



# COMMUNICATION BULLETIN

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### COMMUNICATION #3

September 7, 2026

Good evening C.P. Allen Students and Families:

Our 2026/2027 school year is off to a great start! We thank students and families for helping us make a smooth transition into the start of our year together.

### UPCOMING DATES

**Tuesday, Sept 8:** School Picture Day (for students who have not had their picture taken)

**Tuesday, Sept 8:** Last day for students to request a Semester 1 Course Change

**Wednesday, Sept. 9:** Newcomers Orientation Meeting (for families who access EAL support)

**Wednesday, Sept. 9:** Newcomers Meeting 5pm

**Wednesday, Sept. 9:** Curriculum Night 6pm

**Thursday, Sept. 10:** Stand Up Against Bullying Day

**Monday, Sept. 14:** SMU @ CPA during lunch in the Student Exchange Area for interested students

**Thursday, Sept. 17:** Arts and Clubs Fair at lunch in the gym

**Friday, Sept. 18:** Mascot Audition at lunch in room 320

### CURRICULUM NIGHT

Our curriculum night will take place on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00pm. This gives parents/guardians an opportunity to meet their child's first 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). The room numbers are the most important piece of information. Each session will be 10 minutes with five minutes to move between classes. Please log into PowerSchool to access your child's schedule. If you need to reset your login, please contact Annette Lowe.

### NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION TO CPA

On Wednesday, September 9th, starting at 5:00pm (before curriculum night), we are inviting our Newcomer families, **who access EAL support**, to come to an orientation meeting. We will go over our EAL programming and school procedures and routines. You will also have an opportunity to ask our EAL teachers any questions you may have. Translators and interpreters in multiple languages will be available to help. We hope to see you there! We will be meeting in room 232 -233.

### SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Tuesday, September 8 is picture day for all students who did not have their pictures taken last week. You will be called to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor to have your school picture taken. This is mandatory for all students.

## ORDERING SCHOOL PHOTOS

Below is the link to the Charles P. Allen High School 26-27 photo gallery on the Calnen Photography website, which

[Charles P. Allen High School 26-27](#)

Once student photos are uploaded, everyone who has registered will automatically receive an email notification.

## CAFETERIA SERVICE

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| The first day of service is:   | <b>Tuesday, September 8</b>                         |
| The ordering window opens on:  | <b>Friday, September 11, 2026</b>                   |
| The ordering window closes on: | <b>Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at noon</b> |

To help ensure a smooth start-up at your school, here are a few important reminders and updates:

### How to order

All lunches must be ordered online. Visit [www.NSLunch.ca](http://www.NSLunch.ca) and click “Order Now.”

If you already have an account, sign in using your existing information.

If you are new to the program, you will need to create an account using:

1. Your GNSPES account information
2. Your name, exactly as it appears in PowerSchool
3. Your PowerSchool Student ID

Make sure your name is entered exactly as it appears in PowerSchool so your account can connect properly. If you receive a mismatch error, check your student information is entered correctly. You will only be able to place an order three times with a mismatch error.

Your PowerSchool Student ID can be found on your most recent report card or through the PowerSchool Student Portal.

You will have a choice of two meals – one vegan and one with meat. However, we will have a Grab and Go line, that will be premade just prior to lunch and that will include the full meal. If you do not want a particular item in the meal, there will be two other lines that you can select exactly what you want. For example, if you like the entire meal, the fastest way to review your food is from the Grab and Go line. If you are allergic or don't like rice and rice comes with the meal, you can get in one of two lines where you will be able to choose what you like. Please know what you want before getting to the front of the line so we can serve everyone. We have ordered extra meals for the upcoming two weeks. We are only serving one meal at a time, but if you would like more, and we have extra, you can get back in line.

It is very important that all garbage from your meal is placed in the appropriate garbage and compost bins. We have ordered 6 extra large containers for this purpose.

## **SCHOOL AND LOCKER FEES**

A reminder that school fees are \$25 and locker fees \$5. These can be paid by cash or cheque. Listen to the PA announcements on Tuesday for student fee and locker information.

## **COURSE CHANGE REQUESTS**

The last day for students to request a course change is **Tuesday, September 8 at 3:30pm**. After this date, there will be no more class changes for Semester 1. Semester 2 course change requests will open up in January.

- Requests must be made by students going to their graduating year Google Classroom and submitting the course change form.
- Note that it may take three business days. Students should frequently check their PowerSchool to see if the change was able to be made. If the change cannot be made, one of our guidance counsellors will email the student to advise. **Teacher changes for the same course or handpicking when you want your courses will not be accepted.**

## **STUDENT BUS DISMISSAL AT CPA**

School busses will board students nine busses at a time in the bus loop.

Students should add the Bus Dismissal Google Classroom code: **pf2dvwmj**. This is where bus numbers will be posted when they are ready to board students.

Students should board their bus as soon as they see their bus number posted.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

Our welcome week next week will consist of one school-wide Pink Day and one day celebrating each grade level individually.

