

Bell and Lunch Schedule

8:20 am - Arrival

8:30 am - First Bell

8:40 am - Learning Begins

12:10 pm - 1:10 pm - Lunch 1

2:40 pm - Dismissal

Note: If your child is arriving after 8:40 they are missing out on teacher instruction

Calendar of Events

Feb. 1 African Heritage Month Begins



World Hijab Day

Feb. 14 Valentine's day!

Feb. 17 Heritage Day - No School

Reminders

We would like to kindly remind all families that students are not permitted to bring lunch items that require heating or reheating at school. Due to limited facilities and time constraints, we are unable to accommodate the heating of lunches for students.

School News

February is a very exciting Month at Joseph Howe School as we celebrate African Heritage Month, World Hijab Day, Valentine's Day and Heritage Day.

February is a cold month. Please remember to send students with warm clothing, a hat and mittens as we continue to encourage our classes to take advantage of our outdoor spaces.

February is Registration Month

Registration for the 2025-26 school year begins on February 1. To ensure we have the right staff and support in place for September, it's important that we gather enrollment numbers now.

Tip: Before you begin, make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (image, PDF or Word document):

- Proof of identity/age with one of the following: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers) if you are new to the HRCE;
- Proof of home address (a recently dated official government or utility document with your current address that includes your name and date, such as water bill, power bill, internet bill, home fuel bill, a tax receipt, property assessment or a mortgage contract); and

Visit the [HRCE website](#) for more information and to enrol your child today through PowerSchool Enrollment!

PTA Pizza and Popcorn Fundraiser

Our PTA will be having two fundraisers in the month of February. Each Wednesday, in February, we will have popcorn sales - students will be able to purchase popcorn for 1\$ at recess.

We will also have a pizza fundraiser. [Donninis Pizza](#) (John's) on North Street - from Feb. 6th to Feb. 8th they will donate 5\$ from each sale of the "Joe Howe Special" when families ordering ask for the "Joe Howe Special". The "Joe Howe Special includes a medium pepperoni pizza (or cheese pizza), and medium garlic fingers for 20\$.



The funds for both events will go to support a new small playground for the school

Safe Arrival Program

1-833-582-6940

If you have a new phone number or email address please contact the school so that we can ensure that you are getting the latest information from the school and your child's teacher.

It is the parents' responsibility to contact the school to identify if their child/ren will be absent.

You are now able to report future absences using an app, website, or toll-free phone number. 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.

For more information please follow the link below

[:https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival](https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival)

Valentine's Day

To celebrate we will be encouraging students to wear red or pink.


Heritage Day

Nora Bernard was born on September 22, 1935, at Millbrook First Nation, one of seven children. When Nora was nine years old, her mother was forced to send Nora and her siblings to Residential School.

In 1987, she founded the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School Association and began to search for and contact other Survivors. This was the start of her fight for justice, recognition and compensation for Survivors of the Canadian Indian Residential School system.

Reminder that there are no classes on Monday, February 17 in honor of Heritage Day.

School Calendar

| February 2025 | | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|---|------------------------------------|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | | | | 1 African Heritage Month Begins |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Popcorn Sale 1\$ | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Popcorn Sale 1\$ | 13 | 14  | 15 |
| 16 | 17 Heritage Day No School | 18 | 19 Popcorn Sale 1\$ | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Popcorn Sale 1\$ | 27 | 28 | |

African Heritage Month

The 2024 African Heritage Month theme is Our Smiles, Our Joy, Our Resilience as African Nova Scotians. This month is a time to celebrate and recognize the history and culture of people of African descent. Learn more [here](#).

Looking for ways to recognize and celebrate African Heritage Month?

- Attend events happening throughout the month at your local [Halifax Public Library](#).
- While you're at the library, [borrow books](#) that will inspire the whole family to learn more about African heritage.
- Visit local heritage sites, such as the [Black Cultural Centre](#), [the Africville Museum](#), and the [Black Loyalist Heritage Centre](#).