus cancellations due to weather

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or school 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.

If there are any changes to our regular operations, we will communicate in the following ways:

- 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
- On X (formerly Twitter) at twitter.com/hrce_ns
- On Instagram at instagram.com/hrce_ns

How does Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) decide on school and/or bus cancellations?

- By 4:30 a.m., HRCE staff begin to gather information from:
 - A contracted weather service that provides radar and satellite imagery, real-time road conditions and weather warnings;
 - A meteorologist who provides forecast details, level and type of precipitation and impact on road conditions;
 - HRCE's transportation service providers, who provide updates on road conditions in their area;
 - Municipal and provincial transportation staff; and
 - Other local weather services, including Environment Canada and The Weather Network. By 5:30 a.m., HRCE staff make recommendations to the Regional Executive Director (or designate), who then makes the final decision. This decision is communicated as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible.


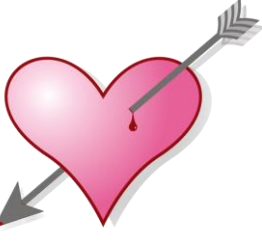

Remember: Parents/guardians always have the right to keep their child home from school if they believe that the travelling conditions are unsuitable.

Midday Closure

In the event school is closed during the day, it is the responsibility of all parents/guardians to ensure their child(ren) have a safety plan in place. The student will be dropped off at the regular drop off location. If the parent/guardian does not wish to have this happen, they will need to pick their child up from the school or notify the school of who will be picking up their child.

Staff will contact parents/guardians of grades Pre-Primary to 6 students, prior to dismissal, in the event of a mid-day closure. Please limit your calls to the school, in the event of a mid-day closure as phone lines will be busy.

Please inform the office in the event of a change in any home phone number(s) or emergency contact numbers as soon as possible.

Dates to Remember			
January 	February 	March 	April
Jan 2nd – Classes Resume	Feb 1st - First Day of Semester 2- Classes resume for grades 10-12	March 7 th – School Dance P-6 – 6:00-7:00pm Gr. 7-12 – 7:00-9:00pm	April 1st – Easter Monday – NO CLASSES
Jan 23rd – Nova Scotia Virtual School summative assessments	Feb 1st -Feb 29th – Registration Month	March 11th-15th - March Break	April 4th – AM Prof Learning Day PM Parent Teacher Interviews NO CLASSES FOR PP-12 (this is a change for our Sr. high students)
Jan 25th-31st – Exams	Feb 8th -School Dance P-6 – 6:00-7:00pm Gr. 7-12 – 7:00-9:00pm	March 18th – P-12 Assessment & Evaluation Day – NO CLASSES FOR PP-12 (this is a change for our Sr. high students)	
	Feb 19th – Heritage Day – NO CLASSES	March 29th – Good Friday – NO CLASSES	
	Feb 22nd – Gr. 9 Information Meeting at 6:30		
	Feb 29th – Sr. High Curriculum Night at 6:00pm		