



The Staff of Hammonds Plains  
Consolidated would like to wish  
all our Students and Families a

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2026**

January 2026

# HPCS Newsletter

WELCOME

## WELCOME BACK HPCS!

We are very excited to begin the new year with another term of learning, growth, achievement and a focus on student success.

At HPCS, we remain committed to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment where every student can thrive. With the continued dedication of our staff and the invaluable partnership of our families, we look forward to making 2026 a year of positivity and progress. Thank you for your trust and collaboration as we support our students in reaching their full potential.

Wishing you all a wonderful year ahead!

## UPCOMING DATES

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> - Welcome Back to School  
Jan 13<sup>th</sup> - SAC 5:30 and PTA 6:30 (Online)  
Jan 19<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King Day  
Jan 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> - Literacy Week - Stay tuned for information!

## A Reminder on

### Morning Drop-Off

As we settle back into our routines, please keep in mind that our playground supervision starts at **8:20 AM**. Students should not be arriving to school prior to this time.

To keep our entryways clear and safe, please ensure students do not wait at the front doors or ring the bell for early entry. Thank you for your help in making our mornings run smoothly!

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# PTA News

Our first PTA meeting of the new year is coming up on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. This meeting will take place online; the link for the meeting will be shared on the HPCS PTA Facebook page before the start time.

**Save the date: Mark your calendars for these fun PTA events.** We need volunteers to make these events a success! Check the registration forms, and our Facebook page, for the link to sign up to help!

 **February 12, 2026 – Valentine’s Dance @ 6:30pm**

**April 16, 2026 – Spring Hop @ 6:30pm**



**June 5, 2026 – Spring BBQ**



Did you know? Since the Santa Social fundraiser began in 2019 (originally known as Milk & Cookies with Santa), it has raised over \$13000 to support learning opportunities at HPCS!

## LOST AND FOUND

WE ARE COMMITTED TO MINIMIZING LOST AND FOUND ITEMS, AND WE ASK FOR YOUR COOPERATION BY LABELING YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS. LABELED CLOTHES TEND TO MAKE THEIR WAY HOME BETTER



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## Update on Grade 5 Leaders Sock and Personal Care Products

Our hearts are full! A massive thank you to our incredible school community for your overwhelming support of our Grade 5 Leaders' Sock and Personal Care Item Drive.

Because of your kindness and generosity, we collected more than 5,000 items! These essential supplies are being donated to a local shelter, where they will make a tangible difference for those in need this winter.

We also want to give a special shout-out to our top-collecting classes who won a pizza lunch for their class:

- **Pre-Primary Lowerison:** For an unbelievable contribution of over 1,300 items!
- **5 Fraser:** For their hard work in collecting close to 200 items!

Thank you for teaching our students the power of giving and for showing what a truly caring community we have here.

**THANK YOU SCHOOL PLUS!**

We would also like to highlight and extend our heartfelt thanks to the SchoolsPlus team for their wonderful collaboration and continued support. Their dedication to helping families and students truly brings the holiday spirit to life within our HPCS community.

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# ✦ Inclement Weather Policy ✦

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is **HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible.** A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

**If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- Bussed students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

**How will I find out?**

- **By email to the addresses in PowerSchool**
- **By text message, if you have opted-in. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: 978338**
- **On the HRCE website**
- **On Instagram**

**It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation.** Please remember: As a parent or guardian you always have the choice of whether or not to send your child to school.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit [hrce.ca/families/cancellations](http://hrce.ca/families/cancellations).

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# ★ *french's corner* ★

## Le Coin Français – French celebrations in the month of January

January is a great time to explore French culture and traditions! In France and other French-speaking countries, the New Year is celebrated with la Bonne Année, and many families enjoy sharing la galette des rois during l'Épiphanie (January 6). This special cake hides a small charm called la fève, and whoever finds it is crowned king or queen for the day! 👑

Another fun celebration this month is la Journée nationale du croissant, celebrated on January 30. Croissants are a delicious and iconic part of French culture and a fun way to spark conversations about France at home—maybe even while enjoying one together!

Here are a few more French words to try at home: Families can support French learning by trying these new common words and phrases at home:

- Allô – Hi / Hello (on the phone or informally)
- À bientôt – See you soon
- C'est bon – It's good / Okay
- D'accord – Okay / I agree
- J'aime – I like
- Bonne nuit - Goodnight