

DARTMOUTH SOUTH ACADEMY



Newsletter # 9 - May 2024

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Pre-Primary and Primary Registration for 2024-2025

It is imperative that parents of pre-primary children who will be 4 on or before December 31st, 2024 and primary children who will be 5 on or before December 31st, 2024 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.

Grade 8 School Clothing

This year we are again able to offer clothing to our grade 8 students. The hoodies (\$30.00) will have the school crest on the front. On the back will be class of 24 and students will be able to sign their name in the 2 and 4. All orders must be received by May 30th, 2024. Clothing comes in the form of T-shirts and Hoodies (grey and black) in various sizes. Please register for Schoolcash online to select one of the available options.

The URL to the site is:

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

Dates to Remember



April 29th – May 10th – Book Fair at DSA

May is Hearing and Speech Month, Canadian
Jewish Heritage Month and Asian Heritage Month

May 5th – National Red Dress/Shirt Day

May 7th – Grade 8 Grad Photos

May 7th – 10:45 Musical Dress Rehearsal

May 7th – 6:00 pm – School Musical

May 8th – 10:45 Musical Dress Rehearsal

May 8th – 6:00 pm – School Musical

May 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd – Grade 3 Assessments

May 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th – Grade 8 Assessments

May 15th – Black Excellence Day

May 17th – International Day against Homophobia,
Transphobia and Biphobia

May 20th – No Classes for PP-12 for Victoria Day

May 22nd – Grade 7 Immunization Clinic

May 22nd – SAC - 6 pm Meeting

May 26th – June 1st – National Accessibility Week

May 29th – Primary Orientation – 6 pm

June 6th – Grade 7 Orientation & Social

June 20th – Grade 8 Ceremony at 2:00 pm (doors
open at 1:30)

June 20th – Grade 8 Celebration Dance 6:00 pm

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HRCE - Texts

Do you want to receive information from our school and HRCE by text message?

We now have the ability to send information to you by text message. **To ensure compliance with Canadian Anti-Spam laws, you must opt-in to receive information by text message.**

If you have already opted in – that's great! You don't have to read further.

If you haven't (and would like to), here's what you need to do:

- If you did not receive the opt-in text message on **November 16**, please call your child's school to update your contact information in PowerSchool. Any changes are uploaded nightly and reflected the following business day. When your number is added or changed in PowerSchool, you will automatically receive the opt-In message.
- If you decide you no longer wish to receive HRCE and school information via text, you can reply to the message with "STOP" or by clicking [here](#).
- Parents/guardians can opt-in at any time by texting "Y" or "YES" to 978338. The mobile number MUST also be in PowerSchool.
- This text message function WILL include school cancellation notifications.
- This text message function will NOT share bus delay information.

Anyone who is NOT a parent/guardian in our system who wishes to receive school cancellations due to inclement weather must opt in via the HRCE website: www.hrce.ca/notifications . This includes staff, students and members of the community.

Cafeteria News - reminder

As of Monday April 8th, 2024, cafeteria will be online sales only for the remainder of the school year.

Grade 8 Photos



Grade 8 grad photos will be taken May 7th, 2024 (retakes will be May 14th, 2024). Please do not wear hoodies.

Grade 8 Ceremony

The Grade 8 closing ceremony will take place the afternoon of June 20 at 2:00 pm in our school gym. Doors will open at 1:30 pm for guests.

The celebration dance will be that same evening at 6:00 pm. There will be food in the cafeteria and the dance will take place in the gym. This will be a grade 8 dance only. Grade 8 students will be allowed to bring a guest. The dance will be free of charge for the eighth grade DSA student, and their guest will need to purchase a ticket for \$5.00 one week in advance. The guest will need to sign a form and will need to be in good standing at their current Jr. High school. Guests will need student identification (school photo ID) and DSA administration will be contacting the guest's administration.

Bell Times

Morning Attendance – 8:55-9:00 am

Lunch – 12:00 – 1:00 – grades P-6

Lunch – 1:00 – 2:00 – grades 7-8

Dismissal Pre-P-8 – 3:00 pm

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The Scholastic Book Fair is well underway at DSA! We're excited about sharing the joy of reading with our students.

Scholastic Book Fairs gives our school the opportunity to bring families, teachers, students, and books together. It's the ultimate book event! Additionally, a portion of the sales benefits our school. It's a wonderful way to raise funds while encouraging kids to read. We look forward to seeing you and thank you in advance for supporting this great literary fundraiser.

PLEASE NOTE THE BOOK FOR IS OPEN FROM 5:45 pm – 7:45 pm May 7th and May 8th

Schedule

		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	April 29 th	8:30 am – 12 pm	1 pm – 3:30 pm	
Tuesday	April 30 th	8:30 am – 12 pm	1 pm – 3:30 pm	
Wednesday	May 1 st	8:30 am – 12 pm	1 pm – 3:30 pm	
Thursday	May 2 nd	8:30 am – 12 pm	1 pm – 3:30 pm	
Friday	May 3 rd	8:30 am – 12 pm	1 pm – 3:30 pm	
Monday	May 6 th	8:30 am – 12 pm	1 pm – 3:30 pm	
Tuesday	May 7 th	8:30 am – 12 pm	1 pm – 3:30 pm	5:45 pm – 7:45 pm
Wednesday	May 8 th	8:30 am – 12 pm	1 pm – 3:30 pm	5:45 pm – 7:45 pm
Thursday	May 9 th	8:30 am – 12 pm	1 pm – 3:30 pm	
Friday	May 10 th	8:30 am – 12 pm		

Lost and Found

We are not equipped to hang onto the lost and found here at DSA; we simply do not have the space to keep it and it's very unhealthy as the clothes are often wet and dirty. Please take the time to look for your child/children's belongings.

