

September 2024

Welcome Back – We hope you all had a great summer! To those of you who are new to our school community, we are excited to meet you.

Staff Members – We would like to introduce you to our staff members.

Principal – Heather Touchie Blakely

Acting Vice Principal – Summer Duchesneau

Kindergarten – Erin Moss

Grade 1 – Jocelyn Wilson

Grade 1 – Ashley Frawley

Grade 2 – Natalie Munn

Grade 3 – Gina Jessome

Grade 4 – Breanne Gallagher

Grade 5 – Nigel Cornelius

EST Literacy Numeracy Teacher – Emily D’Aoust

Middle Level and High School Teachers:

Grade 6/7 Homeroom – Katie Mowbray

Grade 6/7 Homeroom – Alicia McGraw

Grade 7/8 Homeroom – Steven Black

Grade 9 Homeroom – Shayna Thorne

Grade 10 Homeroom – Erin Flower

Grade 11 Homeroom – Natasha Douthwright

Grade 12 Homeroom – Heather Bailey

FLORA – Heather Reid

PIF – Summer Duchesneau & Mitch Bragg

Music – Nigel Burrill

Elem Phys. Ed & Athletic Director – Julie Seipp

Secondary Phys. Ed – Shayna Thorne

Guidance – Mitch Bragg

Resource – Rob Wilson

EA – Sandra Boyd

EA – Michael Butterfield

EA – Sarah Dykeman

EA – Stephenie Dykeman

EA – Tyler Jardine

EA – Lorie Jeffery

EA – Amanda Marchand

EA – Brandi Peters

EA – Ann Walsh-Sheppard

Administrative Assistant – Sandra Jenkins

Community School Coordinator – Marcy Malloy

Custodian – John Madore

Custodian – Amy Akerley

Librarian – Paula Belyea



Dates to Remember

September 12	Queens County Fair
September 18	Open House/Meet the Teacher
September 18	PSSC Nominations during Open House
September 23	Farm to School meals begin
September 24	Culinary meals begin
September 27	Whole School Half Day
September 27	Terry Fox Walk/Run
September 30	NO SCHOOL (National Truth & Reconciliation Day)
October 14	NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Day)
October 15-18	Registration for Students Entering Kindergarten in 2023-2024
October 17	Picture Day
October 25	Whole School Half Day
November 8	NO SCHOOL (PL Day)
November 11	NO SCHOOL (Remembrance Day)
November 19	Immunization Day for Grade 7 & 9
November 22	NO SCHOOL (PL Day)

After School Pickup – If you are picking your child up instead of them taking the bus, you must make sure that homeroom teacher or office is made aware for K-5 students. You can send a note to teacher or call the office. If no note or phone call have been received, students will be put on the bus. Grade 6-12 students will be responsible for knowing if they are getting picked up. Notifying the office is appreciated for middle level students.

Please Note: students being picked up will NOT be released from the school until AFTER buses have left the parking lot for safety reasons.

Monthly Newsletter – September is the only month that a paper copy of the newsletter will be sent home.

Going forward the monthly newsletter will be sent on School Messenger and posted to the school website.

TOY POLICY – Elementary

– The school discourages Elementary students from bringing unnecessary toys and expensive items to school. Elementary students are **NOT** permitted to bring electronic devices such as gaming systems, iPods, cell phones, etc. to school. Staff will not take responsibility should items brought to school become lost, stolen, damaged or traded with another student.

Visitor Policy

– Please note that visitors (anyone who is not a student or staff member) are not permitted to travel through the school during the school day. Students can become easily distracted by someone going by their classroom. This policy is also in place for safety reasons. We **MUST** know who is in our building at all times. This includes when you are picking up your child. The office will contact your child’s classroom and ask them to come to the office. **ALL VISITORS MUST SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE.**

School Messenger – School Messenger is main method of communication. You will receive messages from our principal weekly with updates for the week. You will also receive messages from the district through School Messenger. If you are not receiving messages from School Messenger, please let Sandra know. You should receive either a text, email or sometimes a phone call.

