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IMPORTANT DATES

- May is Asian Heritage Month
- May is Canadian Jewish Heritage Month
- May is Polish Heritage Month
- May 5 : Red Dress Day
- May 7 : Grade 8 "Grad" Photos. May 14th- Retakes
- May 14 : Grade 8 - Retakes
- May 15 : Black Excellence Day
- May 17 : International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia
- May 18 : Victoria Day (No Classes - all schools)
- May 29th-Grade 8 DHS Orientation
- May 31 to June 6 : Access Awareness Week



Musical- Willy Wonka- May 5 & 6

Tues. May 5, 2026 at 6:00 pm &
Wed. May 6, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Tickets can be purchased through School Cash Online \$5/ticket (April 20, 2026 through May 6, 2026)



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 29th. Please check out the racks by the front door to reclaim items before the end of the month.

Kids Run Club

Kids Run Club will be starting Thursday May 7th run by our Phys Ed teachers and student volunteers for Grades P-5 East Wing

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:

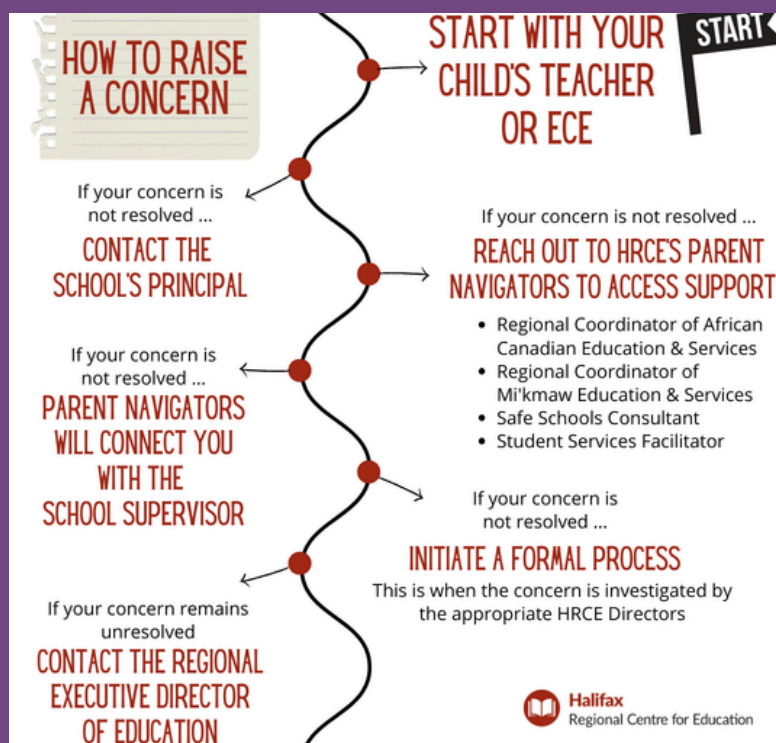
Start by speaking with your child’s teacher or ECE. They are often best positioned to address questions about your child’s learning or classroom experience.

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.



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.

PowerSchool SIS

Recover Account Sign In Information

Students Parents

Parents

Forgot Password?
To reset your password, enter your username and email address below, and click the 'Reset Password' button.

Parent Username myemailaddress@gmail.com

Parent Email Address

Reset Password

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/>

May 15 is Black Excellence Day

Black Excellence Day 2026 in Nova Scotia is an opportunity for schools to reflect on the learning and exploration of Black people and culture over the past year. It recognizes, celebrates, and supports learning from the achievements, contributions, and leadership of Black individuals and communities. More than a single-day celebration, Black Excellence is the recognition of meaningful steps toward strengthening inclusive learning environments where all students see themselves reflected in curriculum materials, through the stories we tell and the histories we honour.

The purpose of celebrating Black Excellence in our schools and classrooms is to affirm student's identities, build confidence, and inspire futures by highlighting role Black people have made in education, science, arts, leadership, and community advocacy. It reflects and celebrates thoughtful conversations in schools about equity, representation, and the ongoing work to remove systemic barriers.

