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JANUARY 2025 EDITION



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

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Dear Families,

As we kick off 2025, we would like to extend our warmest wishes for a successful and fulfilling new year. We hope that everyone had a restful winter break and is ready to continue through second term with energy, enthusiasm, and a commitment to learning.

Looking ahead, January is a time for reflection and renewal. It is an excellent opportunity to set academic goals for the remainder of the school year. We encourage all students to stay focused, ask questions, and strive for excellence both inside and outside the classroom. Our dedicated staff are here to support each student's growth and success.

We are currently in the process of planning a school trip for each of our three grade levels. The grade 6 students will be traveling to Martock for a ski trip, the grade 7 students will be going to the Emera Oval and the grade 8 students will be going to Hatfield Farms. We will be providing more details with respect to dates and costs once plans are finalized.

With the colder weather upon us, we ask that you please remind your student to dress appropriately as students are expected to go outside for breaks and lunch daily.

We are excited to continue this journey of learning and growth with you all. As always, we appreciate the support from our community and look forward to making 2025 a year filled with success, achievement, and positive EPEC memories.


Warm regards,
Sarah Shea & Shawn Fournaud

Mark your calendar!
Important dates from HRCE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark these important HRCE dates on your calendar!

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| JANUARY 2 | NO CLASSES Teacher Professional Practice Day - PP-12 |
| JANUARY 3 | FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OF 2025 |
| JANUARY 31 | NO CLASSES Assessment & Evaluation HIGH SCHOOL ONLY |

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January 2: Teacher Directed Day – First day of 2025 for staff

January 3: First day of 2025 for students

January 4: National Ribbon Skirt Day

January 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day

January 27: Family Literacy Day

January 29: Lunar New Year

January 27 is Family Literacy Day

Did you know? January 27 is Family Literacy Day! This special day is meant to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

This year's theme is "Learn to be Green, Together!" Make a pledge as a family to learn ways to be greener. Use less electricity, commute together, and reuse items. Being green together is a fun way to learn as a family while being kind to the environment.



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Today we recognize International Holocaust Remembrance Day



Holocaust Remembrance Day

International Holocaust Remembrance Day, observed on January 27, serves as a crucial reminder of the Holocaust.

Through survivor stories, students learn empathy, compassion, and the importance of standing against antisemitism and prejudice. By observing this day, we ensure future generations uphold human rights and dignity, fostering a culture of respect and inclusion.



Lunar New Year

Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year or Spring Festival, will be celebrated on January 29.

It marks the beginning of the Year of the Snake, an animal sign that symbolizes wisdom, intuition, and renewal. It's a time for families to come together, honour their ancestors, and welcome the new year with hopes of prosperity and happiness.

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*When is the decision made
to cancel school
because of weather?*
It is our goal to make the decision
as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible.
Learn more at hrce.ca/families/cancellations

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Important weather reminders

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school busses 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.

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

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

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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 [our website](#) On [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#) On [Instagram](#)

It's 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

www.hrce.ca/families/cancellations.