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Happy Mother's Day!

Hello C.P. Allen Students and Families:

Here is what is happening this week.

Thank you to our African Nova Scotian Student Support Worker, Mitchell Borden for organizing a fantastic **Black Legacy Assembly** and **Black Legacy Night**. Also a special thank you to our Indigenous Student Support Worker, Kaven Broderick for organizing the **Red Dress Day Assembly**.

Important Dates:

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

May 8th: NSISP Ambassadors meeting

May 10-16: Education Week

May 12: Application to Graduate and Grad Fees for grade 12s due 4pm

May 12: Valedictorian Application for interested grade 12s due at 4pm

May 14: Laurentian University @ CPA for interested students at lunch in the Student Exchange

May 13-14: Country Track Meet for CPA Track and Field Students

May 15: Black Excellence Day

May 17: International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

May 18: Victoria Day (no classes)

May 27: CPA Band Concert 7pm

May 28: Carnival

Graduation Information and Due Dates

- Graduation **Information Handout** and **PowerPoint Presentation**
- All students must complete and submit the **Application to Graduate Form by May 12**.
- **Valedictorian Form** (for those interested) must be **submitted 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.

Black Excellence Day May 15, 2026

We welcome everyone to wear a "black" shirt, if you're able, on May 15 to show your support for Black Excellence Day!

Black Excellence Day 2026 in Nova Scotia is an opportunity for schools to reflect on the learning and exploration of Black people and culture over the past year. It recognizes, celebrates, and supports learning from the achievements, contributions, and leadership of Black individuals and communities. More than a single-day celebration, Black Excellence is the recognition of meaningful steps toward strengthening inclusive learning environments where all students see themselves reflected in curriculum materials, through the stories we tell and the histories we honour.

The purpose of celebrating Black Excellence in our schools and classrooms is to affirm students' identities, build confidence, and inspire futures by highlighting the role Black people have made in education, science, arts, leadership, and community advocacy. It reflects and celebrates thoughtful conversations in schools about equity, representation, and the ongoing work to remove systemic barriers. This moment of reflection also invites educators and school communities to consider how Black Excellence is represented within their own classrooms and learning spaces. For some, this may affirm intentional work already underway; for others, it may serve as an opportunity to begin or deepen this practice. Black Excellence Day reminds us that this work is ongoing, and that there is always time to plan, reflect, and be deliberate in ensuring all students see themselves meaningfully reflected in our schools.

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.

Senior Assassin Game

We are aware that some Grade 12 students are participating in an activity commonly known as the Senior Assassin game. We want to emphasize that this is not a school-sanctioned event, nor is it organized, supervised, or endorsed by the school in any way. To maintain a safe and respectful learning environment, we are implementing the following expectations:

- No Senior Assassin gameplay is permitted on school property, at any time.
 - No water guns of any kind are allowed at school.
 - No goggles, floaties, fins, or other equipment associated with the game may be brought to or used at school. ●
- Any items related to the game will be confiscated, and further action may be taken if necessary.

Our priority is always the safety and well-being of students and staff. We ask for your cooperation in reinforcing these expectations at home and ensuring that school remains a safe environment for everyone.

CPA Athletics

Track and Field

Good luck to our CPA Track and Field students who will be participating in the County Track Meet on May 13 and 14, Regional Track Meet on May 20 and 21, and Provincial Track Meet on May 29 and 30.

CPA Student Council

Congratulations to **Payton Aucoin** and **Noam Pischanker**. They have been elected as Student Council Co-Presidents for the 2026-2027 school year!

International Theme Week will take place from May 19-22. Stay tuned for each day's theme! One of the events is a multicultural buffet! If you are interested in bringing in a cultural dish to share with your peers fill out the google form on your graduating google classroom!

Work is already underway for **CPA Carnival 2026** on May 28. Get ready to mark the beginning of summer with our biggest school event of the year! There will be bouncy castles, fireworks, carnival games and prizes, a petting zoo and lots of tasty carnival treats! Tickets will go on sale soon. Stay turned for more information.

Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey

Engage Nova Scotia is seeking more youth voices in their Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey to ensure this critical demographic is properly represented in reporting. To ensure youth voices are heard, Engage Nova Scotia is asking parents to encourage youth and young adults in their household, who are age 16 and older, to complete the survey.

Take the survey now!

Please email Engage Nova Scotia at survey@engagenovascotia.ca to take the Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey. By sharing your story – your day-to-day experiences from affordability and sense of belonging in community to close personal connections and your level of trust in institutions – you can help reveal the full story of your community's well-being.

You can also learn more at engagenovascotia.ca.

Engage Nova Scotia is a non-profit, independent organization that works with partners to advance the quality of life of all Nova Scotia residents. They believe everyone should be included to share their story, seed their future, and influence change to improve their own well-being and the well-being of their communities. Engage works closely with local municipalities and organizations across the province.

Let's Talk Careers

On May 13, from 7-8pm, a virtual "Let's Talk Careers" Webinar will take place with Alisha, Kyle and Eleana (your Nova Scotia Works School Liaisons) from Job Junction. This session is for anyone working with or mentoring youth (parents, guardians, other family members, service providers, educators, etc.)

We will look at strategies for better career conversations with youth, Labour Market Information specific to Nova Scotia, and much more! Space is limited! Register here: <https://forms.gle/YVMwNw4yYRbVf3R66>

Career Exploration and Employment

Our Nova Scotia Works School Liaison, Eleana Vavasour will be at CPA on Mondays in the Schools Plus Office to help with resume building, interview skills, job search, career exploration, and workplace expectations. Students are welcome to [book an appointment with Eleana here](#).

Have a great week.

Stephanie Bird
Principal