This moment of reflection also invites educators and school communities to consider how Black Excellence is represented within their own classrooms and learning spaces. For some, this may affirm intentional work already underway; for others, it may serve as an opportunity to begin or deepen this practice. Black Excellence Day reminds us that this work is ongoing, and that there is always time to plan, reflect, and be deliberate in ensuring all students see themselves meaningfully reflected in our schools.

We welcome everyone to wear a black shirt, if you're able, on May 15 to show your support for Black Excellence Day!



Unplugged Webinar on Smartphones, Social Media and More

Unplugged Canada is hosting a LIVE webinar on May 6 every parent and caregiver needs to hear. We're talking smartphones, social media, the research – and most importantly, what we can do about it.

Hosted by Kirsten Sweet, educator and National Program Director with Unplugged Canada with Tania Johnson, Co-founder of the Institute of Child Psychology and Dr. Michele Locke, Clinical Psychologist, learn about the impact of smartphones and social media on youth and how the Unplugged Canada Pledge and our resources can spark meaningful conversations in your home, school, and community.

We'll also introduce two new initiatives: the National School Champion Program and Operation Landline – a summer campaign helping families delay smartphones and reconnect in simpler, more intentional ways.

Come ready to learn, connect, and be part of the movement. Register [here](#).

Free Live Event

UNPLUGGED CANADA

A National Conversation

with Unplugged Canada Ambassadors



Tania Johnson,
M.C.

Co-founder of the Institute
of Child Psychology
Award-Winning Author

Dr. Michele Locke,
Ph.D.

Clinical Psychologist
Toronto Chapter
Co-founder

Kirsten Sweet,
M.Ed.

National Program Director
Alberta Chapter
Co-founder

- ✔ Explore the research: Smartphones and Social Media
- ✔ Review the Unplugged Pledge and Resources
- ✔ Join our National School Champion Program
- ✔ Check out our new resource: Operation Landline
- ✔ Invite all parents and caregivers in your school community

*Wednesday,
May 6th*

5pm PT | 8pm ET

Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey


Engage Nova Scotia is seeking more youth voices in their Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey to ensure this critical demographic is properly represented in reporting. To ensure youth voices are heard, Engage Nova Scotia is asking parents to encourage youth and young adults in their household, who are age 16 and older, to complete the survey.

Take the survey now!


Please email Engage Nova Scotia at survey@engagenovascotia.ca to take the Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey. By sharing your story – your day-to-day experiences from affordability and sense of belonging in community to close personal connections and your level of trust in institutions – you can help reveal the full story of your community's well-being.

You can also learn more at engagenovascotia.ca.

Engage Nova Scotia is a non-profit, independent organization that works with partners to advance the quality of life of all Nova Scotia residents. They believe everyone should be included to share their story, seed their future, and influence change to improve their own well-being and the well-being of their communities. Engage works closely with local municipalities and organizations across the province.



Are you a Nova Scotian between the ages of 16 and 20?



We want to hear from you!

Screen Free Summer: Digital Diet Guidance

As summer approaches, many families are thinking about screen time. This article introduces the idea of a “digital diet,” encouraging a focus on the quality and purpose of screen use rather than just limiting it. It offers practical ways to help children build healthier, more balanced habits with technology. Read more [here](#).

Access Awareness Week – May 31 to June 6

Access Awareness Week in Nova Scotia, taking place May 31–June 6, 2026, is an opportunity to recognize the importance of accessibility, inclusion, and the leadership of people with disabilities. This year’s theme, “Disability Justice: Stronger Together, First Voice Leading Change for Collective Action,” emphasizes the importance of centering lived experience and working collaboratively to create meaningful, lasting change.

In schools, this week is a powerful reminder that inclusion is everyone’s responsibility. Classrooms are where understanding begins – through learning, conversation, and action. By listening to diverse voices, removing barriers, and fostering accessible learning environments, educators and students help build school communities where all learners feel valued and supported.

The background of the entire poster is decorated with various sizes and colors of stylized flowers. The colors used are pink, yellow, and green. Each flower has a white center and five rounded petals. They are scattered across the page, with some overlapping the text.

**DARTMOUTH
SOUTH
ACADEMY**

SPRING DANCE!

**Saturday May 9, 2020
10:30am – 12:00pm**

Admission by donation
Each child receives a bag of
chips and a bottle of water

Pre-Primary to Grade 6
All children must be
accompanied by an adult