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COMMUNICATION #10

November 3-7

Good evening C.P. Allen Students and Families:

Please take some time to review updates and events happening this coming week.

Graduation Photo Sessions!

Grade 12s can now book their graduation photo session using the link posted on the Graduating Class Google Classroom:

https://www.calnenphotography.com/booking_calendar/charles_p_allen_high_school_grad_portraits_2025-2026/

Photos will be taken by appointment only on October 21st and 22nd, and November 3rd through 12th.

All pictures will be taken at the HRM Conference Room.

Make sure to book your spot soon!

Student Transit Pass Survey for Students and Parents

Student Transit Pass Program: Student Fall Survey 2025

Halifax Transit wants to hear what students and parents think about the Student Transit Pass Program!

Your feedback is important to help inform the future of this program.

Don't miss out on this chance to share your voice! Both surveys (one for students and one for parents) can be found here -> <https://engagehalifax.ca/talktransit>

November 8 is Indigenous Veterans Day

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.

Yearbook Cover Contest!

We are looking for a student who has a creative idea or design that would make the perfect cover for this year's yearbook? Now's your chance to share it! Submit your artwork or concept through the [official contest form](#) by **November 8**.

You can enter more than one design—just complete a separate form for each submission. Whether you're submitting a finished design or simply an idea you'd like the team to consider, we'd love to see your creativity!

If you have any questions, please email cpayearbook2026@gmail.com

Video Surveillance at CPA

Our school uses a video surveillance system as part of our continued efforts to support a safe, positive and effective learning environment. We recognize that the images recorded by this video surveillance system are personal information and, as with all other personal information, we take steps to balance privacy rights with safety and security concerns. The school has the legal authority to collect this personal information under Section 24 of Nova Scotia's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Only designated staff has access to our video surveillance equipment and such access is restricted as required by law. The system is used to enhance school safety and to deter or take action in response to unlawful behaviours.

If you have any questions about video surveillance at our school, please contact the acting principal, Andrea Doucette adoucette@hrce.ca.

Honour a Loved One This Remembrance Day on the CPA Virtual Wall of Honour

Leadership 12 will be creating a CPA "Virtual Wall of Honour and Remembrance slide show" similar to the one done by the Royal Canadian Legion ([linked here](#)). We are asking students who have a family member who served or serve currently, to submit a photo of them along with their name/rank/squadron/etc. to the Google Slides presentation [linked here](#) (must be logged into their GNSPES account to access).

This slideshow will play from Nov. 5 - 11th for Veterans' Week. The deadline for submissions is Nov. 1st.

Remembrance Day Ceremony at CPA

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony will take place on Monday, November 10th, beginning promptly at 11:00am. Students will be called outside at 10:45am, and the ceremony is expected to last approximately 45 minutes.

As the event will be held outdoors regardless of weather conditions, we kindly ask that students dress appropriately for the forecasted weather.

Learning more about the Student Attendance and Engagement 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).
- High school credit requirement

- For Grades 10–12, students must attend at least 80% of class time to earn the credit.
- If more than 20% of class time is missed, and efforts to improve attendance haven't succeeded, the teacher may recommend "loss of credit." The principal makes the final decision.

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.

Important Dates:

- **November 6** – McGill University at CPA for interested students at 9am in Student Exchange
- **November 8** – Indigenous Veterans Day
- **November 8** – Yearbook Cover Contest Submissions Due

Have a great week!

Andrea Doucette, (Acting) Principal