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**From the desk of
Principal Shea...**

At EPEC, we believe that ongoing communication between home and school is an integral part of student success. We encourage you to reach out to your child's teachers if you have any questions or concerns about the teaching and learning that is happening at EPEC!

We are still in the process of waiting to see if Chartwells can secure a delivery person so that we can offer the slide over lunch service through the Nutrislice app. If we can offer this service, we will let families know that the portal has been reopened.

With the colder weather upon us, we want to remind students and their families to please ensure that students are dressing for the weather. All students are expected to go outside during breaks and lunch, and we would like to ensure that students are staying warm and dry.

We have several teachers who are offering groups, clubs, and intramurals during the lunch hour. We want to thank them for dedicating time to providing extra-curricular opportunities to our students.



Mark your calendar!

Important dates from HRCE
and EPEC



- * November 8: Indigenous Veterans Day
- * November 11: Remembrance Day (no classes)
- * November 14: Halifax Transit
- * November 15: Picture Retakes
- * November 19: Military Family Resource Centre to meet with students whose families are in the military
- * November 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance
- * November 22: Assessment & Evaluation Day for Elementary and Junior High (no classes)
- * November 28: Dr. Derek Fisher from MSVU to visit students regarding Vaping awareness presentation

Guest Speakers and Class Presentations

Guest speakers are valuable resources for our schools. They can enhance student learning with subject-matter expertise. Our goal is always to ensure the best experience for students and staff when bringing in guest speakers.

On November 14th we will have a group from Halifax Transit in to speak with students in grade 7 & 8 who received free transit passes around how to use the public transit system. This will be held during the lunch hour and students are encouraged to sign up if interested in participating.

On November 19th and December 17th, members from the military family resource centre will be at EPEC to meet with students during the lunch hour to lend support for students whose families are in the military.

On November 28th, Dr. Derek Fisher from Mount Saint Vincent University will be visiting students in grade 6 and 7 to conduct a vaping awareness presentation.

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Transgender Awareness Week

Transgender Awareness Week, observed in the second week of November, focuses on raising awareness about the issues facing transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. The week highlights the challenges transgender people face, such as discrimination and lack of healthcare access, and promotes acceptance and inclusivity by encouraging supportive policies and practices.

The week helps to foster solidarity within the transgender community and with allies, providing emotional support and strengthening the transgender movement. It culminates in the Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, a day to honor those lost to anti-transgender violence, emphasizing the need for continued protection and support.

Be an ally

An ally is someone who actively and consistently supports, stands with and advocates for the 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. The best way to be an ally is to listen with an open mind. It is our responsibility to treat all people with dignity and kindness.



Indigenous Veterans Day

Indigenous Veterans Day, observed on November 8, acknowledges the unique contributions and sacrifices made by Indigenous soldiers. This day highlights the bravery and commitment of Indigenous veterans, who have served with distinction despite facing historical and ongoing challenges.



Remembrance Day

Every year on November 11, we observe Remembrance Day to commemorate the sacrifices of the armed forces during World War I, World War II, and other conflicts. This solemn day is marked by ceremonies, moments of silence, and the wearing of poppies in honour of those who have served and fallen.

Together, these days remind us of the courage and resilience of all who have served.

Don't Forget!!!!

Picture Retakes are
on Friday,
November 15th

Remember to
SMILE!

We now have a staff e-mail distribution list on our Website for your convenience.

Just click on the "[For Students & Families](#)" Tab and navigate to the "[Our School](#)" page and click on the "[EPEC Distribution List 2024-2025](#)" to open up the **Distribution List**.

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MUSIC 4 MENTAL HEALTH



EPEC would like to thank MLA Barbara Adams for her generous donation of \$1,000.00 to our school for Music 4 Mental Health Fund Raiser. We are very appreciative of being chosen as one of the schools to receive these much-needed funds.

The following is from Ms. Adams, Chair of Music 4 Mental Health:

I am pleased to tell you that our third annual Music 4 Mental Health Fund Raiser raised \$29,000 this past May. That beat the \$25,000 we raised last year and doubled the \$14,500 we raised our first year.

Thank you so much for promoting and attending this event. The association has immediately decided to support each school again this year with a \$1000 donation. We know that you will continue to put these donations to good use.

Last year saw all 6 Eastern Passage Area Schools do many creative projects and programs.

The committee will meet over the next few months to determine how best to spend the remaining funds. We will be in touch very shortly to deliver your \$1000 cheque.

Save the DATE: 4th Annual Music 4 Mental Health Event May 18th, 2025

Respectfully yours,
Music 4 Mental Health Chair - Barbara Adams



Inclement Weather

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 are not sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**
- [On the HRCE website](#)
- [On X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)
- [On Instagram](#)

It is important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/weather.

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