

## 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

Jan. 3 Return to school

Jan. 15 MLK day!

Jan. 27 Bedtime Story Event

## Home Reading Challenge

Joseph Howe School will be hosting another **Home Reading Challenge!**

Students will be provided bingo sheets with activities they can do nightly - they can complete as many activities as they like.

Each time a student completes a square they can write their name and class name on the square and bring it to school.

The squares will be used for weekly draws for student prizes and at the end of January we will have a final draw of a Family Night basket with prizes for the whole family!

## School News

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to Joe Howe school in 2025! It's a fresh new year, and it's time for more exciting adventures in learning. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at school on Friday, January 3rd, 2025!

Our lost and found continues to grow - writing your child's name on their belongings can be super helpful when we are trying to sort lost and found items.

## Important Weather Reminders

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school busses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Non-bused students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

### How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**
- On [our website](#)
- On [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)
- On [Instagram](#)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit [www.hrce.ca/families/cancellations](http://www.hrce.ca/families/cancellations)

## 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)

## Breakfast Program

Each day breakfast food is available to every student as they enter the school.

Our breakfast options include a variety of items, from fresh fruit to baked goods. These items are there for every student to enjoy.

## PALS Program

Are you interested in volunteering to help out with reading once a week at Joe Howe school?

Please email:

[jhowe@hrce.ca](mailto:jhowe@hrce.ca)

## School Calendar

January 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day! No School	2 PD Day No School	3 Students return to school.	4
5	6 Home Reading Challenge Begins!	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 MLK Birthday Assembly!	16	17	18
19	20 MLK Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Bedtime Story Event 7pm	28	29	30	31 Home Reading Challenge Ends!	

## Community Corner

Family Literacy Day takes place each year on January 27 to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

### The Benefits of Reading with Your Children

- Reading Fosters Language and Communication Skills. ...
- Reading Promotes Cultural Awareness and Empathy. ...
- Reading at a Young Age Instil a Love for Lifelong Learning.

To find out more about reading with your child please follow the link below:

<https://www.hrce.ca/learning/elementary/reading-your-child>