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COMMUNICATION #21

February 9-13

Hello C.P. Allen Students and Families:

Welcome to Semester 2!

Here is what is happening this week and the month ahead.

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 5:00-6:00pm. 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 10 minutes with five minutes to move between classes. Please log into PowerSchool to access your child's schedule. The room numbers in the order of ABCD will be the most important information for you to have.

Parent Meeting for Quebec Trip 2026 - Rescheduled

There will be a parent information meeting behind the CPA Stage for parents of students interested in the 2026 Québec trip (grade 10 and 11 students) at 6:00pm on Wednesday, February 11th (after Curriculum Night).

Lockdown Drills

On February 11th, we'll hold our second Lockdown drill of the year. As a reminder, a Lockdown is used when there is an immediate threat to a school. During a Lockdown, no one enters or exits the building, and everyone stays in a secure location away from doors and windows. Our staff will explain the drill to students beforehand and remind them afterwards that it was just practice. When possible, our police partners join us for Lockdown drills. You can learn more about our safety procedures in HRCE schools [here](#). Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

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 ancestry 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.

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

Due to weather conditions and the rescheduling of exams, grad photo retakes have been moved to March 9th, 10th, and 11th. **If you have already booked a retake appointment, please note that you will need to visit the website and rebook your time.**

[Book or rebook your session here.](#)

Alternatively, you may contact the studio directly to book a session at their location. If you choose to book directly with the studio, please ensure your appointment is scheduled before March 9th in order for your photo to be included in the yearbook.

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Fax: 902-423-6846

Co-op Program at CPA

Students who are interested in taking the Co-op Program at CPA in 2026/2027, application forms are available in the school counselling office (room 242). Interested in learning more about co-op? [Check out our website for more information.](#)

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 taucoid@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.

Open your home to an international student!

Have you considered opening your home to an international student?

HRCE's International Services welcomes students from all over the world who would like to attend schools in our region. Hosting a student in your home can be an enriching and rewarding experience. We're looking for warm and caring families like yours to provide them with a home away from home.

Hosting an international student is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that gives your family the opportunity to bring the world home. For students, it's a way to learn about the Canadian way of life.

As a host, your family would be matched with a student who will attend your neighbourhood school and participate in your daily routines.

What you can expect:

- Host families receive a tax-free monthly stipend to help cover hosting expenses (\$825 current, \$875 effective September)
- Students stay for periods of three to 10 months
- Ongoing support is provided by an experienced Homestay Coordinator
- You will learn about and communicate with your student before their arrival

Learn more here or contact:

HRCE International Services
(902) 464-2000 ext. 2548
hostastudent@hrce.ca

Please share this message with anyone who may be interested.

Thank you! Gracias. Merci. Xie-Xie. Danke. Arigato. Grazie. Obrigado. Kamsa-Hamnida. Kawp-Kun-Ka. Shukran. Teşekkür ederim.

HRCE International Services

Important Dates:

February is Registration Month at HRCE Schools

Report Cards will be sent this week

February 9-13 – Valentine's/Olympics Spirit Week Follow @cpastudentscouncil on Instagram for details.

February 9 – SMU will be at CPA at lunch in the student exchange area for interested students

February 10 – Dal will be at CPA at lunch in the student exchange area for interested students

February 11 – Acadia University will be at CPA at lunch in the student exchange area for interested students

February 11 – Parent / Guardian Curriculum Night 5pm at CPA

February 11 – Quebec Trip Parent Information Meeting (for interested Gr. 10 and 11 students) 7:00pm

February 12 – Valentine's Dance 7-9pm (tickets on sale at lunch from Feb 9-12)

February 12 – IB Parent Information Night at 6:30pm

February 16– Heritage Day (no classes)

Have a wonderful week!

Stephanie Bird, Principal