October 2026

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NEWSLETTER



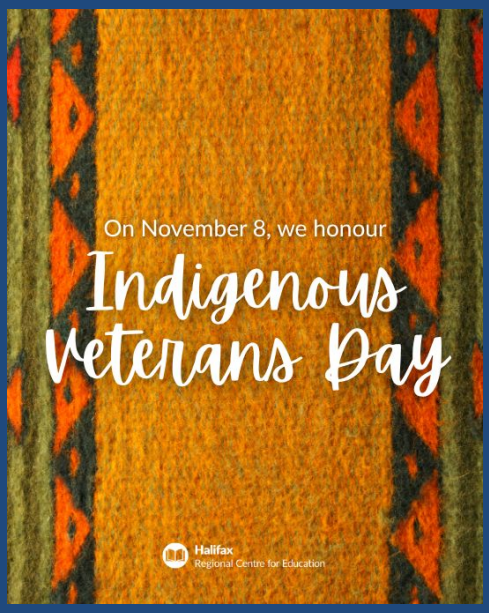
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Picture Retake Day

Photo Retake day will be Thursday, November 5th.

For students who missed photo day and those who need retakes. If you would like your child to have their photo retaken please send in the retake form.
Photos will be taken by Bluenose Photography



November 8 is Indigenous Veterans Day

On November 8, we recognize Indigenous Veterans Day and honour the First Nations, Inuit and Métis people who have served and continue to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces. Indigenous veterans have made significant contributions to Canada's military history, serving with courage and dedication while often facing discrimination and barriers to recognition when they returned home.

This day is an opportunity to learn about their stories, recognize their sacrifices and reflect on the importance of ensuring their contributions are remembered and honoured.

We encourage families to take a moment to learn about Indigenous veterans and share their stories with the next generation. Learn more here.

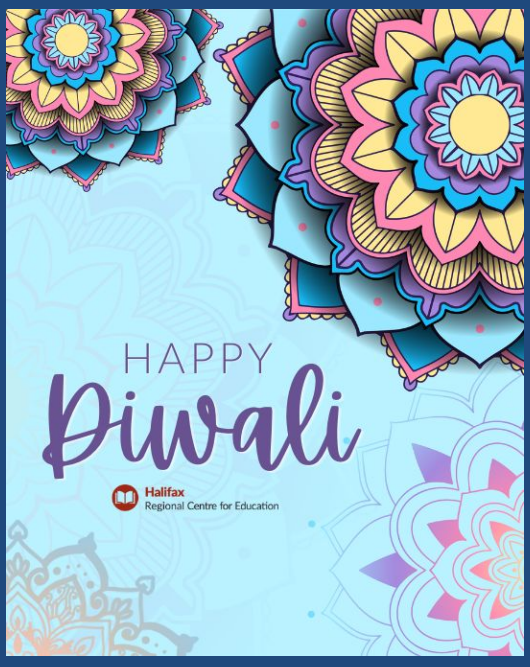


November 11 is Remembrance Day

Each year on November 11, people across Canada pause at the 11th hour to remember. The poppy we wear, the silence we observe and the stories we share are ways of keeping the memory of those who served, those who never returned home, and the lasting impact of war alive for future generations.

In our schools, Remembrance Day offers students an opportunity to explore the meaning behind these traditions and consider what remembrance looks like today. As we honour the past, we also reflect on the importance of peace, kindness and understanding in our own communities.

We invite families to join Canadians across the country in taking a moment to remember.



Happy Diwali

Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is celebrated by millions of people around the world, including Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and some Buddhists. The celebration carries different meanings across traditions, but often centres on themes of light overcoming darkness, good overcoming evil, and hope, renewal and new beginnings.

Celebrations may include lighting diyas (small oil lamps), decorating homes, sharing special foods, exchanging gifts and gathering with family and friends. Diwali is an opportunity to learn about the diverse traditions and cultures represented in our school communities and to celebrate the many ways people find meaning, connection and joy.

We wish all those celebrating a happy Diwali!



November 13-19 is Transgender Awareness Week

Transgender Awareness Week is an opportunity to reflect on how kindness, inclusivity and understanding help create welcoming school communities where everyone feels they belong. Taking time to learn about experiences different from our own, listening with an open mind and treating others with respect can make a meaningful difference in someone's day and sense of belonging.

Families can help reinforce these values by encouraging children to lead with kindness, embrace differences and recognize that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and compassion. Together, we can help create school communities where every student feels welcome, valued and supported.