What are student fees used for –

- K-5 School Supplies
- K-12 Supplemental Supplies
- Additional resources such as apps & online programs
- Science Fairs, Heritage Fairs, Drama festivals
- Winter carnival, clubs
- Take home projects

If student fees are not paid, the money for the school supplies, co-curricular, extra-curricular activities must come from the school’s regular budget. This then takes away from money available for general classroom supplies, office supplies, school furniture, specialized Resource and Guidance supplies like wiggle chairs. Art supplies, science supplies, Library books, locks for lockers, special prizes and medals, classroom technology, classroom toys, playground equipment and general upkeep of the school. Please contact school if you need to make special arrangements to pay your child’s student fees. Not paying student fees directly impacts the children as we are not able to offer everything that we usually do because we do not have the funds.

Sports – For updated info on all sports, please check Home and School Facebook page.

C-NCS School Schedule – Classes for all students Kindergarten-grade 12 begin at 8:25 am. All students load buses at 3:10 pm Monday – Thursday. Kindergarten to grade 8 students are done school at 11:55 am every Friday.

High School students are done at 3:10 pm every Friday **EXCEPT** for the fourth Friday of the month when they will be finished at 11:55 am.

Students must not be dropped off at school prior to 8:10 am. Supervision of students does not begin until 8:10 am. Students must be picked up promptly after school (3:10pm) if they are not going home on the bus. If for any reason students must leave school during the school day (with the exception of 9-12 students at lunch), a parent or legal guardian must contact the office to “sign” the student out. You do not need to physically sign the student out, but office **MUST** be made aware of ALL STUDENTS K-12 who are leaving early. If they are not signed out, they will be marked Unexcused.

Student Fees

– Student Fees are due on the first day of school. All families must pay for student fees for their child. If you need to make arrangements to set up a payment plan, please contact the office.

Online payments for student fees are the preferred method of payment. This way, your child does not have to bring money to school and the homeroom teachers do not have to handle and track the cash received. Please go to this website to pay for student fees.

<http://anglophonewest.schoolcashonline.com/> Or you can go to our school website and follow the SchoolCash Online link.

Elementary student fees are \$50 (this includes cost for school supplies)

Middle Level and High School student fees are \$40.

Volunteering

– If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact Sandra at 488-3500 or Sandra.jenkins@nbed.nb.ca and she will send home a package that needs to be completed. Please note that volunteers will need to provide an up to date criminal record check and have all paperwork completed. We are always looking for volunteers who are willing to help our students especially with extra-curricular activities.

Cross Country

– Cross-Country Running will begin on Tuesday September 10th for students in Grades 3-8. Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 4pm. Information about Cross-Country meets will be provided soon. If interested, see Mme. Duchesneau for a permission form.

Attendance – Regular school attendance is a duty of the student as well as an expectation on the part of the parents. Regular attendance supports the learning success of the student and contributes to the learning environment of the school.

The purpose of a student attendance policy is to promote good attendance in order to develop positive lifelong learning patterns. An attendance policy is a tool to keep the students in school rather than to exclude them from the educational process. To that end, emphasis must continue to be placed on the development of a positive learning environment and on regular communication with students and parents in promoting student attendance.

Students who miss school without cause often create difficulties for themselves, other students and school staff. Regular attendance at school is expected and mandatory under Section 14(d) of the Education Act. Individual student attendance will be tracked daily by their teachers in a consistent and organized manner, with the expectation that timely and effective interventions will occur.

Nut Free School – We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL. We have students who have severe allergies to pistachio, cashew, peanut, and tree nuts. Please ensure that you do not send anything to school that contains nuts. Exposure to even tiny amounts of these allergens can cause an allergic reaction and even put these students into anaphylactic shock which can be potentially life threatening. Our goal is to make our school a safe place for all our students.



Students Signing Out or Being Picked Up

If you are picking up your child from school, you can come into the office, or you can call the office once you arrive and your child will be called down. We will then send them out to you. We need to make sure that students are being picked up by an approved adult. If your child is leaving school for any reason (planned or unplanned), please make sure that they sign out with Sandra. Students cannot sign themselves out (even grade 12 students); a parent/caregiver must notify the office that the student is leaving. If students leave without signing out, they will be marked as Unexcused.

Students Arriving Late (after 8:25) – Please make sure that if your child is arriving late that they check in with Sandra at the office, so she can update their attendance. **This is for ALL STUDENTS, Kindergarten to grade 12.**

Buses – During the first week or 2 of school, buses may not be running on time. The drivers are trying to figure out times and new stops. Thank you for your understanding during this time. The drivers work very hard to make sure students arrive to and from school on time.

