

January 12, 2024

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Upcoming School Dates:

- January 11-pizza orders due
- January 16-new pizza cycle starts
- January 27-Family Literacy Day <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/family-literacy/>
- January 29-SAC and WSA meetings
- January 30-Primary French Immersion for September 2024 Meeting at Ecole St. Catherine's School
- January 31-Student Assembly (January theme: perseverance)
- February is registration month for new Pre-primary and Primaries for 2024-2025 (details to follow)
- February 15-WSA event (details to follow)
- February 19-Heritage Day (no school)
- February 27-Grade P-3 concert (snow date February 28)
- February 29-Grade 4-6 (snow date March 1)

Primary September 2024 French Immersion Information (emailed to Pre-Primary families January 12)

On Tuesday Jan. 30th at 6:30pm, Ecole St. Catherine's School will be hosting an information session for families interested in having their children enrolled in **Primary French Immersion** for September 2024. It will be an in-person session in the library at Ecole St. Catherine's School, 3299 Connolly Street.

Thank you,

Rosie Bona (she/her)

Principal/Directrice of Ecole St. Catherine's School

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Band and Strings New Update (Grades 4-6)

For the remainder of January, while Ms. Stryniak is off, students will have strings classes once each week with Ms. Halliday.

-Grade 4 and 5 students will have strings classes Wednesday mornings with Grade 5 cello starting at 7:50, followed by Grade 4 violin classes.

-Grade 6 students will have violin classes Friday mornings starting at 7:45.

Ms. MacGillivray will be our band teacher for the remainder of the year while Ms. Rosborough is on maternity leave.

Important Weather Reminders (repeated information)

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.

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 our website www.hrce.ca
- On X (formerly Twitter) at [Twitter.com/HRCE_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)
- On Instagram at www.instagram.com/hrce_ns/

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.

Monthly Themes (repeated information)

Each month, we have a schoolwide theme that students focus on learning more about. This includes classroom activities, daily announcements, and a schoolwide assembly. The theme for January is: perseverance!

Visiting the School (repeated information)

If you are visiting the school for any reason, please come to the main office doors (located on Edward Arab Ave). All doors are numbered, the office is located at door #1. Once you have entered the building through the main doors, you will check in at the main office to drop items off, request your child be called to the office for dismissal, check lost and found, or any other reason.

Concerts Grade P-3 and Grades 4-6 in February (date change for Grade 4-6 to February 29)

Students will be preparing and performing in concerts in February this year! This allows more time for Grades P-3 to practice and prepare as they would start in October doe a December concert. Grades 4-6 have traditionally had a concert closer to Spring so there is no change for the older grades.

Grades P-3 will have their concert on February 27 with February 28 as the snow date. Grades 4-6 will have their concert on February 29 with March 1 as the snow date.

Water Bottles and Lost and Found (repeated information)

We are asking each student to bring a water bottle to school daily. We have bottle fill stations and want to ensure students have access to water throughout the day. Thank you for your attention to this.

Please write your child's name in their clothing (they often do not recognize their own belongings). This will help us return items to students.