



COMMUNICATION BULLETIN

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COMMUNICATION #4

September 13th, 2026

Good evening C.P. Allen Students and Families:

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

Tuesday, Sept 15: Grade 10 Assembly

Thursday, Sept 17: Arts and Activity Fair (gym and lunch)

Tuesday, Sept 22: Lockdown Drill

Wednesday Sept 23: Outdoor Movie Night

Lockdown Drill

We will be holding our first lockdown drill on September 22nd 2026 during A block. During this drill all students must follow the direction of the teacher in charge. If you are out of your classroom during a lockdown announcement, go to the nearest room.

Curriculum Night

Thank you for the fantastic attendance at curriculum night. It was so nice to see so many parents.

School Picture Day

Picture retakes will occur in October. If you do not get a first photo, you will have the opportunity at that time.

Cafeteria Service

The ordering window opens on: **Friday, September 18, 2026**

The ordering window closes on: **Wednesday, September 23rd at noon**

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 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.

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.

Course Change Requests

- Course Change requests have closed until January. All students are expected to attend their scheduled classes. Due to 80 + student arriving over the summer, with no additional staffing, our class changes were very restrictive.

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: **pf2dvwjm**. This is where bus numbers will be posted when they are ready to board students. If they can not access this classroom, please use the alternate classroom code.

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

Reporting 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.

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.

Terry Fox

The Terry Fox Walk / Run will be on Thursday, Oct. 1st

CPA Student Council

A huge thank you to CPA's Student Council for all their efforts to create a fantastic start to the year!

Message from Student Council:

Hello Cheetahs Families,

We are excited to announce that our first big event of the school year is coming up! Our Outdoor Movie Night will take place on Wednesday, September 23rd from 7 to 9 PM. If you are picking up your child, please plan to arrive by 9:15. This year's featured movie is RIO! The evening will begin with a fun pre show at 7:00, followed by the movie. Admission is FREE, but students are encouraged to bring money if they would like to purchase food from the food truck. Students must have their student ID to enter the event.

Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather and feel free to wear something colourful to celebrate Blu and his journey! Students should also watch for our lunchtime event leading up to the movie night. All event updates and information will be posted on our student council Instagram.

We look forward to seeing our cheetahs there!

Have a great week!

Stephanie Bird, Principal