

Hammonds Plains Consolidated School

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Welcome to new and returning families of Hammond Plains Consolidated School! I want to thank all staff, students, bus drivers, parents, and community members for such a great two weeks. Your efforts, positive attitudes and understanding as we met new people, started new routines, and made adjustments to classes, has been greatly appreciated. Here are a few reminders

- Please check your child's school bag regularly for notices and check out our school website frequently.
- Please make sure that student bring a water bottle with them each day. We have Water Bottle filling stations throughout the school.
- Curriculum night – We was so nice to see so many families at our Curriculum/Meet the Teacher Night. We feel that this helped many of our students (and parents) with the transition into school on the first day a whole lot easier.

We hope you have had a great start to school and are ready for an amazing year at HPCS!

Sincerely,

Tom Cleary (Principal)

Ian Mugford (Vice-Principal)

Safe Arrival – 1-833-582-6940:

Student safety is our number one priority. If your child is ill or not going to be at school, please call the toll-free number above so that the school is informed of the absence. Other options you can take to mark your child as absent would be to go to your child's PowerSchool account <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public> or download the PowerSchool or School Messenger app.



Upcoming Events

September 23

Terry Fox Run

September 29

Orange T-Shirt Day

September 30

Truth and Reconciliation Day –
No School

October 1

School Photo Day

October 2

School Photo Day

Reminders

- Just a reminder that there is no place for students to heat up their lunch while at school.
 - A change of clothes is always a good thing for students to keep in their backpacks (especially in the younger grades).
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Student Safety at Drop off / Pick Up times:

Student safety is our number one priority, especially during morning drop off and afternoon dismissal. Please follow all traffic signs and park/stop your vehicle accordingly so not to impact on the arrival and departure of buses, as well as the safe drop off/pick up of students.

Please pay close attention to the following traffic restrictions for our neighbourhood:

- School Parking Area– This is available to drop off for Excel from 7:30-8:15. Once supervision begins, please drop students off at the Kiss and Go at the side of the school.
- Bus Loop & Lane in Parking Lot - Please do not stop/park your car in the bus loop or the bus lane at any time of the day.
- Thank you for your assistance in keeping all our students safe as they arrive/depart each day. We invite all parents with students in grades Primary to Five to access the Kiss and Go Drop-off Area behind the school each morning.
- Pre-Primary Students must be dropped off in person starting at 8:35am at the front doors.

School Photo Days:

- School Photos will be taken by Harvey Studios this year.
- Students getting photos taken on October 1st will be
 - Pre-Primary Savoie, Grade Primaries (including P/1M), Grade 2s (including 2/3DL) and Grade 4s (including 4/5S)
- Classes getting photos taken on October 2nd will be:
 - Pre-Primary Lowerison, Grade 1s (including 1/2M and 1/2P), Grade 3s and Grade 5s (including 4/5M)

Communication:

- Communication between home and school is extremely important. Any correspondence to staff via email/phone, etc., will be answered within a 48-hour time frame. All email communication from school will be sent to email addresses and phone numbers that we have on your child's PowerSchool account. If there are changes throughout the



Important Times to Remember

8:20 - Supervision Begins.
Students enter the building when they arrive. Staff are available at the Student Drop Off/Kiss and Go area.

8:40 - Morning Instruction Begins

10:10 – 10:40 - **Recesses**

11:40 – 12:3 - **Lunch**

12:35 - **Instruction Begins**

2:35 - **Dismissal**

** Please note there is no supervision of students provided after dismissal (except for students waiting for the bus). **

** Please note that if you are picking your child up early, please do so before 2:15pm as any closer to dismissal time causes challenges for staff. **

year, please contact the office to update your information as soon as possible.

School Advisory Council (SAC):

- Our next School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting was be held on October 10. The SAC is a provincially mandated group that acts in an advisory capacity to the school principal. Our SAC is made up of administration, Teaching and Support Staff representatives, Parents/Guardians and Community Members. The SAC meets 6 times a year and discusses a variety of topics surrounding student success in our school such as, Provincial Policy Development, School Programs and Curriculum, Communication Strategies, Promotion of School Culture, and Input regarding the school's Student Success Plan. Minutes from the SAC meetings can be found on the school website.

