



# CHARLES P. ALLEN HIGH SCHOOL

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## February is African Heritage Month

### COMMUNICATION #22

February 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

Hello C.P. Allen Students and Families:

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

### February 16<sup>th</sup> is Heritage Day

Nova Scotia Heritage Day is celebrated on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be no classes for student on this day. Each year, Heritage Day honours a notable Nova Scotian, and in 2026 we recognize **Joseph William Comeau**, an important Acadian poet, writer, and cultural leader.

Joseph William Comeau is remembered for his contributions to Acadian literature and for helping to preserve and promote Acadian language, identity, and culture in Nova Scotia. His work reflected the everyday lives, resilience, and traditions of Acadian communities, and his legacy continues to influence Acadian culture today.

### NEW DATE: Parent Gr 10 & 11 Course Selection Information Evening

The CPA School Counselling Team is now focusing on 2026/2027 course selection. On **February 26<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00pm, CPA will host a course selection presentation for parents of grade 10 and 11 students. This is a great opportunity for parents/guardians to learn more about courses offered in 2026/2027, the course selection process, graduation requirements, and academic planning.

### IB Meeting for Grade 10 Families

On Wednesday, **February 18th from 6:30 – 8:00pm**, CPA will be hosting an IB information session for interested grade 10 parents/guardians and students. This evening is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the curriculum, the application process, and the long-term benefits of the program as well as the opportunity to hear from former IB graduates. Families from West Bedford, Sackville and Fall River are welcome to attend if your child is considering IB for Grade 11 next year.

### Rocky Lake and West Bedford High School Families: Choice Boundary

We hope that students and families have had an opportunity to review the Grade 10 course selection presentation, book, and sheets that provide key information for making informed decisions around program and course selection here at Charles P. Allen High School. For those who may not be aware of where to find these materials, please visit the following link: <https://cpa.hrce.ca/cpa/news/2026/course-selection-materials-and-presentation-incoming-grade-10-students>. It is important to note that paper copies of course selection books and sheets will be provided at both Rocky Lake Junior High School and West Bedford High School. Each feeder school will have established their own dates for students to submit course selection sheets; however, it should be noted that course input

through Power School will open on February 27th. Feeder schools will determine a schedule for students to input their selections.

For students applying for the O2 program, please see the following dates:

O2 applications due to Rocky Lake Junior High: February 13

O2 applications due to West Bedford High School: February 20

Dates for O2 interviews will be communicated to applicants through their current school counsellors.

## Student Success at CPA

With the start of a new semester, we want to remind students of expected behaviours that leads to a successful semester.

- Be in class and on time every day
- Listen to your teachers
- Stay in class unless you have permission from your teacher.
- Respect your classmates, staff, and yourselves
- Cell phones are to be turned off and put away during instructional class time
- Washrooms are not places to hang out. Please respect students who require the use of the washrooms throughout the day
- No smoking or vaping on school property
- Drive safely in the parking lot and on Innovation Drive.
- Complete your schoolwork using your own mind. It's the only way you will learn.
- Practise what you are learning
- Assignments have deadlines. These are expected to be met unless you have requested an extension from your teacher
- If you have a study block, you can be in the library or cafeteria.
- Students are not permitted to go to the cafeteria during their class time.
- Bring your textbooks, binders, supplies and Chromebooks to class every day.

If you are struggling, please reach out to your teacher, school counsellor or administration for support.

## Student Visitors

Students from other schools are Not Permitted at CPA during the school day.

Student safety is a priority. Lately we have had some students from other schools loitering in our building. CPA students are not to invite students from other schools to our school without a valid reason and approved by the administration. We expect that if students are aware about non-CPA students/persons in our building, they will report that information to the administration or staff immediately.

## Quebec Trip 2026

Due to our Quebec Trip Parent Meeting being canceled due to weather, please see the linked presentation. This is for grade 10 and 11 students interested in going to Quebec in September of 2026.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ImhZtzC7vOrfIAH4JbjOabgfnm1wD5tK/view?usp=sharing>

## Lockdown Drill

The Lockdown Drill scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> was postponed due the tragedy in Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia. While this is the reason we practise these drills, we felt we should postpone until the following week. The new date for the Lockdown Drill is this **Friday (February 20<sup>th</sup>)**. If your student is struggling with the Tumbler Ridge school shootings, please ask them to make an appointment with their school counsellor.

## Community Resources

A new [Community Resources page](#) has been created to provide a wide range of useful information to families. The page is linked on the HRCE home page, as well as on the promoted links section of all school website home pages.

## 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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## 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.](#)

## 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.

Contributors to our CPA Scholarship/Bursary/Award Fund can select the eligibility criteria for the award. In addition, your name or business will be promoted on our website, Instagram, communication bulletin and listed in the graduation program.

Please reach out to Tara Aucoin [taucoin@hrce.ca](mailto: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.

## 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 (\$875 current, \$925 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](mailto: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**

**February 16:** Heritage Day (no classes)

**February 18<sup>th</sup>:** Grade 10 IB Information Night 6:30pm

**February 19:** School Dance

**February 20<sup>th</sup>:** Lockdown Drill

**February 20:** Memorial University at CPA for interested students at noon in student exchange

**February 26:** Gr 10 & 11 Parent Course Selection Information Session 6pm

**March 16-20:** March Break

***Have a wonderful week!***

***Stephanie Bird, Principal***