



January 2021 Newsletter



This Issue:	Important Dates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ From the Principal's Desk ✓ HRCE – Transportation ✓ School Advisory Council Update ✓ SchoolsPlus Programs 	<p>January 11 – First day back for students</p> <p>January 13 – SAC meeting at 6:30 pm</p> <p>January 15 – Permission forms for sledding due</p> <p>February 1-26 – 2021-2022 registration begins</p>

From the Principal's Desk:

- **Welcome Back!** – It was wonderful to welcome the students back after their extended break. Staff spent last week participating in a variety of professional development opportunities including anti-racism, the provincial Inclusive Education Policy and technology strategies to support both remote and in-person learning.
- **Parking Lot Safety** – Just a reminder that the school parking lot is reserved for **staff only**. The safest way to access our school is via the path off Candlewood Lane or the long gravel driveway on the left side of the school by the swings and climbing equipment. Children must be attended if walking through the parking lot.
- **Bell Schedule** – Drop off begins at 7:55 am and classes begin at 8:15 am. Dismissal is at 2:15 pm. *Grades 3-5* use the side door, *Pre-Primary-Grade 2* use the back door, and *bus students* enter and are dismissed through the front door.
- **COVID-19 Daily Checklist** – As we return to school after this extended break, please remember to consult the COVID-19 Daily Checklist and keep your children home when they are ill.
- **Visitors** – The school remains closed to visitors.
- **Masks** – This week, all students will receive two new reusable masks. Students benefit from reminders to wear their masks properly.
- **Extra Clothes** – These are often needed at school due to the amount of fun we have outside. Please consider keeping extra socks and pants in your child's backpack.
- **Class of the Month** – for December is Grade One White Boudreau! Congratulations!
- **Sledding** – Our Physical Education teacher, Mr. Sutton, purchased a class set of saucers for sledding on the school grounds. There is a short slope off the basketball court. All students will require permission to participate. *Permission forms will be sent home today, Tuesday, January 12, and are due back this Friday.*

- **Shout Out to our Lunch Monitors!** – We have been very fortunate this year to have a lunch monitor for each class in our school! I would like to thank these wonderful members of our school team for being kind to the students and keeping them safe. **We really appreciate you! Thank you to Anne Marie, Alex, Jonah, Julia, Judy, Jill, Liat, Mandy, Pat and Shandi!**

Halifax Regional Centre for Education – Transportation:

New for Pre-Primary & Primary to Grade 2 Students

- A parent/guardian or designate must accompany Pre-Primary children to Grade 2 students to/from the bus stop and remain with the child until they are safely boarded/unboarded.
- If a parent/guardian or designate is not at the stop to meet the child at the end of the day, they will be contacted, and the child will be returned to the school after the run for pick-up.
- A parent/guardian or designate must buckle/unbuckle their child every day when required (if child is less than 40 lbs and 57" height) and only if a seat belt is available. Bus drivers cannot leave their seats. If a parent/guardian or designate boards the school bus, they must also wear a mask.

School Advisory Council (SAC):

- ❖ Our next meeting is **January 13 at 6:30 pm**. We are currently in need of an additional community member. If you know of someone who lives in our community but does not have a child at the school, please let them know that there is a great volunteer opportunity with us. We meet six times each year and keep the focus on what is best for the students. Our chairperson is parent member Brandon Drummond. Jo Kostin and Robyn England are our other parent members. Staff members are Ms. Lovett, VP Ms. Middleton and SchoolsPlus Outreach Worker Cindy Parsons. Please contact the school (902) 864-6730 or Brandon by email at brandonsjcdrummond@hotmail.com
- ❖ The agenda this week includes discussions about our School's Student Success Plan, which describes goals in Literacy, Math and Well-Being. We will also continue to explore ways to use our budget to support student learning this year. In the past, the SAC funds have been used to purchase additional technology for classrooms and resources for our Learning Centres.

Schools Plus:

Programs being offered this month at school:

- SchoolsPlus outreach worker Cindy Parsons is pleased to be able to offer our Grade Five Class the ***Home Alone*** program in January as a part of the Health Curriculum. More information is coming soon.
- Ms. Parsons and Child Youth Care Practitioner, Karri Verge, are offering a ***Leaders in Schools*** program to the Grade Four/Five class on Friday January 22.

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Safe Arrival # 902-864-6733

You may leave a message with your child's name, class and reason for absence.

School Cancellation # 902-464-2000