

DARTMOUTH SOUTH ACADEMY



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School Closure for Inclement Weather

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education takes great care when making the decision to alter the normal operations of schools in the event of severe or inclement weather. Decisions on school closures and/or bus cancellations are posted on the board's website at www.hrce.ns.ca, on Twitter at www.twitter.com/HRCE_Official, recorded on 464-INFO (4636) and communicated to all local radio stations. You can also receive notice of school bus cancellations by e-mail or text message by following the link on the front page (left side) of the HRCE website. If you are interested in learning more on how decisions regarding closures and cancellations are made, visit

<http://www.hrce.ns.ca/content/id/1137.html>

Powerschool Parent Portal

If you do not have access to your child's information on Powerschool, please contact Mrs. Lake in the office and she will provide you with the information needed to create an account and access your child's information.

Breakfast Program

A reminder the breakfast program is open daily from 8:30-8:50 for students in our school. We ask that parents drop their children off for breakfast. If a parent is interested in helping at breakfast, please contact Ms. MacDonald at the school. Parents must have a child abuse check and criminal record check to volunteer.

Safe Arrival

We do have a safe arrival program at DSA. If your child will not be attending classes, please call 902-464-2081, it is most helpful and appreciated when parents phone in. I want to thank those parents who already use the program!

Lunches

When lunches are dropped off at the office, it is not only difficult to ensure that they reach the student in a timely fashion but it's difficult to keep track of them. Please try to send your children with their lunches to avoid any confusion. If it is necessary to send a lunch in please provide your children with eating utensils and have the student's name on the lunch.

Stock Transportation

This is just a reminder of the Stock Bus App!

With this tracker you have the ability to enter all of your students, routes and buses into one app to be viewed simultaneously, including the schedules arrival times for each stop. Under my buses, the view can be personalized. Four basic steps:

- Download-through Apple Store/Google Play
- Secure Login – create username/password
- Link Students – enter your student(s) infor
- Track – log in and track your bus

<http://www.stocktransportation.com/Pages/StockBusTracker.aspx>

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Parking Lot

Please be aware of the parking situation in front of the school. We've had many people pull up to the front of the school and park in spots that are clearly marked as no parking. It has also been noted that some parents continue to pull into the staff parking lot to drop their children off in the morning. We ask that you not pull into the staff parking lot to just drop your children off for obvious safety reasons. Thank you for your co-operation.

PTA

We are looking to revitalize our Parent Teacher Association at Dartmouth South Academy! This is a group of interested parents/guardians and school staff who are interested in organizing fundraising events to raise money to benefit the students in our school. Some examples of what fundraising money is used for are: field trips, guest speakers, additional items for classrooms, etc. At Dartmouth South Academy, this group also includes parents/guardians who are raising funds to complete the next phase of our naturalized playground. If you are interested in helping our fund raising efforts, have a great idea or just want to find out more, please join us on Tuesday, October 16 at 6:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Look forward to seeing you there!

Bell Times

Morning Attendance – 8:55-9:00 am

Recess – 10:30 – 10:45 am

Lunch – 12:00 – 12:55 pm

Afternoon Attendance – 12:55 – 1:00 pm

Dismissal P-8 – 3:00 pm

School Surveillance System

Our school uses a video surveillance system as part of our continued efforts to support a safe, positive and effective learning environment. We recognize that the images recorded by this video surveillance system are personal information and, as with all other personal information, we take steps to balance privacy rights with safety and security concerns. The school has the legal authority to collect this personal information under Section 24 of Nova Scotia's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Only designated staff has access to our video surveillance equipment and such access is restricted as required by law. The system is used to enhance school safety and to deter or take action in response to unlawful behaviours.

If you have any questions about video surveillance at our school, please contact Adrienne Blumenthal, Principal, at 902-464-2081.



Dates to Remember

Oct 8th – Thanksgiving Day (no classes)

Oct 10, 11, 15 & 17th – Gr. 6 Provincial Assessment

Oct 16th - PTA/Playground Meeting

Oct 17th – Photo Retakes

Oct 18th – PD Day – (no classes)

Oct 26th – Provincial Conference Day (no classes)