

# EAST ST. MARGARET'S

## monthly newsletter

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

September is soon to be here, and we are so looking forward to seeing smiling faces back in our classrooms! Our staff is busy at work planning exciting learning opportunities and preparing welcoming spaces for our school community.

We look forward to seeing you all at our earlier than usual Curriculum Night and Ice Cream Social. This year, we thought it would be a great way to let families see classroom environments and meet teachers before classes begin.

The HRCE has been busy preparing to launch our School Lunch Program this October. We have received notice that we will have more details soon on this exciting development.

Together we truly are AWESOME!  
-Mr O'Brien

### Important Dates

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3**  
**Curriculum Night & Ice Cream**  
**Social: 6-7 PM**

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH**  
**First Day of School for Students**

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12**  
**Stand Up Against Bullying Day.**  
**WEAR PINK!**

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH**  
**WEAR ORANGE** in honor of  
**Truth and Reconciliation Day.**

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH**  
**Truth and Reconciliation Day.**  
**NO CLASSES**

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 3RD**  
**School Photo Day!**

### Cell Phones

The Minister of Education has issued a new directive on the use of Cell Phones in Nova Scotia Schools. Please read **THIS NOTICE** for all of the details.



# HOME & SCHOOL *executive committee* 2024-2026

The following nominees ran unopposed and have been appointed by acclamation:

CHAIR - Amber Golding

VICE-CHAIR - Lesley Publicover

SECRETARY - Lauren Bowes

TREASURER - Amy Bishop

MEMBER-AT-LARGE - Courtney Allan

MEMBER-AT-LARGE - *Open*

## BUS PLANNER

Everything you need to know about student transportation including eligibility, stop times and stop locations can be found on BusPlanner. Once you register and subscribe, you may also receive email notifications on changes to routes, bus delays or cancellations.

To sign up, go to BusPlanner at [hrce.mybusplanner.ca](http://hrce.mybusplanner.ca) and click on Parent Portal. Follow the instructions to create an account.

Don't have a BusPlanner Parent Portal account? Need help logging in? Please contact the HRCE Student Transportation Team at [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) or call 902-431-4723.

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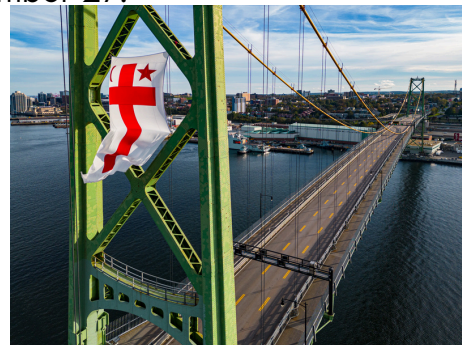
## TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY

Join us in observing National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Each year on September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation honours the children who didn't return from residential schools, as well as survivors, their families, and communities.

Orange Shirt Day, led by Indigenous communities, aims to raise awareness about the inter-generational impacts of residential schools and allows us all to show our support for the Every Child Matters movement.

As there are no classes on Monday, September 30, we welcome staff and students to wear orange on Friday, September 27.



Please wear orange shirts on Friday, September 27 to honour Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Stand Up Against Bullying Day

*In a world where you can  
be anything. be kind!*

Wear pink on September 12!

# OUR SAFE ARRIVAL SYSTEM

You can learn more about what to do when your child is absent from school in this attached document on our Safe Arrival System. Further information is also available at the HRCE website below.

<https://www.hrce.ca/families/general-information/safe-arrival>

## Parents

All parents entering our school must report to the office on arrival and sign in. Parents wishing to participate in activities such as breakfast club, field trips or class activities must complete background checks prior to doing so. Please get yours done at this link and file it with the school so you can participate more fully as a parent in our school community.

# Our School Routine Times

Morning supervision begins each day at **8:05 am.**

For the safety of our students. Parents/Guardians are reminded that **students should not be dropped off at school prior to 8:05 am.**

On arrival, students should enter the school and go directly to their homeroom classes.

Our Entrance Bell rings at **8:25 am.**

**Students arriving after 8:25 should report to the main office to sign in prior to going to class**

Recess is from **10:00-10:15 am**

Lunch is from **12:00-12:55 pm**

Dismissal bell rings at **2:25 pm**