

November 2025

SYCAMORE LANE

NEWSLETTER



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Remembrance Day Assembly

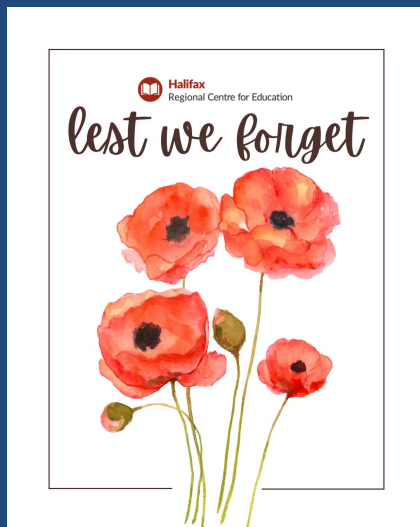
We will be having a Remembrance Day Assembly Monday, November 10th. Staff, students and families have worked together to honor Service Members; we are appreciative of the collaboration of all involved. Students have prepared songs and readings to share during the Assembly. With collaboration from home we will create a Wall of Honor for Service Members in the lives of SLE families. We welcome veterans to join us in honoring our service members. If you are an active or retired service member that will be attending please email shaines@hrce.ca. Thank you.



November 8th is:

Indigenous Veterans Day is an important occasion to honour the sacrifices and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces. Recognizing this day in schools is especially significant, as it provides students with the opportunity to learn about the often-overlooked histories and experiences of Indigenous veterans. By commemorating Indigenous Veterans Day in our schools, we ensure that younger generations understand the vital role Indigenous peoples have played in defending Canada, while also promoting respect, reconciliation, and a more inclusive understanding of Canadian history. This recognition helps strengthen empathy, respect for diversity and a greater appreciation for the many ways in which Indigenous peoples have shaped our country.





November 11th is:

Remembrance Day holds an important place in our schools as it provides a meaningful opportunity for our students to learn about the sacrifices made by veterans and all those who have served in times of conflict. Through ceremonies, discussions and creative projects, we demonstrate respect and gratitude for the freedoms Canadians enjoy. Observing Remembrance Day also helps students connect with Canada's history and reinforces the values of peace, tolerance and community responsibility.



November 13- 15 is:

Transgender Awareness Week provides an important opportunity to strengthen understanding and respect for the transgender community, to encourage inclusivity in our schools and to promote safe environments where all students feel valued and supported. Learn more [here](#).



Home and School Association: Members Needed

Our SLE H.S.A. is currently seeking volunteer members!

Please join us at our next H.S.A. meeting Monday, November 24th at 5 PM in the library. H.S.A. is made up of Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Members at Large, and school staff volunteers. We currently need all types of members. Home and School is a parent- led group that works together with the school to organize events and fundraise for the school. We currently need more H.S.A. volunteers to help plan, organize and facilitate events, fundraisers and more! We would love to have you join us! If you are interested in committing to become an H.S.A. member please join us at our next meeting and RSVP to sles@hrce.ca!



Planning for Inclement Weather

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather. It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours;
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

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

How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**
- [On the HRCE website](#)
- [On Instagram](#)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. Please remember: As a parent or guardian you always have the choice of whether or not to send your child to school.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/families/cancellations.

Learning more about the Student Attendance and Engagement Policy

Policy

Did you know? [The Student Attendance and Engagement Policy](#) guides our approach to attendance and is in place to support all students. The policy states that regular, punctual attendance supports academic success, responsibility, and preparation for the future. Ensuring regular attendance is a joint effort between students, families and schools. As a parent/guardian, you play an important role by monitoring attendance, communicating with the school when your child is absent, and supporting your child's regular attendance.

What Should You Know?

- Communication about absences
- Schools will monitor attendance and lateness.
- All absences must be communicated to the school, following the school's procedure.
- If absenteeism or lateness reaches 10% of class time, the school will begin to engage more actively with the student and family.
- If it goes beyond 15%, more targeted supports may be used (counselling, referrals, community supports).

What Can You Do?

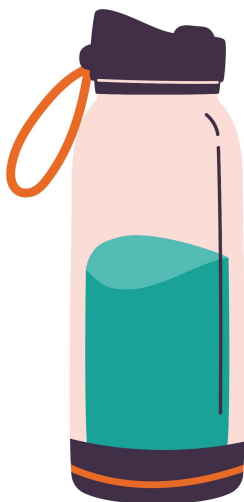
- Monitor and encourage punctual, consistent attendance
- Maintain open communication with the school when absences or challenges arise
- Work with school staff to understand supports or accommodations for your child
- Be aware of the thresholds (10%, 15%) and possible consequences (intervention, loss of credit in high school)
- Remember: the policy allows flexibility. If your child has a legitimate reason for missing school (health, family issue, etc.), schools are encouraged to take a supportive approach.



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Reminders:

Please send a refillable water bottle daily.

Please remember to pack cutlery.

Thank you!



