

Communication for September 2025

We would like to acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaw people. The treaties of Peace and Friendship cover this territory.

Hello Bedford South Families,

Message from Ms. Foster, Principal

We've had a fantastic first week back! Students are settling in quickly and doing a great job following expectations. Our first fire drill was the best yet—calm, focused, and well executed.

Families, a reminder to please use the bus loop if you're picking up your child early, and EXCEL parents should also use the bus loop for drop-off and pick-up.

The new accessible playground instruments have been a huge hit—**thank you to our HSA for fundraising to make this possible!** With 750 students already enrolled (and more joining daily), we're excited for a wonderful year ahead!

Vision Statement

A **vision statement** is a short, big-picture statement that describes what we want our school to be in the future. It paints a picture of the kind of learning environment, community, and opportunities we hope to create for every child. The vision statement is like a compass—it guides our decisions, learning, and priorities. It focuses on where we're going and what we want our students to experience and become as learners and people. It's meant to inspire staff, students, and families, and to remind us of the bigger purpose behind the daily routines of school. Please see attached [vision statement](#) and expectations for Bedford South. Please review this with your children.

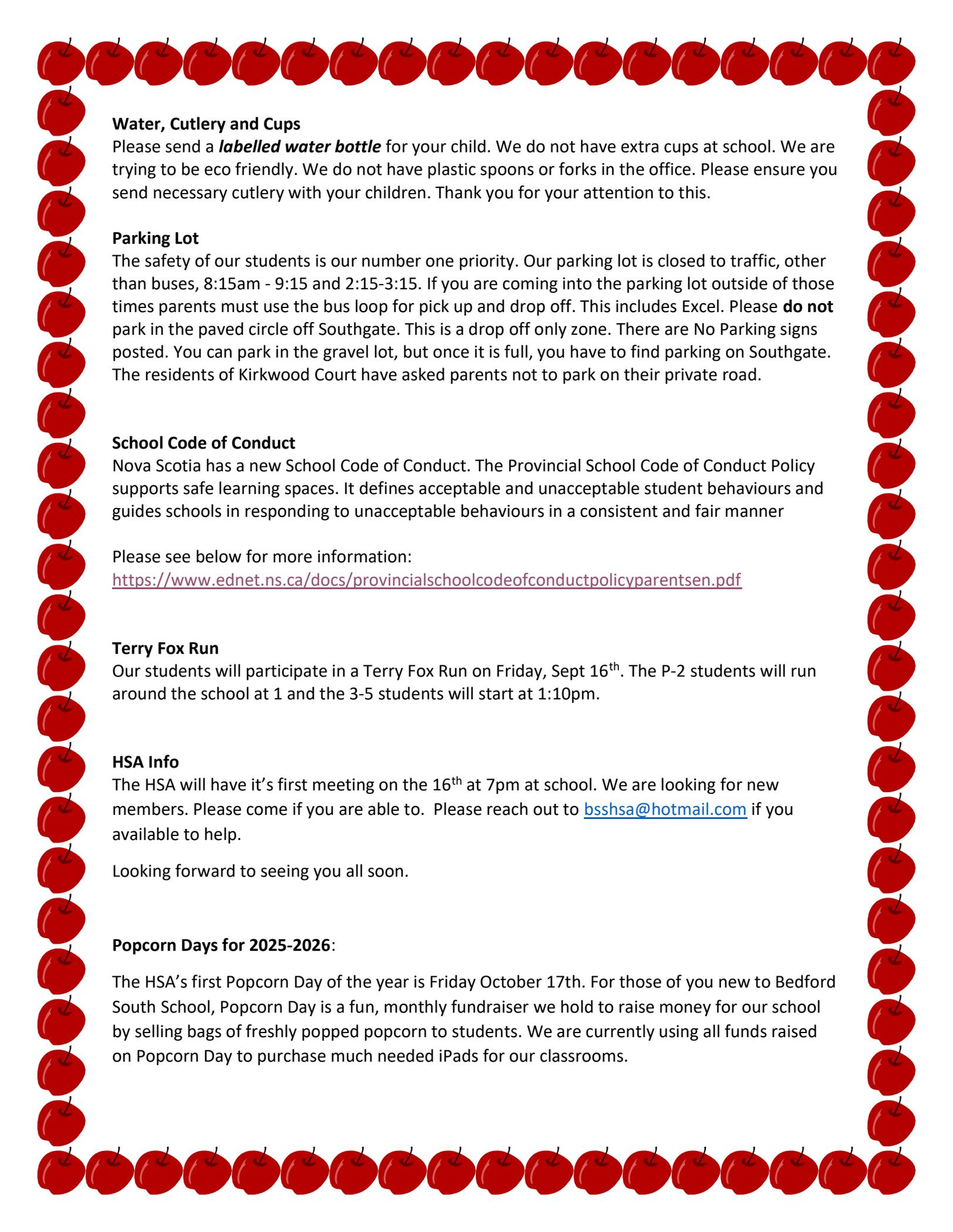
Attendance and Early Pick Ups

Please ensure your children are at school by 8:40am. If they are late everyday, they are missing the same curricular instruction which can accumulate.