National Red Dress/Shirt Day

May 5th, 2024, is National Red Dress/Shirt Day to Honour Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)

Indigenous women and girls in Canada – both on reserve or in urban areas, regardless of age or socio-economic status – are at least three times more likely to experience violence and at least six times more likely to be murdered than non-Indigenous women and girls in Canada. Statistics on the rates of violence against two-spirit people are not available, but 2SLGBTQI+ people in Canada are more likely to experience violence than heterosexual, cisgender people. This violence is a human rights crisis, and it must stop. “Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW)” is a movement that advocates for the end of violence against Indigenous women. It also seeks to draw attention to the high rates of disappearances and murders of Indigenous people, particularly women and girls.

DSA Musical – Seussical JR



DSA is excited to present: Seussical JR

May 7th and May 8th, 2024

6:00 pm

Tickets - \$5.00 at the door

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Celebrating Black Excellence Day on May 15, 2024, within Halifax Regional Centre for Education is important for several reasons:

1. Representation and Recognition: Black Excellence Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and successes of Black individuals within the community. It highlights the talent and accomplishments within the Black community, ensuring that Black students have an opportunity to highlight all their positive contributions within the educational system.

2. Empowerment and Inspiration: By celebrating Black Excellence, students are inspired and empowered to pursue their own goals and dreams. Seeing examples of successful Black individuals from various fields, such as science, arts, politics and sports, can motivate students to strive for their own excellence.

3. Education and Awareness: Black Excellence Day serves as an educational opportunity to raise awareness about the rich history, culture, and achievements of Black people. It provides a platform to share stories of resilience, innovation, and leadership, helping to combat stereotypes and promote understanding and appreciation of Black heritage.

Black Excellence Day - continued

4. Equity and Inclusion: Recognizing Black Excellence fosters a culture of equity and inclusion within schools. It sends a message that all students, regardless of their background, have the potential to excel and make valuable contributions to society. By celebrating diversity and promoting inclusivity, schools create a more welcoming and supportive environment for all students.

5. Community Engagement: Black Excellence Day can serve as a platform for community engagement and collaboration. It provides an opportunity for schools to partner with local organizations, leaders, and activists within the Black community to organize events, workshops, and discussions that promote dialogue and understanding.

Overall, celebrating Black Excellence Day within HRCE schools is important for fostering a culture of inclusivity, empowerment, and appreciation for the diverse talents and contributions of Black individuals.

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Finish the year off strong with Homework Hub!

- **GNSPES Access**
Easy access to online resources and tutoring through your GNSPES account (gnspes.ca) by clicking on the Nova Scotia Homework Hub icon.
- **24/7 Access**
Anytime access to video tutorials, practice questions and vocabulary review.
- **Bilingual Tutors**
Tutors available for students in:
 - Grade 7-12 on school nights 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
 - Grade 4-6 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Find the Homework Hub at gnspes.ca or call 1-888-444-6607



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[Watch this video](#) to learn more about Homework Hub!

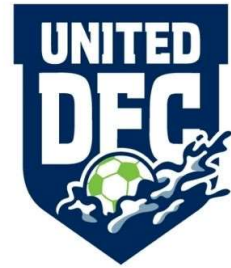
2024-25 EXCEL registration

The EXCEL program is a recreation-based, fee-for-service before and after school program run by the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, offering before and after school care for elementary-aged children.

At each school site, the dedicated and qualified staffing teams plan weekly games and activities that suit the needs and interests of the registered students. These individual plans are framed around EXCEL's overall philosophy which is focused on physical activity and positive social interaction in a safe and fun environment.

Registration for returning children began April 29 and registration for new EXCEL participants will begin on May 13. [Click here](#) for more information.

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SUMMER PROGRAMS 2024

As Many as Possible
For as Long as Possible
In the Best Environment Possible

About United DFC

United DFC is the community soccer club serving Cole Harbour, Dartmouth and Eastern Passage. We offer programs for all ages, at all levels of play and experience. We focus on team building, player development and creating a positive experience for our members.

New members welcome!

Something for Everyone

- Tiny Tots U2-4
- Active Start U5-6
- Fundamentals U7-9
- Skill Center U7-11
- Community U11-18
- Day Camps
- Quiet Soccer
- Add-on Programs
- Performance U12-18
- Senior Performance
- Senior Recreational
- Beginner Senior
- Unified Soccer
- Performance Camps
- Individual Training
- Rising Leader Coach Initiative



Scan to register



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School Messenger Safe Arrival: A New Way to Report Student Absences

Dear Parents/Guardians

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school each and every day. Our school will be implementing a new way to report absences through SchoolMessenger. If your student is absent and the absence has not been reported in advance, you will receive notifications via email, text, and phone calls from SchoolMessenger.

To report your student absent, you can use any of the following methods:

- **PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal**
Parents/guardians can log into <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> to access the link to the SchoolMessenger website to report future absences.
- **SchoolMessenger App**
Parents/guardians can download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices, create an account and use their email that the school has on record for them as their username.
- **Toll-Free Number**
Parents/guardians can call **1-833-582-6940** to report future absences using an automated system.

All three methods are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Absences can be reported at any time before the start of school on the day the student will be absent. Up to five consecutive absences can be recorded at once. If you have students attending other schools, please continue to report absences using the existing procedures for those schools.

SCHOOLCASH ONLINE SYSTEM

If you're not already registered for schoolcash online, please take the time to do so. It is important when it comes time to purchase items related to school such as field trips, water bottles, sports fees, etc. **Instructions are attached.**

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