

DARTMOUTH SOUTH ACADEMY

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Apr. 22- Earth Day
- Apr. 22 - Administrative Professionals Day
- Apr. 19-25 : National Volunteer Week
- Apr. 29 : Elem/Middle/Jr Professional Development Teacher Professional Practice Day (No Classes - all schools)
- May 7th- Grade 8 "Grad" Photos. May 14th- Retakes



Pre-Primary and Primary Registration for 2026-27

It is imperative that parents of pre-primary children who will be 4 on or before December 31st, 2026 and primary children who will be 5 on or before December 31st, 2026 register their children now if they are not currently enrolled in pre-primary. Our staffing allocation is based on these numbers.

For more information or to access the online registration forms, please visit www.hrce.ca.

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!



LOST & FOUND

All Lost and found items will be donated on May 1st.



Please check out the racks by the front door for to reclaim items before the end of the month.

Back Pack Reminder

Our Grade 7 & 8 students and families are reminded that backpacks (and cell phones!) are to be stored in your lockers. You can take your supplies and waterbottle with you to class separately.



Do you know how to raise a concern?

We want families to feel comfortable reaching out when they have questions or concerns about their child’s education or well-being. In most cases, concerns can be resolved quickly by connecting directly with school staff.

If you do have a concern, here are the steps to follow:

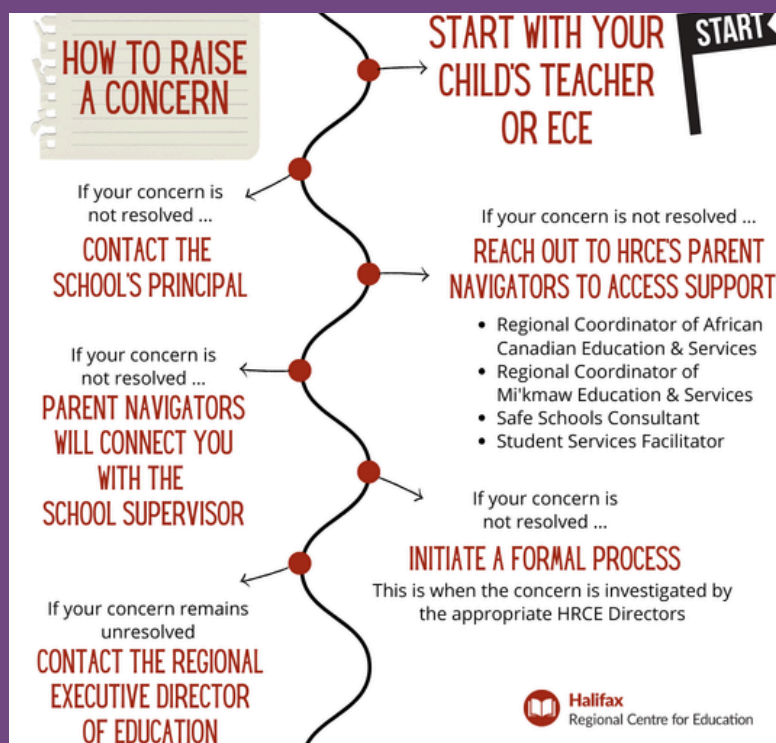
Start by speaking with your child’s teacher or ECE. They are often best positioned to address questions about your child’s learning or classroom experience.

If the concern isn’t resolved, contact the school principal to continue the conversation and work toward a solution.

If you need additional support, HRCE’s Family Navigators are here to help. They can provide guidance and connect families with helpful resources and supports. They can be reached at connect@hrce.ca.

If the concern still isn’t resolved, a formal review process can be requested and the matter will be looked into by the appropriate HRCE Director.

The final step is for the concern to be reviewed by the Regional Executive Director. You can learn more about the process here or by reviewing the Parent/Guardian Concern Policy.



April 2 was Autism Awareness Day

Autism Awareness Day is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many strengths and experiences of autistic children and youth in our school communities. For families, it's a moment to reflect on the importance of feeling seen, heard, and supported — not just today, but every day.

In our schools, awareness is only the beginning. True inclusion comes from acceptance, understanding, and a commitment to meeting each student where they are. When educators, students, and families work together to build empathy and reduce barriers, we create environments where every child can thrive.



Recognized globally on April 2, World Autism Awareness Day, led by the United Nations, highlights the importance of improving quality of life and upholding the rights of autistic individuals. This year's theme, "Autism and Humanity – Every Life Has Value," reminds us that every person deserves dignity, respect, and the opportunity to thrive, both in school and beyond.

Power School Reset for Parents

Powerschool Parent Portal

Dear Parent/Guardian,

1. Open a web browser and navigate to the Portal Sign In page at:
<https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca>
2. Click on the link: **Forgot Username or Password?**
3. Click on the **Parents** tab.
4. Under the **Forgot Password?** section, enter your **Parent Username**. Your **Parent Username** is the full email address that received this message.
5. Enter your **Parent Email Address** (use same email address entered in Step 4).
6. Click the **Reset Password** button.
7. A Password Reset Request email will be sent to you. Click the link in the email to reset your password.
8. Navigate back to the Portal Sign In page at: <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca>
9. Enter your **Parent Username**. Your **Parent Username** is the full email address that received this message.
10. Enter the password you set via the Password Reset Request.
11. Once logged in, review your account details.

Only the school where the student is currently enrolled can troubleshoot and make changes. Contact the school if you encounter any difficulty, such as a student no longer linked to your account.

Thank you for your cooperation and support through this parent account update.

SCHOOLCASH – REMINDER

We have school fees due for sports events and class trips. Please be sure to register for updates.

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.schoolcashionline.com/>

Try Carpool Conversations with your Kids

Looking for an easy way to talk with your child about their digital world?

Carpool Conversations from Common Sense Media offers short, engaging prompts and mini podcasts designed to spark family discussions about technology, media use, and online behaviour. Many episodes are only a couple of minutes long, perfect for a car ride or while waiting for practice to start.



Explore the conversation starters [here](#).

The “Amazing” Adventure Guide

Unplugged Canada encourages families to reclaim childhood by creating more opportunities for outdoor adventure, independence, and real-world responsibility. Research shows that children thrive when they spend more time exploring their neighbourhoods, solving problems with friends, and contributing meaningfully at home and in their communities. Simple steps like walking to a neighbour’s house, biking to a local park, helping plan a family meal or running small errands help kids build confidence, resilience and practical life skills.

Families can support this shift by intentionally creating space for free, unsupervised play and increasing responsibility over time. That might mean designating “no-adult” play zones, encouraging kids to gather in groups of three or more for creative play, or giving them meaningful household roles such as helping with groceries, cooking or caring for pets.

It can feel challenging to step back, but children build independence by practicing it. Families can make it easier by teaming up with other parents in their neighbourhood to create shared boundaries for safe roaming and outdoor play. For more ideas and practical steps, see the full guide: [The “Amazing” Adventure Guide from Unplugged Canada](#).

Banook Canoe Club



Registration

NOW
Open

- *Annual Membership*
- *Summer Programs*
- *Activity Camps*

**Scan QR Code
to Register**

<https://banookcanoecub.com/>



<https://banookcanoecub.com/membership-registration>

**Swim, Paddle and
Play
at your
Cottage in the City!!**