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COMMUNICATION #14

December 1-5

Hello C.P. Allen Students and Families:

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

Progress Conferences (formally Parent Teacher Conferences)

This is a valuable opportunity to engage with your child's teachers, discuss their progress, and collaborate on their educational journey. Your participation is key to their success!

Meetings will take place on Thursday, December 4 from 1-3pm and 5-7pm. No appointments necessary. Meetings are on a first come, first serve basis.

There are also no classes for students on this day.

Sock it to Poverty

We will be collecting new or gently used winter items like socks, gloves, mitts and scarves to be distributed to those in need across the province this winter. From now until December 19th, 2025 there will be a donation box in Student Exchange (outside of the main office) for collection of these items.

IWK Toy Drive

CPA Cheetahs for Change students are hosting an IWK Toy Drive. The toy drive runs from November 12th to December 12th. Boxes are set up in the student exchange area for new and gently used toys.

CPA Fine Arts Night

CPA Fine Arts Night will be happening on Tuesday, December 2nd from 6:00-6:30pm.

Be dazzled by a display of works of art from our Fine Arts cohort. Walk the halls on the first floor to experience a wonderful student art gallery.

Then from 6:30-7:30pm join us in the cafeteria for a series of performances that range from dance, film, music ensembles, improv and scripted drama!

All are welcome and admission is free!

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
- Walking 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.

SchoolsPlus is here to support you

SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities.

Parents, guardians and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus 12 months a year! Just contact the SchoolsPlus Facilitator at your school.

Call 902-464-2000, ext. 2331 or email schoolsplus@hrce.ca.

Learn more about SchoolsPlus [here](#).

Let's Talk Careers Webinar

December 3rd 7pm-8:00pm—Virtual "Let's Talk Careers" Webinar with Emma Church and Kyle Lantz from Opportunity Place and Alisha Hill from Nova Scotia Works/Job Junction. This session is for anyone working with or mentoring Youth (parents, guardians, other family members, service providers, educators, etc.)

We will look at strategies for better career conversations with youth, Labour Market Information specific to Nova Scotia, and much more!

Register now; space is limited! Register using this link: <https://forms.gle/S7uCzZaJcTQtX6aGA> OR email echurch@opportunityplace.ca

Important Dates:

- **December 2:** CPA Fine Arts Night
- **December 3:** International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- **December 4:** Parent Teacher Conferences/Teacher Professional Practice Day (no classes - PP-12)

Have a great week!

Andrea Doucette, (Acting) Principal