NOVEMBER 2025 CALENDAR

Thank you to our Teachers and Staff who are volunteering their lunch time to provide great clubs for our students.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Recess: Open Library Lunch Clubs -Games -Bots	4 Open Gym R1: 4/5B & 4/5C R2: 1L & 2 B Intramurals: 3's Lunch Clubs -Pokemon	5 Open Gym R1: 2/3D R2: 3P & 4M Lunch Clubs -Wind Down Wed -Lego -Primary Coloring	6 Lunch: Glee Lunch Clubs -Basketball -Multicultural	7 Recess: Open Library Open Gym R1: 4/5B & 4/5C R2: 3P & 4M Intramurals: 2's
10 Recess: Open Library Lunch Clubs -Games -Bots	11 Remembrance Day No School	12 Lunch Clubs -Wind Down Wed -Lego -Primary Coloring -Skipping 1L	13 Lunch: Glee Lunch Clubs -Basketball -Multicultural	14 Recess: Open Library Open Gym R1: PTh & PTu R2: 1/2B & 2B Intramurals: 5's
17 Recess: Open Library Lunch Clubs -Games -Bots	18 Open Gym R1: 4/5B & 4/5C R2: 1L & 2 B Intramurals: 3's Lunch Clubs -Pokemon	19 Open Gym R1: 2/3D R2: 3P & 4M Lunch Clubs -Wind Down Wed -Lego -Primary Coloring	20 Lunch: Glee Lunch Clubs -Basketball -Multicultural	21 Assessment & Evaluation Day No School Elementary & Jr High
24 Recess: Open Library Lunch Clubs -Games -Bots	25 Open Gym R1: 2/3D R2: 1L & 1/2B Intramurals: 4's Lunch Clubs -Pokemon	26 Lunch Clubs -Wind Down Wed -Lego -Primary Coloring -Skipping 1/2B	27 Lunch: Glee Lunch Clubs -Basketball -Multicultural	28 Recess: Open Library Open Gym R1: PTh & PTu R2: 1/2B & 2B Intramurals: 5's

IMPORTANT DATES

November 8 - Indigenous Veterans Day

November 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly

November 11- Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL

November 14 - World Diabetes Day

November 21- Assessment & Evaluation Day NO SCHOOL (Elementary, Middle & Jr High)

November 24 - 5PM H.S.A./6PM S.A.C.

November 28 -Popcorn Day

December 2 -SLE Report Card Day

December 4 - PD Day & Progress Conferences NO SCHOOL

2025-26 CALENDAR NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL CENTRES FOR EDUCATION

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LEGEND

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/JUNIOR

- Term 1: Sept. 4 to Nov 21, 2025
- Term 2: Nov 24 to Mar 13, 2026
- Term 3: Mar 23 to Jun 30, 2026

HIGH SCHOOL

- Semester 1: Sept 1, 2025 to Jan 30, 2026
- Semester 2: Feb 2 to Jun 30, 2026

Progress Conference meetings formerly known as Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held on the dates marked on the calendar.

NO SCHOOL ALL STUDENTS

First Day of School/Last Day of School

No School High School Only

No School Elem/Middle/Jr Only

Culturally Significant Day (Schools Open)

Sept 2	School Organization Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Sept 3	Professional Development Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Sept 4	First Day of School for Students
Sept 29	Professional Development Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Sept 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Oct 1	Treaty Day (Culturally Significant Day Schools OPEN)
Oct 13	Thanksgiving Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Oct 24	NSTU Conference Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Nov 11	Remembrance Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Nov 21	Elem/Middle/Jr Evaluation Day (No Classes ELEM/MIDDLE/JR ONLY)
Nov 24-Dec 3	Report Cards Elem/Middle/Jr
Nov 17-20	Report Cards High School
Dec 4	Progress Conferences/Teacher Professional Practice (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)

Dec 19	Last Day for Students Before Holiday Break
Dec 22	Teacher Professional Practice Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Jan 5	First Day Back After Break
Jan 27	NS Examination English 10
Jan 28-29	High School Summative Assessments
Jan 30	High School Assessment & Evaluation Day/Semester 1 Ends (No Classes HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)
Feb 2	Semester 2 Begins (High School)
Feb 3-13	Semester 1 Report Cards (High School)
Feb 16	Nova Scotia Heritage Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Mar 13	Elem/Middle/Jr Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes ELEM/MIDDLE/JR ONLY)
Mar 16-20	Spring Break (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Mar 23-Apr 2	Report Cards Elem/Middle/Jr
Apr 2	Elem/Middle/Jr Progress Conferences/Teacher Professional Practice Day & High School Professional Development (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Apr 3	Good Friday (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)

Apr 6	Easter Monday (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Apr 21-Apr 28	Report Cards High School
Apr 29	Elem/Middle/Jr Professional Development & High School Progress Conferences/Teacher Professional Practice Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
May 11	Mikmaw Language Day (Culturally Significant Day Schools OPEN)
May 15	Black Excellence Day (Culturally Significant Day Schools OPEN)
May 18	Victoria Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Jun 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day (Culturally Significant Day)
Jun 22	NS Examination English 10
Jun 23	NS Examination Mathematics 10
Jun 23-25	High School Summative Assessments
Jun 26	High School Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)
Jun 29	Elementary and High School Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Jun 30	Last Day of School

2025-2026 Full Year
Calendar

[CLICK HERE](#) to Download the
Calendar and follow the
instructions to sync it to your
electronic calendar!

October Snapshots



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Mi'kmaw
History Month



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