

RICHMOND EDUCATION CENTRE/ACADEMY

September NEWS 2023



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Welcome back! Hoping your summer was spent enjoying time with family and friends. We are sending home several information items and forms that require signatures during the first day or two of school. We would appreciate having all forms returned by **September 8th**.

September is a busy month, with several students getting to know the building for the first time. We will be meeting with students in small groups over the next few days, to review policies and procedures. Our new cell phone policy will be introduced to students at this time. In order to ensure that students are free of any distractions during instructional time, they will be provided with an assigned "pocket" to house their cell phone during instructional time in classes. Students in gr. 9-12 will be free to have their phones between classes and during recess and lunch. We are trying to encourage more active listening and participation in our classrooms where students are focused on what the teacher is teaching and that they are actively engaged in their learning.

We wish all of you a happy fall and would encourage you to contact us with any questions or concerns as the school year

unfolds. You can reach each teacher via email (firstname.lastname@srce.ca) or at (902) 345-4949.

Sincerely,
Lisette MacDonald,
Principal

Staff/Parent/Student Meet and Greet

Students, take your parents to meet your teachers on Wednesday, September 13th at 6pm. We will be having some goodies and some refreshments. This is a great opportunity to meet staff and have a tour of the school.... All are welcome 😊



SAC- Looking for Volunteers 😊

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a legally recognized body composed of the principal and representatives of parents, students, teachers,

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support staff and community members who work together to enhance the quality of education provided by the school.

The goal of the SAC is to bring educational partners together to improve learning, participate in continuous school improvement, advise on school policies, and encourage positive relations between school, families, and the extended school community.

Our SAC meets 6 to 7 times per year. Each year, we hold our first meeting at a date and time set by the previous council. At the first meeting, convenient times for council members are discussed and meeting dates for the remainder of the year are set. Please contact the school if you are interested in joining our School Advisory Council!

Our first meeting will be Sept. 21st at 3:15- we hope to see you there!!



Every eligible child attending public school in Nova Scotia is automatically insured by the School Insurance Program's Basic Plan student accident coverage. This coverage is provided without deductible and at no cost. Basic Plan coverage can cover things such as physiotherapy, dental and medical equipment expenses, up to policy limits.

However, if parents/guardians wish to purchase additional coverage, the Gold Plan increases the time that your child is covered to 24/7 including summer vacations. Many

of the specific loss accident payments are triple those of the Basic Plan.

Please visit www.sip.ca for policy & limit information and for more information on how to purchase the optional Gold Plan.

Dates to Remember:

Picture



Picture Day- Fri. Sept. 8th

DAY 

Meet and Greet- Wed., Sept. 13 6pm



Pink Shirt Day- Thurs., Sept. 14

Terry Fox & Relocation Drill- Thurs. Sept. 21

Inservice Day- Fri. Sept. 22nd



GUIDANCE NEWS: GETTING OFF TO A GREAT START!!

My name is Denise Chiasson and I will be your school counsellor. I am looking forward to seeing some familiar faces, as well as getting to know some new students. Wishing everyone a fantastic year. Things to remember...

1. Attendance: It is very important to attend on a regular, daily basis – you can't win it if you're not in it.

2. Punctuality: Be on time for all classes and activities. This is a life skill! Learning how and what to do happens at the beginning of class.

3. Early to Bed: Getting 8-10 hours of sleep every night makes it easier to be alert in school each day – scientists say so – not just your parents and teachers.

4. A Solid Breakfast: Proper eating habits affect learning. Every if you don't think you feel hungry, your body needs you to fuel it. We offer a breakfast program every day. Take advantage and put your brain in gear.

5. Good Study Habits: Use an agenda or your phone calendar to stay organized. Keep it up-to-date so you know what you have to do and when things are due. Keep scribblers and binders organized so you can find what you need, when you need it! Have a quiet place to study and work on assignments and projects.

6. Listen! Ask!! Contribute in class by observing and listening to the teacher, and don't be afraid to ask questions or answer them.

7. Get Help!! Ask your teachers, your guidance counsellor, principal, vice-principal, or any staff member if you are experiencing difficulty. Ask about the peer tutoring program for extra help.