We also ask that you do not pick your child up early unless they have an appointment. It interrupts learning when we need to page into classes and ask students to be dismissed.

Clothing

Please send your child in layers! Also, if you **label** clothing, we can get it back to you. Please check out the lost and found racks in the vestibule entrance. We have an ongoing Mabels Labels fundraiser. Mabel's Labels can help you label your child's belongings.



Water, Cutlery and Cups

Please send a **labelled water bottle** for your child. We do not have extra cups at school. We are trying to be eco friendly. We do not have plastic spoons or forks in the office. Please ensure you send necessary cutlery with your children. Thank you for your attention to this.

Parking Lot

The safety of our students is our number one priority. Our parking lot is closed to traffic, other than buses, 8:15am - 9:15 and 2:15-3:15. If you are coming into the parking lot outside of those times parents must use the bus loop for pick up and drop off. This includes Excel. Please **do not** park in the paved circle off Southgate. This is a drop off only zone. There are No Parking signs posted. You can park in the gravel lot, but once it is full, you have to find parking on Southgate. The residents of Kirkwood Court have asked parents not to park on their private road.

School Code of Conduct

Nova Scotia has a new School Code of Conduct. The Provincial School Code of Conduct Policy supports safe learning spaces. It defines acceptable and unacceptable student behaviours and guides schools in responding to unacceptable behaviours in a consistent and fair manner

Please see below for more information:

<https://www.ednet.ns.ca/docs/provincialschoolcodeofconductpolicyparentsen.pdf>

Terry Fox Run

Our students will participate in a Terry Fox Run on Friday, Sept 16th. The P-2 students will run around the school at 1 and the 3-5 students will start at 1:10pm.

