

## 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

2:40 pm - Dismissal

Note:

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

## Calendar of Events

Apr. 15 - Grade 3 Provincial

Assessment begins

Black Excellence Day

May. 20 - Victoria Day

No School

## Reminders

Students are not able to leave the school at lunch unless signed out by an adult. We are still getting requests for students to go to the pizza shop at lunch, students need to be signed out by an adult to go to the pizza shop at lunch.



## School News

Our school is growing, we currently have 390 students at Joseph Howe School. With this growth we are changing, next year we will be a Pre-Primary to Grade 5 school.

With this change we will have more space for the students in these grades and be able to continue to support students and families.

We know that a strong transition plan is important for students who will be moving to Oxford. Staff at Joseph Howe and Oxford school will now begin working together to support students and families with this change.

## 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 activities. We will write the assessment on May 15, 16, 22 and 23.

For more information please follow the link below:

<https://curriculum.novascotia.ca/grades-p-3-literacy-resources>



## Finish the year off strong with Homework Hub!

- **GNSPES Access**  
Easy access to online resources and tutoring through your GNSPES account ([gnspecs.ca](https://gnspecs.ca)) by clicking on the Nova Scotia Homework Hub icon.
- **24/7 Access**  
Anytime access to video tutorials, practice questions and vocabulary review.
- **Bilingual Tutors**  
Tutors available for students in:
  - Grade 7-12 on school nights 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
  - Grade 4-6 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Find the Homework Hub at [gnspecs.ca](https://gnspecs.ca) or call 1-888-444-6607



## Family Supports

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 - <https://sites.google.com/gnspecs.ca/laurahutt/home>

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>

**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.

**Hold the date....**

We are looking to host our grade 5 and 6 closing on Wednesday, June 26th, 2024.

The event will most likely take place at 4pm. More details to follow.



May 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Grade 3 Assessment Day 1 Black Excellence Day	16 Grade 3 Assessment Day 2	17	18
19	20 Victoria Day No School	21	22 Grade 3 Assessment Day 3	23 Grade 3 Assessment Day 4	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**Asian Heritage Month**

Over the past two centuries, individuals and families have immigrated to Halifax from East Asia, Southern Asian, Western and Southeast Asia. With them, these new Canadians brought a rich cultural heritage representing many languages, ethnicities and religious traditions.



In 2001, Senator Vivienne Poy, Canada's first Chinese-Canadian senator, proposed a motion to designate May as Asian Heritage Month. In May 2002, the Government of Canada officially declared May as Asian Heritage Month in a formal ceremony.

This year, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Halifax Public Libraries, the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 and community members have worked together to create a variety of activities in the Halifax region.

<https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/diversity-inclusion/asian-heritage-month>