

Vanier Vipers Newsletter

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School Hours: Students will be admitted to the school at 8:35 am. Please do not drop your child off early as there is no supervision prior to 8:35.

Safe Arrival: Should your child be absent from school you can call 860-4197 and leave a message. Please ensure that your contact information is up to date in case we need to contact you.

Cell Phones / Electronic Devices: Please remind your child that cell phones may only be used during lunch in the cafeteria, outside and upon teacher request. We are not responsible for lost or damaged phones. Parents / guardians are to contact the office should they need a message relayed to their child.



Newsletters: Newsletters will be available on our website. If you require a hard copy please have your child notify the office.

Early Dismissal of students for Appointments: Parents and guardians are expected to come into the school to sign their child out.

No Idling Zone: Please make sure that your vehicle is turned off while waiting to pick up your child as fumes enter the school and disrupt students and staff. This is also a health and safety issue. We thank you in advance for your co-operation



Volunteers: A volunteer includes but is not limited to a coach, a driver, a classroom helper and a trip chaperone. Students will not be permitted to travel to or from a school sanctioned event with a parent (other than their own) unless the parent has a Criminal Records Check, Child Abuse Registry Search and a J-Form on file in the main office. If you have these checks done through another agency, school, or organization, you can request that they send a copy to Georges P. Vanier. Please see the link on our website under volunteers to access the current Child Abuse Registry form. Criminal Records Check can be done through the RCMP office. We appreciate the time, patience and understanding our parents have shown in ensuring our students are safely transported to extracurricular events.

Cold Weather is Approaching: Please make sure that your child is appropriately dressed as they are outside at noon and are exposed to the elements while waiting for the bus.



SAC - We held our first SAC meeting September 19th. We are still looking for a parent representative from Oldfield Consolidated. If interested, please let Mrs. Amaral know. Our next SAC meeting is October 17th and agenda/minutes will be posted on the school website.

Band News

All bands are now up and running at GPV. Thanks to parents for arranging drives for your kids so they can attend early band. These practices make such a difference in how the band performs together. There are a few band instruments being left in the band room over the weekend. It's important that instruments go home so students can practice materials covered during the week. Our Jazz band has an opening for a piano player and bass player. Anyone interested should see Ms. Wilson at lunch.

Year End Spring Band Concert

We are changing the final band concert to Thursday, June 4, 2020 to accommodate the Lockview High concert.

Athletic News:

The girls are moving on to the Mariner Zone Central final on October 9th after winning their semi final versus HT Barrett! The boys' team lost a heartbreaker against Leslie Thomas. After a hard fought regulation game, they ended up losing in penalty kicks! Congratulations to both squads. Thank you to Mr. Crawford who graciously took on head coach responsibilities for both teams this year. His dedication and time with our student-athletes cannot be overstated!

Flag football has been moved to March/April this year. There will be more information regarding teams after the New Year.

The cross-country team had a great showing at the Mariner Meet held on Tuesday of this week. The students were very excited to share their results as they walked through the doors on Wednesday morning. ☺ The girls' team ended up taking home the junior girls banner! Mr. Nugent is looking forward to another strong team effort in Regionals coming up in a few weeks!

Volleyball is next on deck. Grade 7 girls will have a try out on Thursday, October 3 (until 4:30) followed by the Grade 8 girls on Friday, October 4 (until 4:30). Boys will start up the week of October 7 – 11.

A few reminders:

- Follow Mary Veinotte at HRCE @HRCE_PhysEd - coordinator of junior high sports and P-12 Physical Education <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/students/junior-high-sports>
- Please have drives arranged for your son/daughter after school for practices/games. Most practices will end between 4:15 – 4:30. Teachers/Coaches cannot leave until all students have left the school property.
- All students leaving the school before dismissal must be signed out at the office.

Follow Mr. Hanlon on Twitter @VanierSports or follow Pat Healy (@Laker_PatHealey) of the Laker, who is great at re-tweeting any information he receives.

We will do our best through Twitter, e-mail, announcements and whiteboard in the main foyer to update on practice and game schedules. In the junior high world – things can change in an instant!

Basketball tryouts will not start until the beginning of December with the season beginning in January!