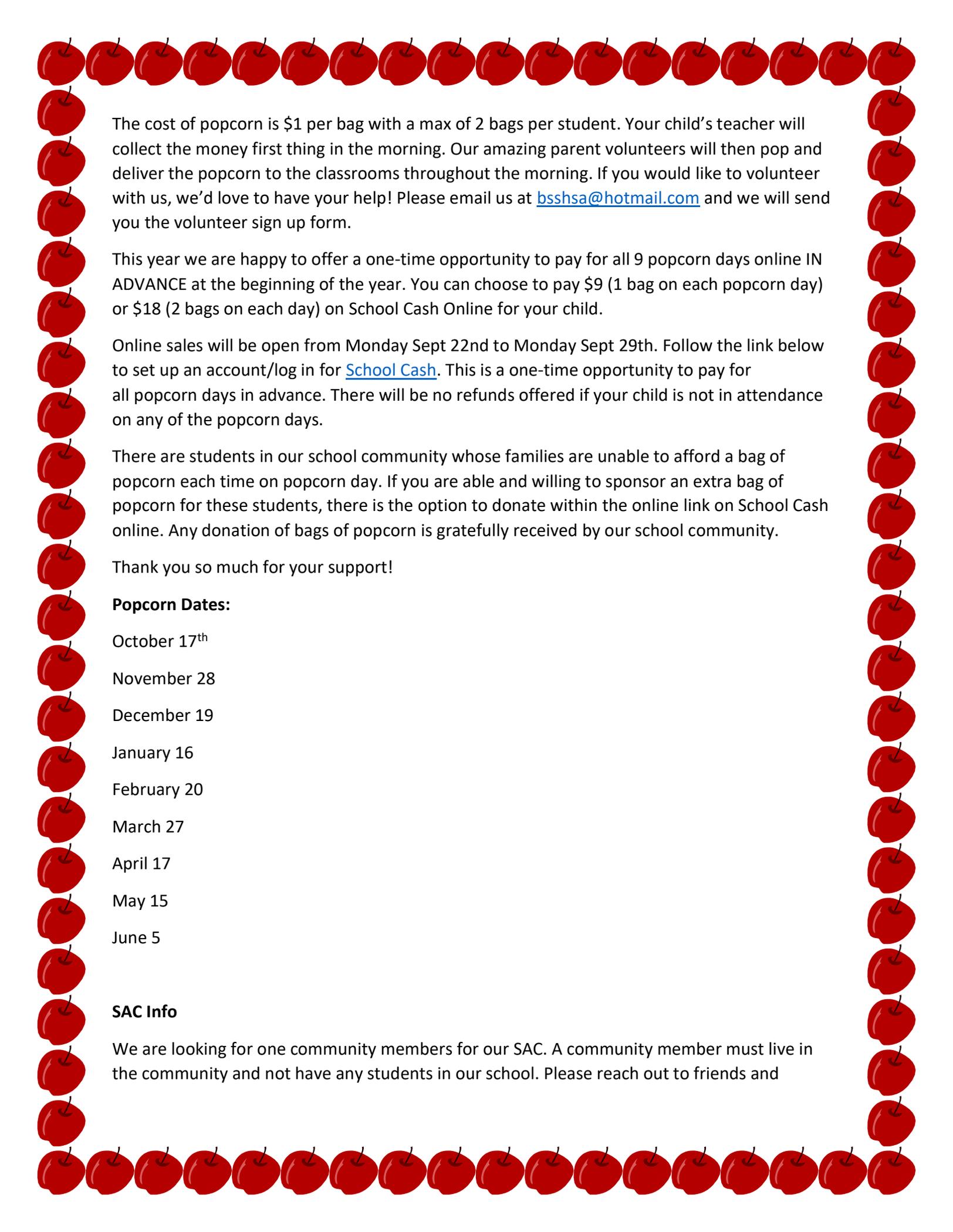
HSA Info

The HSA will have it's first meeting on the 16th at 7pm at school. We are looking for new members. Please come if you are able to. Please reach out to bsshsa@hotmail.com if you available to help.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Popcorn Days for 2025-2026:

The HSA's first Popcorn Day of the year is Friday October 17th. For those of you new to Bedford South School, Popcorn Day is a fun, monthly fundraiser we hold to raise money for our school by selling bags of freshly popped popcorn to students. We are currently using all funds raised on Popcorn Day to purchase much needed iPads for our classrooms.



The cost of popcorn is \$1 per bag with a max of 2 bags per student. Your child's teacher will collect the money first thing in the morning. Our amazing parent volunteers will then pop and deliver the popcorn to the classrooms throughout the morning. If you would like to volunteer with us, we'd love to have your help! Please email us at bsshsa@hotmail.com and we will send you the volunteer sign up form.

This year we are happy to offer a one-time opportunity to pay for all 9 popcorn days online IN ADVANCE at the beginning of the year. You can choose to pay \$9 (1 bag on each popcorn day) or \$18 (2 bags on each day) on School Cash Online for your child.

Online sales will be open from Monday Sept 22nd to Monday Sept 29th. Follow the link below to set up an account/log in for [School Cash](#). This is a one-time opportunity to pay for all popcorn days in advance. There will be no refunds offered if your child is not in attendance on any of the popcorn days.

There are students in our school community whose families are unable to afford a bag of popcorn each time on popcorn day. If you are able and willing to sponsor an extra bag of popcorn for these students, there is the option to donate within the online link on School Cash online. Any donation of bags of popcorn is gratefully received by our school community.

Thank you so much for your support!

Popcorn Dates:

October 17th

November 28

December 19

January 16

February 20

March 27

April 17

May 15

June 5

SAC Info

We are looking for one community members for our SAC. A community member must live in the community and not have any students in our school. Please reach out to friends and

neighbours if you know anyone who might be interested. We are also looking for new parent members of our [SAC \(School Advisory Council\)](#).

Bus Stop Safety

- Be on time for the bus and please don't run to/from the bus.
- Stand back off the road and don't push or shove when waiting at a stop.
- Always cross in front of the bus. Walk three metres (10 feet) in front of the bus to a point where you can see the driver and wait for the driver's signal to cross. Proceed to the centre of the road, STOP, LOOK & LISTEN and cross the road when it is safe.
- Never crawl under a school bus or cross the road behind the bus.
- Know the danger zones around the bus.

School Bus Safety

- Please respect and listen to the driver and avoid distracting them.
- Please keep noise levels to a minimum.
- Do not stand or move seats while the bus is in motion.
- Never put your hands, arms, feet or head out of the bus window.
- Ask the driver for permission before you open the bus windows.
- Do not throw anything inside the bus or out of the windows.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times when the bus is in motion.



What is SchoolsPlus?



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Lunch Program

It's almost time for families in the first phase of the Nova Scotia [School Lunch Program](#) to order lunches. Ordering will begin on Sept 15th. Our school lunches will be made on site in our kitchen.

