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COMMUNICATION #19

January 26-30

Hello C.P. Allen Students and Families:

I would like to wish all students the best of luck with their school assessments (exams) next week. Below, you will find news and events for the week of January 26-30 at CPA.

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 [exam schedule, schedule with locations and procedures here](#).

- **Nova Scotia Examination – English 10 (if applicable):**
Monday, January 26 and Tuesday, January 27 (during regularly scheduled class time)
- **High School Summative Assessment (Examination) Period:**
Wednesday, January 28 and Thursday, January 29
- Regular classes will continue as scheduled up to and including Tuesday, January 27.

If School Is Cancelled Due to Weather

If school is cancelled on any day between **January 26 and January 29**, the entire assessment schedule will move forward to the **next school day**. Each remaining assessment day will also shift forward by one day.

For example:

If school is cancelled on **Monday, January 26**,

- English 10 Exam – Day 1 moves to Tuesday
- English 10 Exam – Day 2 moves to Wednesday
- Summative Assessments move to Thursday and Friday

Assessment & Evaluation (A&E) Day

- The High School Assessment & Evaluation Day (no classes for Grades 9–12 students) is scheduled for **Friday, January 30**.
- If **one assessment day is cancelled**, the A&E Day will move to **Monday, February 2**, and **second semester will begin Tuesday, February 3**.
- If **two assessment days are cancelled**, the A&E Day will move to **Tuesday, February 3**, and **second semester will begin Wednesday, February 4**.

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**.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to ensure assessments are completed fairly and safely. Please continue to monitor school communications. If your child will be absent, please contact their classroom teacher right away or reach out to a 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.

Important Yearbook Information

Graduation Photos for Yearbook

Any grade 12 students who have had their graduation photo taken outside of the school should upload their photo to be included in the yearbook here -> <https://linktr.ee/cpayearbook26>

Time is Running Out to Order Your Yearbook

Time is running out to order your yearbook. There are only a limited number of yearbooks left. Once they run out, they will no longer be available for purchase. Orders can be made here -> <https://linktr.ee/cpayearbook26>

Graduation Photo Sessions

Grade 12s who wish to have their grad photo re-taken or who have not yet had their graduation photo taken, the photographer will be back at CPA February 2 and 3. There are still some openings for February 3. This will be the last time the photographer will be coming to CPA for this year. Book your session here -> http://www.calnenphotography.com/booking_calendar/charles_p_allen_high_school_grad_portraits_2025-2026/

Course Selection for 2026/2027

The CPA School Counselling Team is getting ready for 2026/2027 course selection. On January 21, CPA hosted a course selection presentation for incoming grade nine parents. If you missed the presentation, you can find the [recorded presentation and course selection materials here](#).

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.

Parent Meeting for Quebec Trip 2026

There will be a parent information meeting for students interested in the 2026 Québec trip (grade 10 and 11 students) at 7pm on Wednesday, February 4th (after Curriculum Night).

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 19-27: Final Assessments (In Class Format)
January 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day
January 27: Family Literacy Day
January 28: Final Assessments (Exam Format)
January 29: Final Assessments (Exam Format)
January 30: Assessment and Evaluation Day (no classes)
February 2: Semester 2 begins

Have a wonderful week!

Andrea Doucette, (Acting) Principal