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Lest we forget...



PRINCIPAL UPDATE

We're here in November and before you know it we will be hearing music classes practicing for our Holiday Concert!

I want to send out a huge **Thank You** to all families for attending our Halloween Howl, making it a huge success! Another EXTA HUGE THANK YOU to Darlene Joyce, Dorris Boyd, Nicole Jackson, and Emily Ripley-Davis for their time and creativity in making our Howl an Erie-Extravaganza!!

We have lots to look forward to over the next month so keep checking our Family Weekly Update for the most up-to-date information!

SAFE ARRIVAL

Safety is our top priority. Because of this, ensuring you record known absences by calling Safe Arrival at 1-833-582-6940 or report via SchoolMessenger
If there is a same day change to your child's end of day plan, please **CALL** the office. E-mails are not checked regularly enough to ensure messages are relayed to classroom teachers. You support is greatly appreciated!

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REMEMBRANCE DAY AT HILLSIDE

We are preparing for our Hillside Remembrance Day Assembly on Nov 10. We love highlighting all of our family members in our community who serve and have served. If you are able to send in a picture of a family member with the full name and rank we will ensure that they are on our bulletin board as well as in our slideshow presentation. Please send the image with name and rank to kcawthra@gnspes.ca
Due to space restrictions, our assembly will not be open to the general public. If you are currently serve, or have served, you are most welcome to attend and wear your uniform.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Nov. 2:** Picture Retake day
- **Nov. 3:**SAC/PTG 6:00 pm
- **Nov 10:** School Remembrance Day Ceremony 12:15 pm
- **Nov 11**: Remembrance Day (no classes)
- **Nov 20:** Assessment & Evaluation Day (no classes)
- **Nov 30:** Report Cards Sent Home
- **Dec 4:** Teacher Profesional Practice Day (AM) Student Progress Conferences (PM)
- **Dec 10: Holiday Concert**

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HOLIDAY SUPPORTS FOR FAMILIES

Holiday Supports

Christmas Cheer Project

Families who are eligible for the project will receive gift support towards Christmas gifts for their children ages 17 and under. Application Process:

- To register go to www.myshcc.com for application
- Open to local families of Sackville and Beaver Bank, Nova Scotia. Apply now, closes November 25, 2025

Parker Street Christmas Hamper Program

Provides all the ingredients for a traditional Christmas dinner. In addition to the hamper, each family with children is given toys to put under the tree. Application Process:

- Applications open now until November 21, 2025 to apply
- for the program, you must have registered as a client of the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank prior to October 1, 2025. Apply online for a Christmas Hamper at: https://parkerstreet.org/christmas-programs.
- You can also apply in person or call 902-425-2125

The Salvation Army Christmas Assistance

Provides households and families in need with Christmas gifts and food. Application Process:

- Registration opens October 23. Deadline to apply is December 6. Application completely online.
- Applications (available in multiple languages) available at: https://salvationarmy.ca/atlantic/hrm/
- Proof of income is required, including child tax benefit.
- For any questions about the program call 902-422-1598.

Veith House

Gift cards are given to families in need - all of whom go through an intake process with Veith House Social Worker.
Households will receive gift cards valued between $100 and $300 depending on family size.
If you are in need of support this year, please call (902) 453-4320 and ask to set up an intake appointment with Social Worker. Please call as soon as possible, the list fills quickly.

HEAD LICE IN SCHOOLS

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's (EECD) focus on the treatment and prevention of head lice is an effort to support student attendance and full participation at school. In accordance with these principles and healthcare standards, students with head lice should be treated at home and continue to attend school as usual. The confidentiality, privacy, dignity, and best interests of students and their families will be respected at all times.

"No-nit" or "no head lice" policies that keep children away from school are not effective. Head lice are common among students: they do not spread disease and cases of head lice are often misdiagnosed.

Treatment and Prevention

Nova Scotia Public Health recommends two head lice treatments (visit the link at the end of these guidelines for more information) to completely break the head lice cycle. The second treatment should be used 7 to 10 days after the first or as directed by the product.

The first treatment kills live head lice. Some lice may hatch after it but they are adolescent nits and cannot lay eggs. Combing your child(ren)'s hair and removing nits is a daily requirement. The second treatment kills the adolescent nits and breaks the head lice cycle.

Please note, the following guidelines are helpful in preventing the spread of head lice:

- Notify your principal and your child(ren)'s classroom teacher if your child(ren) has or have head lice and keep the school informed about head lice issues as they arise.
- Check your child(ren)'s head(s) and hair regularly, including:
  - once a week as part of your routine
  - after every sleepover
  - any time they have had contact with someone with lice
- Keep long hair tied back or braided.

Nov

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 Picture Re-take Day	3 SAC/PTG 6:00 pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Hillside Remembrance Day Assembly	11 Remembrance Day (No classes)	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Assessment & Evaluation Day (no classes)	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Report Cards Sent Home					