What you need to know:

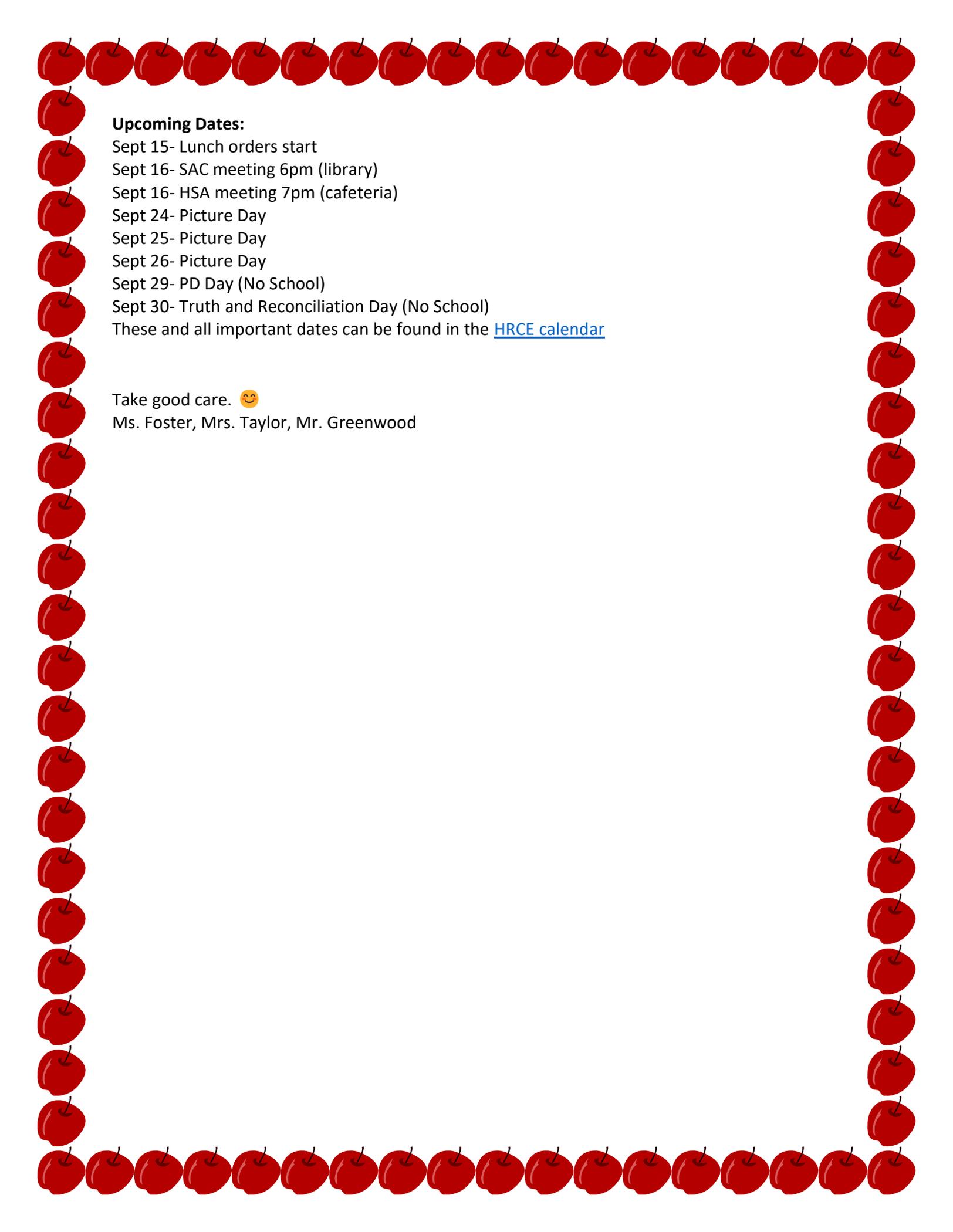
- Ordering will take place online at www.NSLunch.ca.



[Bedford South Elementary — Indigo Love of Reading Foundation](#)

Our school was selected to participate in the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation's annual Adopt a School fundraiser! Every dollar raised in-store at IndigoSpirit Sunnyside Mall and Coles Bridgewater Mall between September 5 - October 5, 2025 will go DIRECTLY to our school to help fill our shelves with new and diverse books. Thank you so much for supporting our school and for helping to inspire ...

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Upcoming Dates:

Sept 15- Lunch orders start

Sept 16- SAC meeting 6pm (library)

Sept 16- HSA meeting 7pm (cafeteria)

Sept 24- Picture Day

Sept 25- Picture Day

Sept 26- Picture Day

Sept 29- PD Day (No School)

Sept 30- Truth and Reconciliation Day (No School)

These and all important dates can be found in the [HRCE calendar](#)

Take good care. 😊

Ms. Foster, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Greenwood