8. Plan Your Day: Know what books and materials you will need for each class, and make sure you have them before you get here. Keep your backpack and locker clutter free – clean them out on a weekly basis. Being prepared keeps you less stressed!

GRADS OF 2024: Throughout the year, I will continuously meet with all potential grads regarding their post-secondary plans. **Check out the "Post Secondary" page under the School Counsellor tab for more info!**

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES: Although it might seem early, scholarships and bursaries will start being posted soon in Google Classroom and on the school website (reca.srce.ca). Grads should make it a habit to check the site weekly for new postings.

As the school year progresses, please feel free to contact tme at the school if you have any questions or concern. You can reach guidance at (902)345-4949 or by email: denise.chiasson@srce.ca.

Who Do I Contact with Questions or Concerns?

1 Start with your child's teacher.

2 Follow up with the school principal, if required.

3 For general inquiries:

Please contact the Strait Regional Centre for Education where we will be happy to connect you with the right member of staff:

902-625-2191/1-800-650-4448
srce@srce.ca

4 For questions related to student behaviour and/or discipline:

Please contact Elizabeth Teasdale, Coordinator of Student Discipline at 902-625-7065;
elizabeth.teasdale@srce.ca.

5 For all other matters and media inquiries:

Please contact Deanna Gillis, Coordinator of Communications at 902-625-7065;
deanna.gillis@srce.ca.

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Port Hawkesbury, NS B9A 2T9
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Notice to Families when hosting public events – e.g., sporting events/competitions, Holiday concerts, etc.

Please note from time to time our school will host public events like sporting events, competitions and concerts. As a public event, it is reasonable to expect photographs and audio/video/digital recordings may be taken by those in attendance. Therefore, privacy cannot be expected. When events are public, it is reasonable to expect photographs

and/or taping will be taken by spectators, media and schools.

We understand you may wish to record your child at this event. Please be respectful of other students' and family's privacy when recording your child during the event.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**Notice to Families
Information Sharing Agreement with
Chief Electoral Officer of Nova Scotia**

In accordance with Sections 42(4), 42A and 43(5) of the *Elections Act*, the Chief Electoral Officer of Nova Scotia is authorized to gather and maintain information about 16- and 17-year-olds who would qualify as electors when they become 18 years of age. In addition, it authorizes for Elections Nova Scotia to be provided the personal information held by a public body as required to create, revise or update the Register of Electors. The Register of Electors is a database of Nova Scotians who are qualified to vote in provincial elections.

An Information Sharing Agreement signed by the Strait Regional Centre for Education (SRCE) with the Chief Electoral Officer of Nova Scotia authorizes the SRCE to share, on an annual basis, information about 16- and 17-year-old students directly with Elections Nova Scotia for the sole purpose of adding them to the electoral list when they become eligible at the age of 18. The specific information to be shared includes student ID, school name, student's full name, gender, date of birth, mailing address, civic address and indicates if a student is currently enrolled in school.

Elections Nova Scotia is subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of

Privacy (FOIPOP) Act and collects information under this agreement for electoral purposes only. Please note that as students reach 18 years of age and are added to the Register of Electors, they may correct and/or update their information and/or opt out of the registry at that time if they wish by application to the Elections Nova Scotia Office.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact Elections Nova Scotia by phone at 902-424-8584 or by email at elections@novascotia.ca or the Regional Centre's Information Access and Privacy Manager at 902-625-2191.

**Richmond Education
Centre/Academy Bell Schedule
2023-2024**

Grades 5 to 8

Morning Instruction: 8:45 to 10:25

(Recess: 10:25 to 10:40)

Mid-Day Instruction: 10:40 to 11:35

(Lunch: 11:35 to 12:15)

Afternoon Instruction: 12:15 to 2:40

Grades 9 to 12

Period 1 8:45 to 9:50

Period 2 9:50 to 10:55

(Recess: 10:55 to 11:10)

Period 3 11:10 to 12:15

(Lunch: 12:15 to 12:55)

Period 4 12:55 to 1:40

Period 5 1:40 to 2:40

**All students on first load will dismiss
at 2:40 pm**

**All remaining students (second load,
getting picked up, or driving their
own cars) will dismiss at 2:45 pm**