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Hello C.P. Allen Students and Families:

Here is what is happening this week.

Important Dates:

May is Asian Heritage Month, Canadian Jewish Heritage Month and Polish Heritage Month!

May 17: International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

May 18: Victoria Day (no classes)

May 27: CPA Band Concert 7pm

May 28: Carnival

CPA Band Gets Gold Standard!

Our CPA Band led by Melissa Doiron has won the Gold Standard (the highest possible award) for their performance at the National Music Festival.

They've also received the first certificate of excellence in their clinic workshop of the entire festival. This is awarded to a group that participates and engages exceptionally while sight-reading brand new music in working with the adjudicator directly after their performance. Lachlan Fraser (Grade 12) has also won the honour award for CPA Band.

In addition, we were told that our CPA band was the first band in the history of the national festival that a band has chosen to play all their pieces composed by women.

Congratulations CPA Band! We are so proud of you.

Graduation Information and Due Dates

A reminder to grade 12s, that if you have not yet filled out the Application to Graduate Form and paid your graduation fees, these items are now due. See below for more information.

- Graduation **Information Handout** and **PowerPoint Presentation**
- All students must complete and submit the **Application to Graduate Form by May 12.**
- Grad fees \$50 must be submitted by May 12 and can be paid cash or cheque to Ms. Lowe in the School Counselling Office, or online
here: <https://hrce.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/45677/319/False/True>
- Students not attending grad only have to pay \$10 cash or cheque to Ms. Lowe.

Prom

Prom 2026 will take place on Saturday, May 30 from 6pm-11pm at the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront. Prom is once again being organized by parent volunteers in our CPA Community.

Note: Prom is not being organized by the school or by school staff, and CPA staff and administration will not be in attendance at prom.

If you have any questions about tickets, music requests or prom rules, please refer to their Facebook page.

NSISP Ambassadors

We are looking for students who would be interested in becoming a Nova Scotia International Exchange Student Program Ambassador for the 2026-2027 school year. Some key activities the Student Ambassadors participate in are as follows:

- Provide school tours and welcome new international students and international visitors
- Work with the school staff liaisons and homestay coordinators to organize regular activities for international students in the school and community
- Work with school administration to acknowledge and celebrate the international students in their schools
- Help their schools work towards or maintain 'NSISP Welcoming School' status

Interested in helping international exchange students at CPA next year? Learn more at our information meeting on Friday, May 8th in room 231.

CPA Student Council

Heritage Week will take place from May 19-22. Each day during lunch there will be themed activities as follows:

- Tuesday: Interviews "Why do you love your culture?" (Videographer and interviewer will be walking around the first floor)
- Wednesday: Trivia and spin the wheel for prizes (Cheetah Spot)
- Thursday: Continental Buffet (Student Exchange)
- Friday: Henna (Student Exchange)

CPA Carnival is on Thursday, May 28th. Doors will open for students starting at 6pm. Students, come and enjoy an evening of bouncy castles, baby goats (petting zoo), carnival games, and snack. We will end the night with a beautiful firework display at 9pm. Tickets are \$5 and they will be on sale at lunch by the cheetah spot starting on May 19th.

Relay for Life

Sign up for Relay for Life and support cancer research! The CPA Relay for Life event will take place on Wednesday June 10th in the Cafeteria from 2-8 pm. There will be food and activities. Sign up at www.relayforlife.ca/cpa .

Have a great week.

Stephanie Bird
Principal