

# DARTMOUTH SOUTH ACADEMY



## Newsletter #2-Oct 2019

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](http://www.hrce.ns.ca), on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRCE\\_Official](http://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>

### 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>

### Sports Season

The sports season is quickly upon us! We are seeking interested parents to coach/support some of our school teams. If you are interested in helping with flag football, cross-country running or soccer, please send an email to [dsa@hrce.ca](mailto:dsa@hrce.ca) with the subject heading, "coaching."



### We Sold 205 Nourish Your Roots Boxes!!!

The school raised \$1,758.75 for healthy food initiatives and breakfast. Thank you to everyone in the community who purchased Nourish boxes. The boxes of food will be available for pick up in the library on Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:15 – 6:00 pm.

### Medical Alert

Dartmouth South Academy supports the No Child Without program through Medic Alert Foundation Canada. Parents and guardians should consider this program if your child lives with:

- ~ A medical condition
- ~ Allergies and requires the use of an epinephrine injector
- ~ Asthma or uses an inhaler
- ~ Special needs
- ~ Medication they need to take

More information can be obtained at [nochildwithout.ca](http://nochildwithout.ca) or call 1-877-282-5378. This program is offered free of charge for children from ages 4-14. A child will receive one free MedicAlert medical ID and free MedicAlert service plan coverage up to their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. Parents/caregivers can obtain a PIN and bar code directly from the website. Brochures are also available at the school.

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## LUNCH

- Caregivers of students in grades 7 and 8: As communicated last year and at the grade seven orientation, it is assumed that your child has permission to leave the school property at lunch and knows that they return to school at 12:55 to enter into school through the back doors. If you do not want your child to leave the school grounds, please send in a letter stating your intentions.
- Caregivers of students in grades P – 6: If your child will be leaving the school property at lunch, please send in written permission, otherwise, we will be keeping them at school. If they are off school property with permission, they will return to school at 12:55 through the main doors.

## 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.

## Safe Arrival

We do have a safe arrival program. If your child will not be attending classes, please call 902-464-2081. It is most helpful and appreciated when parents phone in.

## Breakfast Program

The school breakfast program operates Monday – Friday in the school cafeteria starting at 8:30 each morning. Students are welcome to come in and have breakfast. They may stay until the morning bell rings or they may go outside once they've finished breakfast.

***Parents entering the school must have a Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Form on file in the school office.***

**Many thanks to parents and community members for donating money and food to our breakfast program!**

## MANY THANKS!

**A huge thank you Walmart in Cole Harbor for giving DSA a \$1,000 Community Grant.**

**As well, a huge thank you to Superstores in HRM for coming in and cooking a pancake breakfast for our students. They also gave us a \$100 donation.**

## Dates to Remember



**Oct 7<sup>th</sup> – SAC – 6 pm**

**Oct 8, 9, 15 and 16<sup>th</sup> – Grade 6 – Provincial Assessment**

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day – no classes**

**Oct 16<sup>th</sup> – WeDay**

**Oct 18<sup>th</sup> – School Pics**

**Oct 25<sup>th</sup> – Provincial Conference Day – no classes**

## 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**