

WELCOME BACK

September 3rd, 2023

First Day (September 7)

We are incredibly excited to see our returning students, and meet our new students this year! Prior to the first day of school classroom teachers will be making contact with families to introduce themselves and clarify each child's dismissal routine.

During the morning of the first day all staff will be present on the playgrounds at 8:10 to help students find their group and line-up area. Upon arrival students will be directed to the playground at the side. At 8:20 we will begin to have students enter the school with their teachers to get things started.

Morning Arrival Safety

Safety is very important, so to help with that at the beginning of the school day we ask that any parents/guardians, who are driving their child to school, do not drive into the bus arc or into the staff parking lot. Rather, please drop the children off on the school curb side of Caldwell Road and have them walk beside the play equipment to the right on the grass to proceed to the side playground. This way, no children dropped off by car will be walking across Caldwell Road, in front of school buses or between cars. Please drop them off quickly so that it will be a "kiss and go" since traffic can be quite congested. We appreciate your help with this.

A reminder to families that supervision begins at 8:10 in the morning. Students should not be entering school grounds before this time. Students will enter the building with their teachers at 8:20. Classes begin at 8:30. Students arriving late should check-in at the main office before heading to class.

Safe Arrival

To report your child absent, you can use any of the following methods ([Click here for infographic](#)):

PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal

Parents/guardians can log in to <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> to access the SchoolMessenger website to report future absences.

SchoolMessenger App

Parents/guardians can download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and use their username and password for the PowerSchool Portal.

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.

For more detailed information and Frequently Asked Questions, please visit <https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival>.

Bussing, Forms & Water Bottles

Please check your email for information from Bus Planner on bussing routes and bus times if that is how your child gets to school. If you have any questions, please contact transportation@hrce.ca or 902-431-4723 for assistance.

Registration forms, media releases, and a newsletter will go home soon. Please complete the forms and return them to school so that we have updated contact and medical information, especially if there are any changes.

Each student should bring a labelled water bottle to school everyday. We only have water 'refilling stations'. We no longer have water fountains.

Lunch Duty & Volunteering

Are you interested in being a lunch monitor at Seaside or volunteering for future events? In order to lunch monitor or volunteer with children at an HRCE school, you must submit a current [Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector](#) (\$30-\$50) check and a [Child Abuse Register Search](#) (free). Please request a letter from our main office before applying for a Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector check. This will also reduce the cost if you have it done in person at an RCMP detachment. After obtaining both of these documents check in with the main office to either be cleared for volunteering or to complete the remaining paper work to lunch monitor. These documents are good for three years. Thank you for your interest and your time!



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