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Welcome to Elizabeth Sutherland!

About our School

We are a pre-primary to 8 school. At this time, we have 575 students registered in 25 classes for September (1 pre-primary, 12 English Elementary, 4 English Junior High, 4 French Immersion Elementary, and 4 French Immersion Junior High). These numbers could change in the coming months.

Elementary classes are in one wing of the building and junior high classes are in the other wing.

Bell Schedule

8:50	Early Morning Supervision
9:00	First Bell
9:10	Morning Classes Begin
10:40 – 10:55	Elementary Recess
12:10 – 12:55	Lunch
12:55	Student Re-Enter the Building
1:00	Afternoon Classes Begin
3:00	Dismissal

Student Services

If your child requires support, we have a variety of staff who can provide that support. Our Teaching Support Team and Student Support Team meet regularly to plan for appropriate student support. If your child is referred for a team meeting, you will be contacted prior to the meeting.

School Counsellor – Aaron Driscoll and TBA (30%)

Learning Centre Teachers – Jen Baxter, Jen Kimball, and Alex Neuffer

Resource Teachers – Robyn Cobean and Caitlin Chisholm

Social Worker – TBD

Psychologist – Angela Deveau
Speech Language Pathologist – Kerry Clancey

Other Support Staff

Office Administrative Assistant – Terri Parker and TBA (50%)
African Nova Scotian Support Worker
Indigenous Support Worker
Child and Youth Care Practitioner
Schools Plus Community Outreach
Junior High Support Teacher

Schoolwide Expectations

1. Use kind and respectful language.
2. Keep a calm voice and body.
3. Respect others' space, belongings, and the learning environment.
4. Listen to and follow adult direction.
5. Try your best in all you do.

Extracurricular Activities

These activities may change from year to year depending on the availability of volunteers to run the programs.

- Sketch Club
- Girls at Bat (Grade 5)
- Sports Teams (i.e. Volleyball, Softball, Track, etc.)
- Babysitting and Home Alone Courses

Cell Phone Policy

It is a priority of Elizabeth Sutherland School to educate students to use their cell phones responsibly. To maximize learning and eliminate distractions, students are not to have phones during their classes.

Students are permitted to use their phones during Lunch hour.

For the first two weeks in September, we include a reminder in our morning announcements to put cell phones away. After this time, if students have their phones out during class, they will be reminded to put it away. If they do not comply, they will be referred to the office where the phone will be left in the office for the remainder of the day.

If you need to contact your child through the school day, please call the main office.

Safe Arrival Calls and Early Dismissal

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school each and every day. Our school will be implementing a new way to report absences through SchoolMessenger. As of **Thursday, September 1**, you will be able to report future absences using an app, website, or toll-free phone number. Starting on **Wednesday, September 7**, if your student is absent and the absence has not been reported in advance, you will receive notifications via email, text, and phone calls from SchoolMessenger.

To report your student absent, you can use any of the following methods:

PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal

Parents/guardians can log in to <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> to access the link to the SchoolMessenger website to report future absences.

SchoolMessenger App

Parents/guardians can download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices, create an account and use their email that the school has on record for them as their username

Toll-Free Number

Parents/guardians can call 1-833-582-6940 to report future absences using an automated system.

All three methods are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Absences can be reported at any time before the start of school on the day the student will be absent. Up to five consecutive absences can be recorded at once.

If you have students attending other schools, please continue to report absences using the existing procedures for those schools.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we implement this new tool. Please visit <https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival> for more information.

Transportation

The transportation team at HRCE is aware of the changes in our Family of Schools and will be making the appropriate arrangements. Schools are not involved in transportation planning (with the exception of Special Needs Transportation). Elementary students who live 1.6 km from your home to school qualify for bussing. The email for the transportation department is transportation@hrce.ca and the phone number is 902-431-4723.

Modular

Our Modular is scheduled to be ready for opening in September. There are 8 classrooms. Decisions about the classes that will be in the modular will be finalized once we have had transition meetings with the other schools and class lists have been created.

Lunch Program – Schedule, Play Areas and Hot Lunch

Indoor/Outdoor time is staggered and dependent on the number of students in each grade. A schedule will be determined in September.

Students eat in their classrooms since we do not have a cafeteria. On inclement weather days, students remain in their classrooms.

We currently offer a hot lunch program through Healthy Hunger two days per week.

School Supplies

Supply lists will be posted on our school website in early July.

Communication Between Home and School

Communication between home and school is a critical component of students' success. We communicate with families in a variety of ways including, but not limited to:

- PowerSchool
- Weekly memos
- Twitter
- School Website
- Curriculum Night
- Teacher contact via phone, email, SeeSaw
- Parent/Teacher meetings

Whom do I contact if I have a question or concern?

- 1 Start with your child's teacher.
- 2 Follow-up with the school principal.
- 3 Call the Halifax Regional Centre for Education at 902-464-2000 and we'll put you in touch with the right person.

Curriculum Night

More detailed information about class expectations, curriculum, assessment and evaluation etc. will be shared during curriculum night that is usually held near the end of September.

Thank you for joining us this evening. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at the email address or phone number above.