



Bell and Lunch Schedule

8:20 am - Arrival

8:30 am - First Bell

8:40 am - Learning Begins

11:40 am -12:40 pm - Lunch 1

12:40 pm - 1:40 - Lunch 2

2:40 pm - Dismissal

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

Calendar of Events

Oct. 2 - Observation of National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - **No School**

Oct. 9 - Thanksgiving - **No School**

Oct. 11 - Community Night
4pm-6pm (BBQ & Guests)

Oct. 18 - Picture Day

Oct. 27 - PD day - **No School**

Oct. 31 - Halloween

Reminders

Please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle as the new fountains in the school are set-up to only dispense water into water bottles.



Principal's Message

With the continued growth at Joseph Howe school we have been allocated a new classroom teacher. We are currently in the process of hiring a new teacher which will bring us from 16 classrooms to 17 classrooms. Over the next week, staff will be working on reconfiguring to accommodate for our new classroom.

With the addition of a new teacher we will be able to reduce class sizes to better meet the needs of each student. We will do our best to ensure the reconfiguration process is smooth for our students. If your child will be moving to a new classroom the new classroom teacher will be reaching out to you prior to our moving day. We will update families when we have a moving date selected.

Inclement Weather

As we move into Fall the mornings are getting colder. Please make sure your children are ready to head out for colder recess and lunch times. We recommend dressing in layers as we can have cold mornings and warm afternoons.

Ways to check if school has been cancelled due to inclement weather:

Check HRCE website at www.hrce.ca

Follow us on Twitter at [Twitter.com/HRCE_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)

Call our information line at 902-464-INFO (4636)

Listen to your radio (All local radio stations are informed)

Sign up to receive e-mail or text message notification of cancellations ([link](#))

Make sure you listen for either the Family of Schools name or the individual name of your child's school in cancellation announcements. [Click here](#) to find your Family of Schools.

Healthy Hunger

Our school is registered with Healthy Hunger, we will be using this program as an option for families to order lunches for their children - if you would like to order lunch for your child. Local vendors are being added as we expand this program.

Our Friday pizza orders will be collected via Healthy Hunger. We will not be collecting cash at the school for pizza Friday this year.

For more information, please follow the link provided:

<https://healthyhunger.ca/>

School Calendar

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>




Halloween

Children can wear costumes on the 31st of October. We are asking that students wait until lunchtime (if possible).

Any snacks sent into the school need to be individually wrapped and nut free.

We are asking that parents not send in halloween masks or any costume weapons that might come with purchased costumes.

The option of wearing Orange and Black that day is a great option too!

October 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Treaty Day	2 Observation of Truth and Reconciliation Day No School	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Thanksgiving Day No School	10	11 Community Night 4pm-6pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Picture Day 	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 PD Day No School	28
29	30	31 Halloween				

Community Corner

Treaty Day, (October 1st) marks the beginning of Mi'kmaq History Month in Nova Scotia. Our students will be learning about Mi'kmaq history during the month of October and throughout the year at Joseph Howe School.

For more information please follow the link below:
<https://mikmaqhistorymonth.ca/>

Community Night - October 11, 2023 (4pm - 6pm)

The school will be having our community night on Wednesday October 11th from 4pm- 6pm at Joseph Howe School. There will be community tables set up in the gym to connect families with resources available in our neighbourhood. We will have music and a BBQ set up outside serving hot dogs (halal), and snacks. The rain date for this event will be the following Wednesday October 18th 4pm-6pm.