

5 October 2022

Hello HCJH Families,

School Plus Info (view link below on how to access services for our school families)

[SP Outreach in a Family of Schools](#)

School Clothing

Please see the link below for ordering school clothing. Closing date is October 5

<https://headlinepromotions.ca/herring-cove-jr-high/>

Homeroom Newsletters & Homework Site

Homeroom newsletters will be going out the end of next week. The information provides on what is happening in your child's classroom and subject areas. It also provides a nice window into what your child is learning and some ideas on how you can support your child at home.

Also please check out our homework site on our Webpage as it is a one stop shop for parents and students to know what homework/assignments they have and due dates for upcoming assignments, tests, etc. Click on the link below and select your child's homeroom class.

<https://sites.google.com/a/gnspes.ca/herring-cove-junior-high-homework-site/>

Grade 6 Provincial Assessment

Grade 6's will be writing the RWM6 provincial assessments on Oct. 19 and 20th. These are provincial assessments in the areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Grade 6 teachers have been preparing them over the last few weeks.

Bus Evacuation Drills

Your child will participate in a school bus evacuation drill in the coming weeks.

Each year, our transportation service providers lead these safety drills with students during school hours to ensure they know what to do if they need to evacuate the bus in an emergency. School staff will be present during these drills to support students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Principal.

Colder Weather

As the temperature plummets, please remind your children that dressing in layers prepare them for going outside at lunch, recess or breaks.

Important Dates:

October 10	Thanksgiving - No Schools
October 13	School Picture Day / SAC meeting TBD
October 27	School Picture Retakes
October 28	Provincial Conference Day - No Schools

SchoolCash Online

Paying school-related fees is now easier and more convenient.

HRCE has launched a new system that will allow you to make payments electronically, with the click of a button. From lunch orders to yearbook fees, you will be able to make all payments safely, securely and quickly through **SchoolCash Online**.

Our school will post items for purchase and assign school fees relevant to your child. You can make all purchases and payments from your phone, tablet or computer.

We would like families to register as soon as possible.

To get started, please register for **SchoolCash Online**. It's free and takes less than two minutes. You will receive an email once items are posted for purchase. There is a small fee attached to each transfer that goes to the service provider (4%) but signing up does not have any cost.

Visit <https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/> and click **Register** to get started.

Need support? Connect with the SchoolCash Online help desk at [schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support](https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support)

Safe Arrival

A reminder to set up SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival for reporting student absences. For detail information on how to use this method of reporting, go to: <https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival>

COVID-19 Rapid Test Kits

Schools have received a supply of COVID-19 rapid test kits from the province. These kits will be available to students to take home in case they start to feel unwell or develop symptoms of COVID-19. In addition, if your child is at school and starts to feel unwell or develops symptoms that resemble COVID-19, they will be offered a COVID-19 rapid test and a parent/guardian will be notified.

Note: Test kit instructions can be downloaded here:

[Biosensor](#)

[BTNX](#)

If you already have rapid tests at home, or you have recently recovered from COVID-19, please do not request test kits. We want to ensure that we have an adequate supply for those who require tests. As a reminder, Public Health does not recommend testing for those who have recovered from COVID-19 within 90 days of a positive test. If symptoms develop in these three months, those feeling unwell should stay home until the symptoms have improved and there is no fever for at least 24 hours.

If you or a member of your family develops symptoms of COVID-19, please do not go to your school to pick up tests. Anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should complete the [COVID-19 Self-assessment](#) to find out if they need a COVID-19 test at a testing centre or mobile unit.

Additional information on COVID-19 symptoms, testing and what to do if you test positive is available at: www.nshealth.ca/coronavirus or by calling 811.

If you or your child tests positive on a rapid test and/or a PCR COVID-19 test, complete the [Report and Support screening form](#). If you require assistance completing the form, call 1-833-797-7772.

For more information about public health guidance in schools, [click here](#).

Thank you for continuing to follow the advice of Nova Scotia Public Health and staying home when feeling unwell. It is an important step to help prevent and reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses in our school community.