

## 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 instruction

## Calendar of Events

- Dec. 4** PD Day - No School
- Dec. 13** Holiday Showcase - Group 1
- Dec. 14** Holiday Showcase - Group 2
- Dec. 21** First Day of Holiday Break (No School)
- Jan. 2** First Day Back after our Holiday Break

## Reminders

Please send a water bottle with your child to school as our fountains in the school are water bottle filling stations only.



## Principal's Message

The cold weather has arrived. Please remember to send hats, mittens and to dress in layers as we will continue to head outside as much as possible with our students.

Our SAC will be hosting a fundraiser on Dec. 19 called Holly-Days. Students will have an opportunity to buy a ticket for 1\$ to attend a shopping event where they will be able to exchange their ticket for a gift to share with a loved one. We will be sending a flyer with more details for this event.

## Mid-day Closure

If the weather deteriorates after students arrive at school, the HRCE can decide to dismiss students early. In the event of an early dismissal, the decision will be communicated to all schools as close to 11:00 am as possible.

- Bussed students will be picked up 2 hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

In the event of an early dismissal, students in grades primary to 6 will not be released from school unless parents/guardians or designates have been notified by the school. Early Dismissal Forms will be sent home soon.

## Holiday Concert

Our school has grown considerably since our last concert. There are almost 385 students at Joseph Howe School. Like last year we are going to divide our concert into two groups. The concert times and dates are below. Your child is only required to be here on the night of their own concert.

Group 1: Dec. 13th		Group 2: Dec. 14th	
Students arrive at 5:30pm Parents enter at 5:45 Concert begins at 6:00		Students arrive at 5:30pm Parents enter at 5:45 Concert begins at 6:00	
Primary Tannous	Primary Bing	Primary/1 Stewart	1 Dalloul
1/2 McGuire	2 DeWolf	2/3 Dunlop	2/3 Newton
3 Lyons	4 Fleming	4/5 Rossiter	4/5 Buis
6 Velemirovich		5 Josey	6 Gatti

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

### SchoolsPlus

SchoolsPlus is here to support you!

SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities. We can help students with what they need to succeed - from home, to school, and back again! For more information, email: [schoolsplus@hrce.ca](mailto:schoolsplus@hrce.ca).

### Knowledgehook

Looking for a way to help your child in Math - please check out:



December 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 PD Day No School	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Holiday Showcase 6:00 Group 1	14 Holiday Showcase 6:00 Group 2	15	16
17	18	19 Holly Days Fundraiser	20	21 No School	22 No School	23
24	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30
31	1 No School					

## School Messenger App

Did you know you can report your child's absence through the SchoolMessenger app?

SchoolMessenger's SafeArrival is an absence-management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence.

- Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices
- Sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email address) that the school has on record for you
- Click on Attendance
- Follow the prompts