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COMMUNICATION #20

February 2-6

Hello C.P. Allen Students and Families:

Welcome to Semester 2! This week we will be transitioning as Ms. Doucette leaves her role as acting principal at CPA to return to her principal role at AJ Smeltzer, and we welcome back Ms. Bird. Semester 2 will begin on February 4 (weather permitting).

February is African Heritage Month

African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia is a time to recognize and celebrate the rich history, vibrant culture, and lasting contributions of people of African descent in our province. This year's theme, "Strength in Unity – Moving Forward with Purpose, Prosperity, Power and Progress," reminds us of the importance of coming together as a community, learning from one another, and moving forward with shared purpose.

In our schools, African Heritage Month provides meaningful opportunities for students to explore African Nova Scotian histories and experiences, deepen their understanding of our shared past, and reflect on the values of respect, inclusion, and belonging. Through classroom learning, discussions, and activities connected to this year's theme, students are encouraged to appreciate diversity, build empathy, and recognize the strength that comes from unity. These experiences help foster welcoming school communities and inspire students to contribute positively to a more inclusive and equitable future for all.

Stay tuned for some African Heritage Month Events at C.P. Allen this month.

Curriculum Night at CPA

Due to a number of storm days and our calendar moving ahead, our curriculum night will now take place on February 11 from 6-7pm. This gives parents/guardians an opportunity to meet their child's second semester teachers and learn about course outcomes and expectations as well as assessment and evaluation practices. Curriculum night is not intended for individual conversations about a student's progress, but rather to lay the foundation for your understanding and partnership in assisting your son/daughter to be successful in their studies. You will follow your child's Day Monday schedule (ABCD). Each session will be 12 minutes with five minutes to move between classes. Please log into PowerSchool to access your child's schedule.

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 - 4. There are still some openings for February 4. 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>

Now Accepting Scholarship Awards for CPA Graduates

We are looking for any local businesses or individuals who would like to set up a scholarship/bursary/award for our current graduating class and future graduating classes. Please reach out to Tara Aucoin taucoin@hrce.ca if you are interested. Let's create some exciting local awards for our students to strive for and help support them on the journey after high school.

Important Dates:

February is Registration Month at HRCE Schools

February 2 - Final assessments (exam)

February 3 - Assessment and evaluation day (no students)

February 4 - First day of Semester 2

February 4 – SMU at CPA for Interested Students at Lunch in the Student Exchange

February 5 – University of King’s College at CPA for Interested Students at Lunch in the Student Exchange

Have a wonderful week!

Andrea Doucette, (acting) Principal