If you, or anyone you may know, are interested in being part of our School Advisory Council, please contact Mr. Cleary (tcleary@hrce.ca).

Parent Teacher Association (PTA):

- The HPCS Parent Teacher Association is looking for a few more parents/guardians to get involved this year. We are currently looking for a secretary, vice president, and volunteers to help with our social events and activities. Volunteers at our social events ensure everything runs smoothly. Reconciliation

PTA Social Events 2026-2027 SAVE THE DATE

- Turkey Bingo - Thursday October 8, 2026
- Halloween Dance - Thursday October 22, 2026
- Holiday Social - Saturday November 28, 2026
- Valentine's Dance - Thursday February 11, 2027
 - (Rain date - Friday February 12, 2027)
- Spring Dance Thursday April 16, 2027
- Spring BBQ - Friday June 4, 2026
 - (Rain date - Saturday June 5, 2027)
- Our PTA is not only open to parents; we are also actively seeking Community Members to join as well. Please pass the message onto our larger community. We understand our HPCS families live busy, active lives and we appreciate your support! Every little bit of help counts, and we'd love to have you involved!
- **For you Calendar – PTA Meeting Dates 2026-2027 – All meetings are from 7:00-8:00pm**
 - October 20
 - November 17
 - January 12 - virtual
 - February 9 – virtual

- April 13
- May 1
- June 15

HAMMONDS PLAINS CONSOLIDATED PTA PRESENTS

TURKEY BINGO 2026

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 6:30–7:30 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:15 PM

Join us for the first HPCS PTA fundraiser of the year where you could win 1 of 10 turkey dinners!

DONATION ITEMS & FOOD BANK DRIVE

To make this event happen we need help from everyone! Each grade level is assigned an item to stuff the prize bags. BONUS — extra donations go to the FOOD BANK, just in time for Thanksgiving!

- Donations can be sent in anytime between October 6th and 8th.
- IMPORTANT: Please be sure to mark the item clearly as a Turkey Bingo donation!

Grade	Item Assigned	Grade	Item Assigned
Pre-Primary	Toonie (towards the cost of turkeys)	Grade 3	Turnip
Primary	Gravy Mix	Grade 4	Carrots
Grade 1	Stuffing	Grade 5	Potatoes
Grade 2	Cranberry Sauce		

Monetary donations, new reusable grocery bags, or juice boxes from any grade would be very helpful too!

ADMISSION & EVENT DETAILS

Admission: \$10 / family (Limited number of seats!)	Bingo Cards: \$5 each (sold at the event)
Also for sale at event: 50/50 tickets, popcorn & drinks	Proceeds: All proceeds go toward purchasing new math manipulatives

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers to make this fundraiser a success! Sign up for a volunteer shift at: volunteersignup.org/A439R

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Crayons only (will be provided), NO DAUBERS PLEASE!
2. All children MUST be accompanied by an adult.
3. Tickets will not be sent home for this event. Your name will be on a list at the door.



What is SchoolsPlus?

SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities.

Manage complex situations

Sometimes students and their families are already connected to many services, but still need help managing it all. Our Facilitators offer comprehensive case management support to ensure everyone involved is communicating clearly and families are receiving the best support possible.

Connect with us!

Parents, guardians and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus - 12 months a year! Just contact the SchoolsPlus Facilitator at your school.

West Bedford FOS

Megan Tobin
SchoolsPlus Facilitator

Amy LaPlante
Community Outreach Worker

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Resources & support

We can connect students and their families to resources and supports, such as:

Recreation

Help finding and applying for rec programs or related funding.

Tutoring

Help understanding and accessing tutoring supports.

Food supports

Help accessing food banks and other local food supports.

Health & wellness

Help navigating healthcare systems.

General support

Help completing paperwork and applications, as well as transportation and accompaniment to appointments.