

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

Feb. 1 African Heritage Month

World Hijab Day

Feb. 14 Valentine's day!

Feb. 19 Heritage Day - No

School

Reminders

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



School News

February is a very exciting Month at Joseph Howe School as we celebrate African Heritage Month, World Hijab Day, Valentine's Day and Heritage Day.



February is a cold month. Please remember to send students with warm clothing, a hat and mittens as we continue to encourage our classes to take advantage of our outdoor spaces.

February is Registration Month

Registration for the 2024-25 school year begins on February 1. To ensure we have the right staff and supports in place for September, it's important that we gather enrolment numbers now.

Tip: Before you begin, make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (image, PDF or Word document):

- Proof of identity/age with one of the following: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers) if you are new to the HRCE;
- Proof of home address (a recently dated official government or utility document with your current address that includes your name and date, such as water bill, power bill, internet bill, home fuel bill, a tax receipt, property assessment or a mortgage contract); and
- Nova Scotia Health Card or Canadian Province Health Card or, for non-citizens while in Canada, proof of Medical Insurance Information.

Visit the [HRCE website](#) for more information and to enrol your child today through PowerSchool Enrollment!

Home Reading Challenge

Joseph Howe School will be hosting our first ever, home Reading Challenge! Students will be provided bingo style 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 February we will have a final draw of a Family Night basket with prizes for the whole family!

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)

Valentine's Day


To celebrate we will be encouraging students to wear red or pink.

Heritage Day

This year's Heritage Day honours [William Hall](#). Hall was the son of formerly enslaved parents, Jacob and Lucy who fled Maryland during the War of 1812 as refugees and settled in Nova Scotia. Jacob found work in a shipyard in Summerville, where Hall was born in 1827.

Hall was presented with the Victoria Cross on 28 Oct. 1859, the first Nova Scotian, and the first Canadian sailor to receive the decoration.

Reminder that there are no classes on Monday, February 20 in honor of Heritage Day.

February 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 African Heritage Month Begins	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 	15	16	17
18	19 Heritage Day No School	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

African Heritage Month

The 2024 African Heritage Month theme is Our Smiles, Our Joy, Our Resilience as African Nova Scotians. This month is a time to celebrate and recognize the history and culture of people of African descent. Learn more [here](#).

Looking for ways to recognize and celebrate African Heritage Month?

- Attend events happening throughout the month at your local [Halifax Public Library](#).
- While you're at the library, [borrow books](#) that will inspire the whole family to learn more about African heritage.
- Visit local heritage sites, such as the [Black Cultural Centre](#), [the Africville Museum](#), and the [Black Loyalist Heritage Centre](#).