Students are to be waiting at their bus pick up location at **LEAST 5 MINUTES** before their pickup time. We NEVER want students running for the bus and we also do not want the bus drivers to have to wait as they run on a very tight schedule.

Please note that late/not running buses are announced on the radio, posted on our school website, our Facebook page (if possible) and posted on Anglophone West website. Buses are announced by **NUMBER** not Bus Driver Name. You **MUST** know the bus number of the bus your child travels on. They may sometimes have a spare bus, so that number does not matter, their route is assigned their unique bus number.

FRED – 317

DEAN – 352

JACKIE – 311

RYAN – 361

NORM – 347

School Cancellations - We are ZONE 9 for school closures. Also, please remember that we always need to be able to reach you during the school day, in case of emergency or closure during the school day. Make sure that your contact information is updated on your child's forms.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding bus drivers, buses, or their bus route, please contact Transportation at the Oromocto Education Centre. (506) 357-4113, ask for Transportation.



Sustainable School – Once again this school year our school has the designation of being a “Sustainable School”. We are very excited about this, but it comes with responsibility and commitments to making choices to keep this designation.

We will not be providing Dixie Cups or spoons and forks from the office for the students. We ask that all students bring their own utensils and water bottles with them to school every day.

Just a reminder that we **do NOT** have water fountains, we have water bottle fill stations, so students **NEED** to bring a water bottle with them if they need to have additional drinks during the school day.

Community Co-Ordinator News -

Happy September. We hope everyone had a great summer! We are so excited to be starting another school year, and to welcome our students back! The year starts off with lots of excitement with the **Queens County Fair day, Sept. 12th.**

Wednesday, September 18th will be our Annual Meet the Teacher/Meet the Community Night. Everyone is welcome to attend to meet our staff, enjoy a barbeque, and check out all of the local community groups and what they have to offer. This will be kicking off at 5:30 - and wrapping up at 7:30. We are inviting all local community groups/non profits, service clubs, youth groups and more, to join us. If you are part of a group that is interested in participating, please reach out to Marcy by Sept. 12th at 488-3500 to reserve your spot. We look forward to celebrating our community with you!

We love having family members in to help out in many capacities! If you are interested in volunteering with our breakfast program (1 hour per month), or if you have a special interest or talent to share with students, please contact Marcy at the school.

Our **Terry Fox Run will be held on September 27th** at 10am at C-NCS. If you'd like to participate, come by the school and join our students as they do their run. If you'd like to make a donation to the Terry Fox Run, you can do so at the school, or online at Terry Fox Foundation School Run - Cambridge-Narrows Community School.

Our wonderful C-NCS Home & School Association holds a weekly 50/50 draw, with all proceeds going towards school projects and activities. This is a great way to support our school, and have a chance to win the 50/50 jackpot! If you already have a number for this draw, remember to play your toonie at one of awesome local partners - Nan's Country Store, Slocum's Produce, Mill Cove NH, Runway, Turners One Stop or at the School.

With a new school year, we will be starting off our lunch programs again in a few weeks. Monday and Tuesday lunch programs are tentatively scheduled to start the week of Sept. 23rd. We need your help to keep the Wednesday free lunch program going. You can go to our website and look for the "**Feed a Husky**" icon to make a donation that will help to keep this program going for another year. Our website is cns.nbed.nb.ca You can also find important dates and other school news here.

SCENT FREE BUILDING – Please note that we have a staff member who has SEVERE allergies to scents. It does not take much for her to have an allergic reaction. She cannot breathe, loses her voice, has pains in her chest, an instant headache and is forced to leave the building. An allergic reaction does not pass quickly, it can last several hours to several days.

Please make sure that your child does not come to school wearing any of the following strongly scented products, this also includes you if you are visiting the school:

Perfume, cologne, aftershave, body lotion, hand lotion, strong smelling deodorant, hairspray, shampoo, laundry detergent, fabric softener. Please note that although Essential Oils are often made from natural products, those with severe allergies are allergic to these as well.

If your child has an allergy that the school is not aware of, please contact the school so we are aware and can have measures in place in case of an allergic reaction.

Grad Class – The 2024 Graduating Class will be doing a bottle fundraiser in October. Please start saving your bottles.

We will let you know about what other fundraising activities they will have in the upcoming months. Thank you for supporting our school and students.



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