

# May 2025 Joseph Howe Elementary "Building on Brilliance!"



### 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 2:40 pm - Dismissal

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

#### Calendar of Events

**May. 13 -** Grade 3 Provincial

Assessment begins

May. 15 - Black Excellence Day

May. 19 - Victoria Day

No School

## Reminders

Our lost and found grows each month. It is incredibly helpful if you label your child's clothing so we can ensure lost items are returned.

Your stuff misses YOU too.



#### **School News**

Arriving on time to school is crucial for students' academic and personal development. Here's why being on time is so important:

- Maximizing Learning Time: Every minute in the classroom counts! When students arrive on time, they don't miss out on important instructions, morning routines, or the start of lessons. Late arrivals can disrupt not only their learning but also that of their classmates.
- 2. **Building Responsibility**: Being punctual is a valuable life skill that helps students develop a sense of responsibility and respect for their time and the time of others. It's a habit that will benefit them now and in the future.
- 3. **Creating Positive School Habits**: Students who consistently arrive on time are more likely to engage fully in school activities, participate in discussions, and start their day with a positive mindset. It sets the tone for the rest of their day.
- 4. **Reducing Stress**: Starting the day on time can help students feel more organized and less rushed. This can lead to a calmer and more productive day.

#### What You Can Do to Help:

- **Set a Routine**: Establish a consistent morning routine that gives your child enough time to get ready and head to school without rushing.
- **Talk About the Importance**: Have a conversation with your child about how being punctual helps them stay engaged and succeed in their studies.

We understand that mornings can be hectic, and occasional delays are inevitable. However, we ask for your continued support in helping your child develop this important habit. Together, we can ensure that every student has the opportunity to start their school day off right.

Thank you for your partnership in supporting your child's education.



#### **Grade 3 Provincial Assessment**

Grade 3 English program students enrolled in Nova Scotia public schools participate in this assessment. These assessments provide teachers valuable information about students' strengths and where they may need additional support. Our students will participate in a variety of reading, writing and math assessments on May 13, 15, 21 and 22.

Families can find more information via the link below:

https://plans.ednet.ns.ca/sites/default/files/documents/LM3/Provincial Assess ments in Grade 3 Parent Flyer ENG.pdf

Website: <a href="https://jsh.hrce.ca">https://jsh.hrce.ca</a>

## Safe Arrival Program

## 1-833-582-6940

#### **School Calendar**

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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

# **Student Safety**

The school will conduct a fire drill each month for the remainder of the year. This is a requirement for all public schools.

We want each student to understand and be aware of the importance of this drill and not be afraid when the fire alarm is sounded. By practicing they will know what to do and how to do it.

	May 2025						
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2					1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	Grade 3 Assessment Day 1	Grade 3 Assessment Day 2	15 Black Excellence Day	16	17
	18	19 Victoria Day <mark>No School</mark>	20	Grade 3 Assessment Day 3	Grade 3 Assessment Day 4	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## Hold the date....

# **Family Supports**

We are looking to host our grade 5 closing on Wednesday, June 26th, 2025.



Did you know?

Our school has a Community Outreach Worker, who can support families in a variety of ways. If your family is looking for support - please feel free to reach out to Laura Hutt. She has a wealth of information around family support, summer programming and parent support.

Laura can be reached via - <a href="https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/laurahutt/home">https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/laurahutt/home</a>

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