



Basinview Dr. Community School

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Welcome to new and returning families of Basinview Drive Community School!

I want to thank all staff, students, bus drivers, parents, and community members for such a great first couple of weeks. Your efforts, positive attitudes and understanding as we get back into the routines, for what is beginning to feel like a much more "normal" school year, has been greatly appreciated. Here are a few reminders for the next week or so:

- We have welcomed several new staff this year and have very recently added yet another classroom to our school – bringing our total number of classrooms to 37 (Pre-Primary to Five). Thank you to all those students who have had to shift classrooms due to our recent reconfiguration. Please make sure to say hello and welcome all the new faces at Basinview!
- Please check your child's school bag regularly for notices and check out our school website frequently.
- We encourage open communication between home and school. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please contact us.
- Curriculum night – We will be holding an In-Person Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 22 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Due to weather forecasts, the Ice-cream Social has been postponed.

We hope you have had a great start to school and are ready for an amazing year at Basinview Drive Community School!

Sincerely,

Tom Cleary (Principal)

Lynn Wyatt- Reichheld (Vice Principal)

Christopher Dawson (Vice-Principal)

Upcoming Events

September 29

Orange T-Shirt Day

Terry Fox Run (New Date)

September 30

Truth and Reconciliation Day –
No School

October 11

SAC and PTP Meetings

October 20

School Photo Day

Reminders

- Just a reminder that there is no place for students to heat up their lunch while at school. As well, please remember to pack cutlery (spoons and forks) that may be needed to eat lunch items.
- A change of clothes is always a good thing for students to keep in their backpacks (especially in the younger grades).

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 app.

Student Safety at Drop off / Pick Up times

We have had many concerns expressed by community members, staff, and parents about student safety during morning drop off and afternoon dismissal. Many people are not complying with the traffic signs in our neighbourhood. Please follow all traffic signs and park/stop your vehicle accordingly. By not doing so, there is a direct 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 off Wimbledon Rd – This is available to drop off for Excel from 7:30-8:15. Once supervision begins, please head up the upper parking lot to access the Kiss and Go. Reminder – There is **NO** parking on school property for non-staff members.
- Wimbledon Rd – Please pay attention to parking/stopping restrictions.
- Basinview Dr – Please pay attention to parking/stopping restrictions – Note: There is no parking in front of the school.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping all our students safe as they arrive/depart each day.

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 will be sent to email addresses and phone numbers that we have on file at the school. If these change, please contact the office to update your information.



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 – **Instruction Begins**

10:10 – **Recess**

11:40 – 12:40 – **Lunch**

12:40 – **Instruction Begins**

2:40 – **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. **



School Advisory Council:

Our first School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting will be held on October 11. 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
- Input regarding the school's Student Success Plan

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

Lunch Monitors 2022-2023:

We are looking to hire some lunch monitors. If you like helping children and are available from 11:40 to 12:40 each day we would love to hear from you. We are looking for people who are available full time (5 days a week) or part-time. You may also know someone else who would like to become a lunch monitor. For more information, please call the school or drop in and get the lunch monitor application package.

School Cash

The HRCE has launched a new system that allows you to make payments electronically. From field trips to fundraisers, you will be able to make payments securely and safely through SchoolCash Online.

Our school will be posting items for purchase as they come up throughout the year, and you can make payment from your phone, tablet, or computer.

Please register as <https://hrce.schoolcashonline.com> to get started

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