### **Welcome Week**

**Tuesday - Senior Last Recess** - Students are encouraged to bring their favourite recess snack and participate in classic elementary school games. They don't want to miss 4 corner soccer in the gym or the parachute activities in the courtyard.

**Wednesday - Grade 10 Field Day** - Grade 10 students will be participating in a 75 minute field day during their math classes. Each class has been given a team colour. Students should come to school wearing something of that colour.

**Thursday - Pink Day** - Students and staff are encouraged to wear pink to show that our school has a strong anti-bullying stance. Everyone is invited to have their photo taken in front of our KIND poster in the student exchange.

**Friday - Last but not Least: Grade 11 Welcome Day** - Grade 11s are invited to play games together in the student exchange/courtyard at lunch.

### **Arts and Clubs Fair**

The CPA annual Arts and Clubs Fair will be held in the gym at lunch on September 17<sup>th</sup>. This gives all students the opportunity to see what clubs are offered at CPA and to get involved.

If you are a student club lead this year, or are looking to create a new club, fill out the Google Form in the grade level Google Classroom by September 11th! Please fill it out even if your club did it last year. A meeting will take place on September 10th in room 328 to give out more information about it.

### **Mascot Auditions**

Interested in being our Charles the Cheetah Mascot this year? Mascot Auditions will take at lunch in room 320 on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **CPA ATHLETICS**

**Baseball Tryouts**, September 8 from 4-5:30 at Robert Lenihan Baseball Field (Bedford Hwy)

**Girls Volleyball Tryouts**, September 8 from 8-10pm in the gym

**Baseball Tryouts**, September 9 from 4-5:30 at Robert Lenihan Baseball Field (Bedford Hwy)

**Golf Tryouts**, September 14 (all day) at Lost Creek Golf Club

### **REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES**

Student absences must be reported by a parent or guardian via the school absence line at (902) 832-8964 ext. 1. We do not accept emails or written notes to excuse absences.

### **COME TRAVEL TO EUROPE 2027**

Our school has teamed up with EF Educational Tours to travel together as a class.

**Where to?** Cinque Terre – Nice – Barcelona

**When?** March 25-April 2, 2027

Have questions? Join us at our virtual information session at 7pm on September 22, and we'll answer them all.

#### **Along with:**

- How this will benefit your child
- What they'll see, do, and experience
- How EF Tours prioritizes their safety And, most importantly...
- How to secure their spot on the trip

**Register for an Info session here:** <https://rsvp.eftours.ca/vh58mg3>

### **STAND UP AGAINST BULLYING DAY**

On the second Thursday of September, we recognize Stand Up Against Bullying Day.

On Thursday, September 10, we will celebrate inclusivity, kindness and friendship. All HRCE school teams are focused on ensuring all students have a safe and welcoming environment in which to learn and thrive.

Please join us and wear pink if you're able on September 10 to take a stand against bullying.

## STUDENT METRO TRANSIT PASSES

Charles P. Allen High School has registered you for the Student Transit Pass Program for the 2026/27 school year. This means students are eligible for a free annual Student Transit Pass giving you unlimited access to all Halifax Transit services.

To receive your pass, you need to create an HFXGO account. Here is how:

1. Download the HFXGO app on your phone (available on the Apple App Store and Google Play — search “HFXGO”).
2. Open the app and select Create Account.
3. Enter your student email address and create a password.
4. Check your student email for a verification email and confirm your account.
5. Halifax Transit will issue your pass. It is not automatic when you create your account, so allow up to one week. You will receive a confirmation email when your pass is ready.

You can create your account right now. You do not need to wait for anything from Halifax Transit to get started. If you have not created your account by late August, you will receive a reminder email. You will receive the reminder email from “noreply@justride.com”, so check your junk folder if you don't see them. Ignore any instructions asking you to add a primary token or a Smart Card, and don't add a payment method. Once you get an email saying your pass has been issued, open HFXGO, go to your wallet, and tap "refresh wallet" to load your pass onto your phone.

If you had a pass last year, it stays valid until Sept. 11, 2026, so you are covered while your new pass is being issued.

Once your pass is loaded and activated, here is how to use it

On the bus: Scan your HFXGO app on the validator when boarding.

On the ferry: Scan your HFXGO app on the validator when entering the waiting area.

Your pass gives you unlimited travel on all Halifax Transit services including bus, ferry, and Regional Express routes (320, 330 and 370), and you won't need to pay the usual \$1.00 top-up fee on Regional Express. You only need an internet connection the first time you register and activate your pass. After that, your pass works without needing a data connection.

## MAKE BEING ON TIME A PRIORITY

Why being on time matters?

- **Better Focus:** Arriving early gives you time to settle in, organize your materials, and get mentally ready to learn.
- **No Missed Info:** Teachers often share key instructions, announcements, or lesson framing at the very start of class.
- **Good Habits:** Being punctual builds responsibility and prepares you for college and future jobs

Have a great week!

Stephanie Bird, Principal