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COMMUNICATION #16

December 15-19

Hello C.P. Allen Students and Families:

This is the last communication bulletin for 2025. It has been a wonderful and productive year at CPA so far. Please take some time to review updates and events happening this coming week.

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.

Holiday Cheer Week

This last week of school for 2025 is Holiday Cheer Week with a different clothing theme each day.

Monday: Winter Wonderland (wear blue and white)

Tuesday: Candy Cane (wear red and white)

Wednesday: Ugly Christmas Sweater

Thursday: Holiday Accessories (earrings, ties, necklaces, hats, etc)

Friday: Comfy Day (sweats or pjs)

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.

New educational technology resource for families

We're excited to share a new online resource designed to help families understand how technology supports student learning in HRCE. This page provides an overview of how tools like Chromebooks and Google for Education are used in classrooms, what provincially approved online platforms students may access, and how student privacy is protected. You'll also find information about Nova Scotia's guidance on the provincial cell phone expectations, tips for supporting online safety and digital citizenship at home, and an introduction to how students are learning about artificial intelligence in a thoughtful and responsible way. It also includes answers to common questions about screen time, passwords, communication during the school day, and more.

You can find the webpage [here](#).

Charles P. Allen High School Final Assessment Information for Parents/Guardians

Purpose of Final Assessments

Final assessments assess students' understanding and application of the concepts and skills related to the expected learning outcomes for a subject or course. They can take many forms, including, but not limited to, presentations, portfolios, interviews, and examinations.

If an examination is the chosen format for a final assessment, it must take place during the timeframe specified by EECD.

Final Assessments (not in the form of an Examination)

Specific subjects and teachers may complete final assessments during regular class times the week prior to the Summative Assessment (Examinations) period (January 28 & 29) as outlined in the provincial school calendar. Individual teachers will be communicating additional information to students and families. These assessments provide valuable information on student achievement of the learning outcomes. It is important that students be present for these assessments, as they cannot be easily rescheduled.

Students must attend all classes during this time. Completing a final assessment that is not an examination does **not** mark the end of the course—attendance is still expected for all scheduled classes.

If your child will be absent, please contact their classroom teacher right away or reach out to a Vice Principal:

- Richard Barry (surnames A-D) rbarry@hrce.ca
- Scott Craig (surnames E-La) scraig@hrce.ca
- Tara Arseneau (surnames Le-P) tarseneau@hrce.ca
- Jamie Taylor (surnames Q-Z) jtaylor@hrce.ca

Final Assessment (Examination)

Final assessments in the form of an examination will take place on **January 28th and 29th**. Students are expected to attend all classes leading up to examinations.

The Nova Scotia Examination (NSE) English 10 is a provincial standardized exam that assesses students' achievement of English 10 curriculum outcomes and counts for 20% of their final course grade. This will be written during class on **Monday, January 26th and Tuesday, January 27th**.

The detailed schedule (including dates, times, teachers, and room numbers) for Final Assessments (examination) will be provided to the community in January.

If your child will be absent for their exam, please contact their Vice Principal:

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- Scott Craig (surnames E-La) scraig@hrce.ca
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Student Reminders

- **Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all classes leading up examinations. Students must be in class. They cannot be in the building and not in class.
- **Academic Integrity:** Students may not have phones, smartwatches, or other electronic devices at their desks during assessments.
- **Be Prepared:** Get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast or lunch! The school will have snacks on hand as students arrive for exams.
- **Textbooks:** All textbooks for semester 1 courses should be returned to the library after students final summative assessments.

Snow Days

If school is closed due to weather during the exam days (January 28th or January 29th), the exam schedule will be adjusted.

Timeline for Additional Details

Teachers will email families with specific dates, formats, and expectations for their course assessments in January.

Please encourage your child to reach out to their teacher directly with any questions.

Thank you for your continued support!

We wish all students the very best as they prepare for final assessments and finish the semester strong.

Important Dates:

December 14: First day of Hanukkah

December 19: Last day of school for students before holiday break

December 22: Teacher Professional Practice Day (no classes - PP-12)

December 25: Christmas Day

December 26: Kwanzaa

January 5: First day back to school after holiday break

Have a restful, safe and happy holiday break!

Andrea Doucette, (Acting) Principal