Free screening of "Your Attention Please"

Join Unplugged Canada's Nova Scotia Chapter for a FREE screening of the documentary "Your Attention Please" on December 3, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the White Spruce Room at Keshen Goodman Library.

Parents, caregivers and educators are invited to watch this thought-provoking documentary about the impact of technology on our attention, and come together for a discussion on how we navigate this with youth in our own community. Please register in advance as tickets are limited.

Event: FREE screening of Your Attention Please

Date: December 3, 2026

Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Location: White Spruce Room, Keshen Goodman Library

Cost: FREE

Register: https://yourattentionpleaseNS.eventbrite.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; or
- 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
- Non-bussed students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

How will I find out?

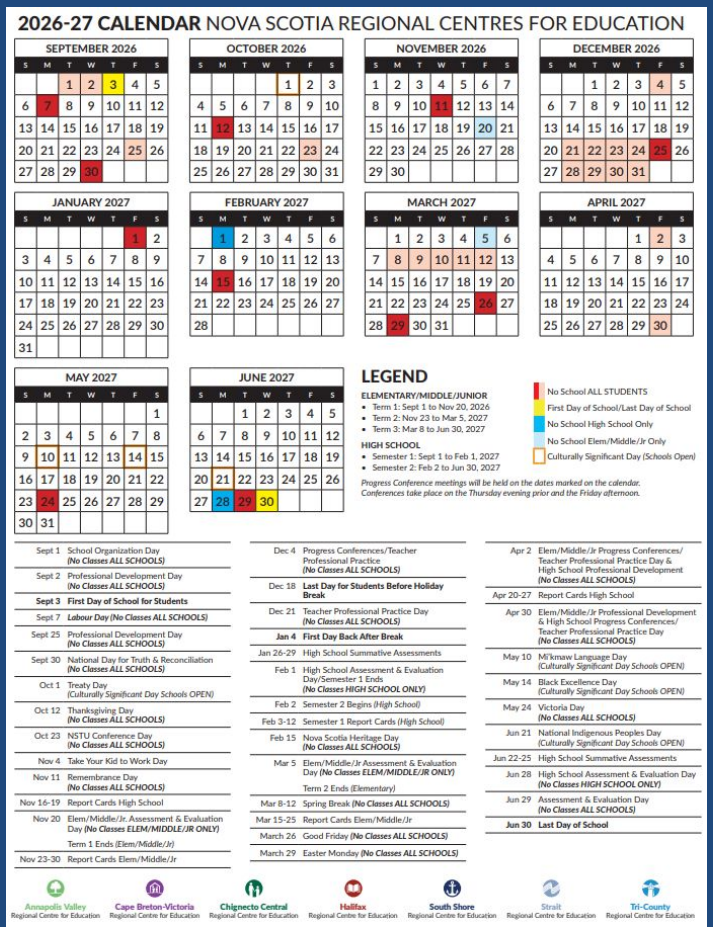
- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**
- On the HRCE website
- On Instagram

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 5: Photo Retakes
November 8: Indigenous Veterans Day
November 11: Remembrance Day - No School
November 16: SAC meeting
November 13-19: Transgender Awareness Week
November 20: Assessment and Evaluation Day -No School (Elementary/Middle/ Jr. High Only)
November 23-30: Report Cards e-mailed home (Elementary/Middle/Jr.High)
November 27: Popcorn Day
(Pre-Purchase on SchoolCash from Nov 20-Nov 26 at noon)
Mark your calendars:
December 3rd: Progress Conferences 6-8 PM
December 4th: Progress Conferences 1-3 PM



2026-27 CALENDAR NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL CENTRES FOR EDUCATION

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LEGEND

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/JUNIOR
- Term 1: Sept 1 to Nov 20, 2026
- Term 2: Nov 23 to Mar 5, 2027
- Term 3: Mar 8 to Jun 30, 2027

HIGH SCHOOL
- Semester 1: Sept 1 to Feb 1, 2027
- Semester 2: Feb 2 to Jun 30, 2027

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)

Progress Conference meetings will be held on the dates marked on the calendar. Conferences take place on the Thursday evening prior and the Friday afternoon.

