

Hants North Newsletter

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Webpage, Facebook and Calendar

For up to date information follow us on Facebook @HNRHKDS and check our website. We have added a Google calendar that will update automatically on our website as events are added.

www.hnrh.ccrce.ca

PowerSchool Student-Parent Portal and Web Site

This portal enables parents to see information such as students' attendance, assessments and teacher's comments at the higher grades, and upcoming school events – in real-time. Through our school's website, parents and students can view newsletters, menus, teacher contact information, calendar dates, policies and other useful information. We encourage you to visit the site often. For classes that use Google Classroom, parents and students are encouraged to view the information by sitting down together and accessing the Google Classroom site or App. This is an excellent way of seeing what your child is accomplishing in the classes that are using it.



Our Web Site address is: www.hnrh.ccrce.ca.

School Policies ... and more!

Our school website - hnrh.ccrce.ca - hosts great information about our school. For information on Exam Exemptions, Attendance Policies, up to date calendars and more please visit our page!



Severe Allergies

A reminder that we are a nut sensitive school as we have students with severe / life threatening allergies to nuts. Peanut butter or other nut products are not be brought to school. We are also a scent sensitive school. This means that staff and students are not to use sprays or perfumes. This may be a real inconvenience for some families, but we are trying to create the safest environment possible for all of our students.

Allergy Aware School



Exam Exemption Policy

CCRCE's **Examination Exemption Protocol** is intended to promote student learning, regular and punctual student attendance, and appropriate behavior. An exam exemptions is a privilege that is earned. It is not intended to be perceived as something that is 'taken away' with more than 6 absences.

Students may be eligible for up to a maximum of one exam exemption per semester, if the following criteria are met:

1. A student shall accumulate no more than six (6) absences (coded as "AWN" or "MR") in any course. "AWN" is used to record an absence with notification, as is "MR" (Medical Reason).
2. Notifications (defined as a written note, email, or verbal contact by parent/guardian) must occur within five (5) days of the student's return to school.
3. A student who has an absence coded as "A" in any course will not be considered for an exemption. "A" is used to record any absence without notification.
4. Classes missed due to school-based activities (co-curricular and extracurricular) are not classified as absences. These are coded as "ACT".
5. Classes missed due to "R" (Observance of a religious holiday or ceremony) or "OI" (Operational Issue) are not to be counted towards the six (6) absences. An OI code would almost always be a result of an absence caused by a "Bussing on paved roads only" situation.
6. Any student who has been suspended out-of-school is not eligible for an exam exemption in that semester. These are coded as "OSS".
7. School-based protocols pertaining to lates may impact eligibility for exam exemptions.
8. Students must have completed all major assessment components in each of their courses.
9. The CCRSB Exam Exemption Protocols do not apply to Nova Scotia Examinations (NSE), Nova Scotia Virtual School (NSVS), International Baccalaureate (IB), or Advanced Placement (AP).
10. A student cannot be exempt from an exam for which there is a Nova Scotia Examination the following year.
11. If a student is exempt from an examination, the course mark (S1 or Y1) becomes the final mark (F1).
12. A student who earns an exemption, but chooses to write the examination, will be assigned the higher final mark.

Contacting Students During the School Day

The cell phone policy that was brought in last year is still in effect. Students are not permitted to use their phones or tablets during instructional time unless permission is granted by their instructor. Devices are very distracting to the user, others around them and the instructor.

If you as a parent need to contact your child please do not expect them to answer texts or other messages during instructional time. If you need to get a message to, or talk to your child please call the office and a message can be relayed, or the student can be called to the office to speak directly to you.



Attendance Policy

Consistent student attendance is crucial to student success. We have now entered the new era of a provincial attendance and engagement policy. The danger of frequent absences from school is that students will develop gaps in their learning that will hinder future knowledge. This new policy stresses the importance of regular school attendance. It states that 20 percent missed time could result in the loss of credit in High School courses, this number was generated based upon student missing just 1 day per week. However, communication is a key aspect of this policy, stressing that schools need to implement communication and interventions when students miss 10% and 15% of class time. We will ensure that there will be no surprise when a student is at risk for loss of credit. The policy can be found [here](#) or on our website.

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Important Dates

NOVEMBER 12 Remembrance Day Observance - No School
 NOVEMBER 14 Report Cards Distributed (Grades 9-12)
 NOVEMBER 15 Evening Parent Teacher 6:30-8:00pm - ALL HNRH- Grades 7-12
 NOVEMBER 16 No School-Parent Teacher Interviews 9:00-11:45 AM / Grades 7-12
 NOVEMBER 27 Report Cards Distributed (Grades 7-8)
 DEC 24-JAN 02 CHRISTMAS BREAK
 JANUARY 03 Classes resume
 JANUARY 28-31 Semester 1 Exams (9-12)
 JANUARY 28 (am) NSE English 10
 FEBRUARY 1 Assessment & Evaluation Day - No School (Grades 7-12)
 FEBRUARY 12 Semester 1 Reports Distributed (Grades 9-12)
 FEBRUARY 18 Maud Lewis Heritage Day – No School
 MARCH 15 Last day of classes before March Break
 MARCH 18-22 MARCH BREAK
 MARCH 25 Classes resume
 MARCH 26 Report Cards Distributed (Grades 7-8)