

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.

School News

This year is going to be great. We have many new students and staff at Joseph Howe School.

We are excited to welcome everyone to the school on the evening of September 14, 2023 from 6pm-7pm for Curriculum Night. This is an opportunity for families (Primary -6) to visit your child's class and hear about what your child will be learning this year.

Communication between home and school is an essential element leading to students' success. Please notify the office promptly if you have any changes to your email or contact numbers. We will be sharing school information via email often during the school year.



Calendar Highlights

Sept. 7 - First Day of School
Sept. 14 - Curriculum Night
Oct. 2 - Observation of National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - No School
Oct. 18 - Picture Day

Lunch Hour - September 2023

In September 2023 we will be having students eating lunches in shifts over a two hour period. Classes will still have the same amount of time for the lunch hour; 30 minutes to eat inside and 30 minutes to play outside. We will have lunches spread over a longer period of time to better utilize the playspace outside and to improve supervision of students by having smaller groups of students outside at one time.

With this change **we will not be able to have students leaving the school without parent supervision** during the lunch period, unless the students regularly go home for the entire lunch period. In the past we had allowed students to walk to the pizza shop at lunch. We will not be able to do this as it is a safety concern. Moving forward if students need to go home or out for lunch they will need an adult to come to the school to sign them out.

Teachers will let you know when your child(ren) will be eating lunch and playing outside.

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.



School Supplies

Our school supplies have arrived!

We would like to thank our PALS partners, Irving Ship Building and The Halifax Harbour Rotary Club who helped ensure each student has the school supplies they will need to be successful at school.

If you have supplies that you have purchased feel free to store them at home as they can be used next year.



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>

Lunch Options

This year our school will be exploring using the services of Healthy Hunger as a lunch option for families that may be interested in ordering lunches for their child(ren). More information to come.

Lunch Monitors

Our school is continually looking for lunch monitors. If you are interested in being a lunch monitor at Joseph Howe School please feel free to reach out to Ms. Brown at:

keisha.brown@hrce.ca

September 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 First Day of School	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Pink Shirt Day Curriculum Night 6pm	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Wear Orange 	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honours the children who never returned home and the survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led, grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and support the "Every Child Matters" movement. The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

As September 30 falls on a Saturday this year, we welcome staff and students to wear orange on Friday, September 29. All classes will be canceled on Monday, October 2 in recognition of this day.