2019 - 2020 HRCE JUNIOR HIGH SPORT OFFERINGS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)				
SEPTEMBER OCTOBER	OCTOBER NOVEMBER	DECEMBER JANUARY FEBRUARY	MARCH APRIL	MAY JUNE
HRCE Coordinated HRCE Soccer	NSSAF Coordinated NSSAF X-Country	SPORT NS/HRCE Coordinated HRCE Basketball	Coordinated by Volunteer HRCE Badminton	NSSAF Track & Field
HRCE X-Country	HRCE Volleyball	Floorball Jamboree	HRCE Akerley/Mariner Flag Football	Rookie Rugby Jamboree
Citadel Zone Touch Football	HRCE Basketball	NSSAF Skiing	NSSAF Wrestling	HRCE Softball
		Inter-lacrosse Jamboree	Kinball	HRCE Ultimate Frisbee Tournament
			NSSAF Table Tennis	

What is E-genda, Google Classroom and Power School?

E-Genda is a **virtual homework notebook**. Teachers assign homework using the e-genda. Parents should check this daily and remind their child of homework.

The purpose of **Google Classroom** is to facilitate paperless communication between teachers and students. The site allows teachers to create classrooms (codes are given to each class). Teachers can post **notes, worksheets, homework, and assignments**. They can view work in real-time and work is automatically saved. Parents do not need to check google classroom. If you are connected to a google classroom you may receive emails but these emails are intended for students. In a google classroom teachers can have entire units, chapters or terms posted however, only work that has been assigned in the e-genda needs to be completed.



Power School should be checked weekly. **Power School is where you can access attendance and check assessments**. Anything in blue is a hyperlink. Under "view details", click assessment for any course. This will bring you to a list of assessments for the course. On this page under codes it is important to see if any assessments are missing. If you click the assessment name it will break down the outcomes that were assessed on that assignment and the achievement level. There is a legend to assist you in understanding your child's level of understanding.



What's going on in the Library??

The month of September has been busy introducing your child to their school Library. The students participated in an electronic scavenger hunt using an app called GooseChase (by GooseChase Adventures). The app provides an engaging learning environment and is FREE. Students worked in teams learning about their library, and the **many** resources available to support student success. Ask your child about the visit, and reach out to me if you would like to learn more for yourself. (mdey@hrce.ca)

In October, the Library is partnering with staff to deliver the Student Vote Program created by CIVIX. (<http://civix.ca/resources/>) Students will be setting up and running a Polling Station in the library that will mirror the real experience exactly. Students will be invited to participate and vote, the week of October 14th. This should provide for interesting suppertime conversation!

Also in October, our many Clubs will be starting - Needlecrafts (hand sewing, crochet, knit), LEGO, Book, Girls Who Code and Dungeons & Dragons. And we have 4 authors visiting the library this year, bringing diverse backgrounds and experiences to share with our staff and students. More to follow on this in the next newsletter.

Finally, students and parents are invited to join my Google Classroom to learn about all that is going on, and keep in the know on library communication. My class info...

GPV Library Classroom 2019

Class code: y3f41za

Ms. Dey

Orange Day – On September 30th many students and staff donned orange shirts "In Honour of the Children of Residential Schools" and to show support that "Every Child Matters".



Pink Day – On September 14th many students wore pink to raise awareness about bullying.





School and/or Bus Cancellation Due to Inclement Weather

School safety is the first priority of the Halifax Regional Centre for Education when making school cancellation decisions. Our schools will be kept open except under extreme circumstances to provide the option of attendance for all, but the decision to attend school during inclement weather conditions is the responsibility of each family.

Full Day Closures:

For full day closures of all schools or some schools, the decision will be announced as close to 6 AM as possible. Announcements will be:

- Posted on the HRCE's website (www.hrce.ca)
- Posted on the HRCE's Twitter account ([Twitter.com/HRCE_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS))
- Recorded on the HRCE's School Cancellation Information Line 464-INFO (4636);
- Shared with subscribers to the board's email and text notification system; and
- Communicated to local media outlets.