Sept 1	School Organization Day *(No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)*
Sept 2	Professional Development Day *(No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)*
Sept 3	**First Day of School for Students**
Sept 7	*Labour Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)*
Sept 25	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 12	Thanksgiving Day *(No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)*
Oct 23	NSTU Conference Day *(No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)*
Nov 4	Take Your Kid to Work Day
Nov 11	Remembrance Day *(No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)*
Nov 16-19	Report Cards High School
Nov 20	Elem/Middle/Jr. Assessment & Evaluation Day *(No Classes ELEM/MIDDLE/JR ONLY)* Term 1 Ends *(Elem/Middle/Jr)*
Nov 23-30	Report Cards Elem/Middle/Jr
Dec 4	Progress Conferences/Teacher Professional Practice *(No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)*
Dec 18	**Last Day for Students Before Holiday Break**
Dec 21	Teacher Professional Practice Day *(No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)*
Jan 4	**First Day Back After Break**
Jan 26-29	High School Summative Assessments
Feb 1	High School Assessment & Evaluation Day/Semester 1 Ends *(No Classes HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)*
Feb 2	Semester 2 Begins *(High School)*
Feb 3-12	Semester 1 Report Cards *(High School)*
Feb 15	Nova Scotia Heritage Day *(No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)*
Mar 5	Elem/Middle/Jr Assessment & Evaluation Day *(No Classes ELEM/MIDDLE/JR ONLY)* Term 2 Ends *(Elementary)*
Mar 8-12	Spring Break *(No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)*
Mar 15-25	Report Cards Elem/Middle/Jr
March 26	Good Friday *(No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)*
March 29	Easter Monday *(No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)*
Apr 2	Elem/Middle/Jr Progress Conferences/ Teacher Professional Practice Day & High School Professional Development *(No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)*
Apr 20-27	Report Cards High School
Apr 30	Elem/Middle/Jr Professional Development & High School Progress Conferences/ Teacher Professional Practice Day *(No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)*
May 10	Mi'kmaw Language Day *(Culturally Significant Day Schools OPEN)*
May 14	Black Excellence Day *(Culturally Significant Day Schools OPEN)*
May 24	Victoria Day *(No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)*
Jun 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day *(Culturally Significant Day Schools OPEN)*
Jun 22-25	High School Summative Assessments
Jun 28	High School Assessment & Evaluation Day *(No Classes HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)*
Jun 29	Assessment & Evaluation Day *(No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)*
Jun 30	**Last Day of School**

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2026-2027 Calendar

Did you know that you can sync the HRCE Calendar to your digital calendar?

Find the instructions here:
https://www.hrce.ca/families/calendars

November 2026 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
2 **Open Library** R1:Skipping 34P R: Music **Lunch Clubs** -Story P-2	3 Open Gym R1: 5C R2: 45 C **Lunch Clubs** Intramurals Grade 2's	4 Open Gym R1: 23P R2: 12F & 12B **Lunch Clubs** Basketball- 45C	5 Open Gym R1: 34D & 34 P R2: 0T & 01Th **Lunch Clubs** -Creators 4-5	6 **Open Library** Open Gym R1: 1B **Lunch Clubs** Intramurals Grade 3's
9 **Open Library** R1:Skipping 34D R: Music **Lunch Clubs** -Story P-2	10 Open Gym R1: 23P **Lunch Clubs** Intramurals Grade 5's	11 **Remembrance Day** **No School**	12 Open Gym R1: 1B R2: 12F & 12B	13 **Open Library** Open Gym R1: 5C R2: 45 C **Lunch Clubs** Intramurals Grade 4's
16 **Open Library** R1:Skipping 5C R: Music **Lunch Clubs** -Story P-2	17 Open Gym R1: 5C R2: 45C **Lunch Clubs** Intramurals Grade 2's	18 Open Gym R1: 23P R2: 12F & 12B **Lunch Clubs** Basketball- 5C	19 Open Gym R1: 34D & 34 P R2: 0T & 01Th **Lunch Clubs** -Creators 4-5	20 **Assessment and Evaluation Day** **No School**
23 **Open Library** R1:Skipping 1B R: Music **Lunch Clubs** -Story P-2	24 Open Gym R1: 23P **Lunch Clubs** Intramurals Grade 5's	25 Open Gym R1: 34D&34P R2: 0T&01Th **Lunch Clubs** Basketball - 45C	26 Open Gym R1: 1B R2: 12F & 12B	27 **Open Library** Open Gym R1: 5C R2: 45 C **Lunch Clubs** Intramurals Grade 4's
30 **Open Library** R1:Skipping 23P R: Music **Lunch Clubs** -Story P-2				