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COMMUNICATION #17

January 12-16

Hello C.P. Allen Students and Families:

Happy new year! We hope that our CPA students and families had a restful break. Now that we are back, we are full speed ahead! Please read below for new and events happening this coming week and month.

January Final Assessments (Exams)

Our January exam schedule has now been posted on our website, Google Classrooms and in our CPA App. Please have a look at the [schedule here](#) along with [student exam procedures](#).

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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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.

Course Change Requests for Semester 2

Course changes for semester two will open on January 12th at 9 am and close on January 13th at 4 pm. Course changes must be submitted through the course change google form that will be available in the student's grade level google classroom. Grade level google classroom codes are as follows:

Grade 12 - dv4m7qb

Grade 11 - vg7lute

Grade 10 - h5m2cb2

Please be advised that course changes are limited at this time, as most course sections are at capacity.

Course Selection for 2026/2027

The CPA School Counselling Team is getting ready for 2026/2027 course selection. On January 21, CPA will host a course selection presentation for incoming grade nine parents beginning at 6:00pm. Then, during the week of January 26 – 30, school counsellors will visit Rocky Lake Junior High to give course selection presentations with the students.

In February, the CPA School Counselling Team will be visiting our grade 10 and 11 students in class to go over course selection. On February 19th, CPA will host a course selection presentation for parents of grade 10s and 11s at 6:00pm.

Explore Program

Students ages 13 and up who are interested in learning French or improving their French through cultural, social, and tourist experiences are invited to learn more about the Official Language program, *Explore*. Programs are offered in age-appropriate groups: 13-15, 16-17, and 18+.

Explore is an intensive immersion program offered in the spring and summer in exciting locations across the country, from Halifax to British Columbia. Sessions are held at accredited institutions, and students live on campus or with local host families. Tuition, meals and lodging, workshops and cultural activity costs are government funded. Families are responsible for paying for travel expenses, optional activities and personal spending money.

Application deadline is February 3. For more information, click the links below.

- *Explore* website (About, Testimonials, FAQs): [Here](#)
- *Explore* information documents: [Here](#)

Parking and Student Drop Off Reminders

Students may only park in the student parking lot (by the modular) and not in any staff parking lots.

Also, please ensure, when dropping off students, that they are being dropped off in the lower parking lot. For safety reasons, students should not be dropped off in the upper parking lot.

February 12: Something in Healthcare: Pathways to Meaningful Careers in Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia Health will once again be hosting a 'Something in Healthcare' webinar on **February 12, 2026 beginning at 6:30PM**.

Students can register here: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e6f4aed7-e27b-4f4e-9a57-4936d6ef42bd@8eb23313-ce75-4345-a56a-297a2412b4db>

Power Outage Information for Families

As we move into the winter months, we want to share how decisions are made when a school experiences a power outage.

Our priority is always to keep schools open safely when possible. A power outage does **not** automatically mean classes are cancelled – even if it happens during the school day. The decision depends on when power is expected to be restored.

Here's what happens:

- When a school loses power, HRCE's Operations Team contacts Nova Scotia Power to gather available details on the cause and an estimated restoration time.
- Once we have this information, we consider:
- **Before school starts:** Have buses begun their routes? If so, we wait until students arrive before making a decision. If classes are cancelled, elementary families will be contacted before dismissal.
- **During the school day:** How close is dismissal? What is the temperature in the building? Does the school rely on power for water or septic systems? These factors, among others, help us decide whether to stay open or close. Often, power returns faster than we could safely send students home.

If classes are cancelled:

- HRCE will notify families by email and text.
- Families of elementary students will also receive a phone call before dismissal.

Deciding to close schools during a power outage is never simple, but safety is always our top priority. We understand that cancellations can be inconvenient, and our goal is to keep students learning in class whenever possible.

More information about school cancellations for any reason can be found [here](#).

Important Dates:

January 14: Study Night Event for Students

January 21: Grade 9 Parent Course Selection Information Evening at 6pm

January 19-27 – Final Assessments (In Class Format)

January 28: Final Assessments (Exam Format)

January 29: Final Assessments (Exam Format)

January 30: Assessment and Evaluation Day (no classes)

February 2: Semester 2

New Food Bank Locations in the Community

Beacon House food bank now has new satellite locations. Thanks to this partnership families can now have easier access to food in their own community.

New Monthly Food Bank Pick-Up locations in Bedford & Hammonds Plains

Starting January 21, 2026, Beacon House will be offering a monthly food bank pick-up at two new community locations.



New and existing clients are welcome.



A 3D-style illustration of an open cardboard box filled with various food items, including bread, fruits, vegetables, and containers.

**Hammonds Plains
Community Centre**

2041 Hammonds Plains Rd
5:30–6:30 PM

**Halifax Transit Park & Ride
Parking lot**

120 Innovation Dr, Bedford
6:30–7:30 PM

To receive a food box, new and existing clients must register before January 16, 2026 by calling Beacon House Food Bank: (902) 864-3025

Please leave a message with:

- Your name
- Address
- Phone number
- Date of birth

You will receive a call to confirm your registration.

Have a wonderful week!

Andrea Doucette, (Acting) Principal