

DARTMOUTH SOUTH ACADEMY

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IMPORTANT DATES

- **October is Mi'kmaq History Month**
- **October is Canadian Library Month**
- **Thursday, Oct. 23rd, - P-6 Halloween Dance, 6-7pm**
- **Fri., Oct. 24: NSTU Conference Day - No classes PP-12**
- **Mon., Oct. 20: Diwali begins**
- **October 20-24: School Bus Safety Week**
- **Oct. 27-31-DSA Student Council Spirit Week**



October Spirit Week October 27-31

MONDAY-Twin Day
Match and coordinate with a friend for Twin Day

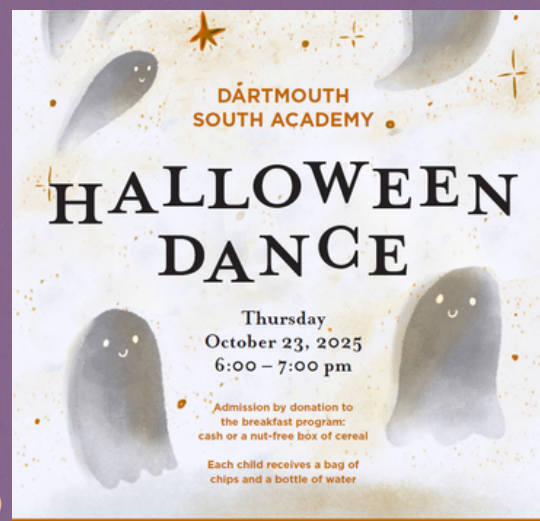
TUESDAY-Character Day
Dress up as your favorite character from a tv, movie or book!

WEDNESDAY-Jersey Day
Wear your favourite jersey or athletic wear for Jersey day.

THURSDAY-PJ Day
Wear your comfiest PJ's for PJ Day!

FRIDAY-Costume Day
Dress up in your Halloween costume (No Facemasks allowed and no fake weapons)

Halloween Dance- Grades PP-6
~Students must be accompanied by a parent~



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is 8:40- 9:00 Everyday

We need your help!

We are seeking volunteers to help us with the breakfast program. There are two options for helping:

Option 1 - join us at 8:15am to help prepare the food and serve. You will be finished by 8:55am.

Option 2 - join us at 8:40am to help us serve food to students. You will be finished by 8:55am.

Please reach out to Sue Aucoin at saucoin@hrce.ca if you're available to help!



Medication in the Office

Administering medications will only happen if the medication is in a prescription bottle with a label clearly stating the child's name, medication and dosage. The prescription must accompany a signed form from the parents/caregiver.

We will not administer medication without this form. When medicine is to be given that doesn't require a prescription, the parents will have to administer it. We will not be able to accept pills in a baggie or container that does not have a prescription label.

Canadian Library Month

October is Canadian Library Month, a time to celebrate our wonderful libraries and the Library Support Specialists who support our students. The third Friday of the month is Canadian Library Workers Day and the fourth Monday is Canadian School Library Day. Please join us in thanking our school library workers for all they do every day in creating safe and welcoming spaces, encouraging a love of reading and helping students succeed in school and beyond. Learn more [here](#).

Lawren Livingston is DSA's Library Support Specialist



October 20-24 is School Bus Safety Week

Student safety is a shared responsibility! During School Bus Safety Week, everyone can work together to ensure the safety of students on and around the school bus.

Did you know that HRCE has more than 33,000 students who ride the school bus every day?

School Bus Safety Week is a great time to remind students, families and schools, of a few daily safety tips that everyone can follow to ensure all students get to school safely.

Bus Stop Safety

- Be on time for the bus and please don't run to/from the bus.
- Stand back off the road and don't push or shove when waiting at a stop.
- Always cross in front of the bus. Walk three metres (10 feet) in front of the bus to a point where you can see the driver and wait for the driver's signal to cross. Proceed to the centre of the road, STOP, LOOK & LISTEN and cross the road when it is safe.
- Never crawl under a school bus or cross the road behind the bus.
- Know the danger zones around the bus.

School Bus Safety

- Please respect and listen to the driver and avoid distracting them.
- Please keep noise levels to a minimum.
- Do not stand or move seats while the bus is in motion.
- Never put your hands, arms, feet or head out of the bus window.
- Ask the driver for permission before you open the bus windows.
- Do not throw anything inside the bus or out of the windows.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times when the bus is in motion.



Remember: In Nova Scotia, it's illegal to pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended.

School Cash

DSA uses an online cash system. Parents will no longer be required to have cash on hand in order to purchase items from the school.

When items get posted, parents that are registered will be sent an email notification from the system advising that there is now an item available for purchase.

The URL to the site is:

<https://hrce.schoolcashonline.com/>



Lates Policy

Consequences for Repeated Lateness: If a student accumulates 3 lates in one week, they will be assigned lunchtime detention the next week, and parents will be notified.

[DSA Lates Policy Details](#)

O Canada

In September, the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development shared a new provincial policy about the playing of our national anthem in schools. You can read it [here](#).

In keeping with this policy, we play O Canada at the beginning of each school day in our school.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the school office.