Early Closures:

If conditions deteriorate throughout the day, the Halifax Regional Centre for Education may close schools early when weather or road conditions are considered to be a threat to the safety of students and staff. Should this occur, principals will be notified by e-mail as close to 11 AM as possible regarding information about an early school closure. If forecasted inclement weather is imminent later in the day, at **6 AM** an announcement could be made to inform parents of an early school closure and / or to inform parents that a decision will be deferred until no later than **11 AM** following further examination of developing conditions.

Communication of an early school closure due to deteriorating weather conditions will be:

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In the event of an early school closure, school buses will be dispatched to schools **two hours** earlier than their normal regularly scheduled pick up for the afternoon dismissal. If the announcement is made at either **6 AM or 11 AM**, **walking students** will be dismissed at the start of the regular lunchtime. Due to changing weather conditions and early closure procedures, some school buses may be delayed.

Cancellation of Bus Runs – Schools Open:

On school days when conditions exist that it is not safe to operate buses there may be a decision to cancel bussing but keep schools open. A decision to cancel some or all bus runs will be announced by **6 AM**. The cancelled buses and impacted schools will be identified in the announcement. Communication of bus run cancellations will be:

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Delayed Opening of Schools:

On school days when conditions exist that it is not safe to open schools at the regularly scheduled time but it is predicted that conditions will improve, a **2 hour** delayed opening may be considered. Delayed openings would be considered when a severe weather event has concluded but snow clearing or other operations require additional time. Delayed openings would also be considered when the physical plant is experiencing an issue (power, water) and additional time is required to prepare the facility for opening. In the event of a delayed opening the following will apply:

- School opening will be delayed 2 hours
- School bus pick up times will be delayed 2 hours
- Excel childcare will be delayed opening by 2 hours
- Each school will alter morning schedules to best address their time tables.
- Lunchtime will not change; however, the cafeteria **will not** be open
- Afternoon class schedules will not change.
- Dismissal time will not change.

Cafeteria: Please remind your child that they are to remain seated while in the cafeteria, refrain from throwing food and to clean up after themselves. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Prepaid cards may be purchased. Please see Cafeteria staff if interested.



OCTOBER CAFETERIA MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept. 30 Fettucine Alfredo with Salad	1 Tacos	2 Loaded Potato Bowls	3 Pierogi Nachos	4 Chicken Burgers
7 Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta with Salad	8 Tacos in a Bag	9 Spaghetti & Meatballs	10 Grilled cheese with Veggies	11 Chicken Strips & Fries
14 No School	15 Chicken Tacos	16 Oven Baked Subs	17 Nachos Supreme	18 Poutine
21 Mac n' cheese with Veggies	22 Tacos in a Bag	23 Sweet & Sour Meatballs with Rice	24 Chicken Burgers	25 No School
28 Fettucine Alfredo with Casear	29 Tacos	30 Sloppy Joes with Veggies	31 BBQ Chicken with Mashed potato & Veggies	Nov. 1 Chicken Strips & Fries

- All daily specials are \$5.00
- Wraps, sandwiches, salads, fruit and yogurt are available on a daily basis. Developing
- 4 varieties of homemade pizza made daily (Cheese, Pepperoni, Garlic, speciality).
- Fresh baked goods on a daily basis (low fat brownies, cinnamon buns, cookies and loaves).
- Pizza Wraps & Sandwiches.....\$3.50 Salads.....\$2.50 - \$3.75
- Baked Goods.....\$0.65 - \$1.50 Juice.....\$1.75
- Milk \$0.40 - \$0.80 Choc. Milk \$1.80 - \$2.80 Water \$1.75

Important Dates for 2019



October 14	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
October 17	School Dance 7-9pm ; SAC meeting 6-7pm
October 23	Grade 7 Immunizations
October 25	Provincial Conference day P-12 (no school)
November 8	Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 11	Remembrance Day observed (no school)
November 21	School dance 7-9pm; SAC meeting 6-7pm
November 22	Assessment & Evaluation Day Elem & Jr. High (no school)
November 27	Report Cards go home
November 28	P.D. am (no school); Parent Teacher meetings 1-3pm & 6-8pm
December 11	Band Holiday Concert 7-8pm
December 12	Snow date for the Holiday Band Concert
December 20	Last day of school for Christmas break
January 6	School re-opens