

BEDFORD SOUTH SCHOOL

September 2026 Newsletter

A Great Start to the School Year!

We have had a **great start to the school year** at Bedford South School!

The beginning of the year has been calm, peaceful and positive. It has been wonderful to see our students settling into their classrooms, reconnecting with friends and getting comfortable with their new routines.

A special thank you to our families for helping us get the year off to such a wonderful start. We appreciate your patience, cooperation and support as we work together to make Bedford South a safe, welcoming and positive place for all students.

Thank You to Our Families at Dismissal

A big thank you to our parents and caregivers for **staying back from the front doors at the end of the day** and allowing our students to exit the building safely.

This small step makes a big difference. Keeping the area around the doors clear allows students to leave the building safely and helps dismissal run smoothly.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Southgate Drive Drop-Off Loop

A reminder to families about the **drop-off loop located off Southgate Drive**.

The loop is for **student drop-off and pick-up only**. It is **not a parking area**.

Families may:

- Drop children off in the designated area.
- Pick children up when they are **standing in the designated area and waiting for you**.
- Please do not park or leave your vehicle unattended in the drop-off loop.

If you need to park and enter the school, please use **Southgate Drive or the surrounding streets**, where parking is permitted.

Keeping the loop moving helps us maintain a safe and efficient arrival and dismissal for everyone.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

PowerSchool Opens for Families

PowerSchool opened for families on **Wednesday, September 2 at 3 p.m.**

Through PowerSchool, families will be able to view their child's **teacher(s) and/or class schedule**.

Stand Up Against Bullying Day – September 10

On **Thursday, September 10**, we come together to promote **kindness, inclusion and respect** in our school community.

Every student deserves to feel safe, supported and welcome at school. We invite students and staff to **wear pink, if they are able**, to show that bullying has no place in our schools.

Together, we can help create a school community where **everyone feels they belong**.

Terry Fox Run – September 24

We are excited to participate in our **Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 24!**

Students will run and/or walk around the **school and school field** as we come together to honour Terry Fox and his incredible legacy of courage, determination and hope.

We look forward to having our students participate in this special school community event!

Professional Development Day – September 25

There will be **no classes on Friday, September 25**, as it is a Professional Development Day for staff.

We hope our students enjoy the extra day with their families!

School Picture Days – September 28 & 29

School Picture Days will take place on:

- **Monday, September 28**
- **Tuesday, September 29**

More information regarding picture schedules and ordering will be shared with families.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – September 30

On **Wednesday, September 30**, we honour the children who never returned home from residential schools, as well as the survivors, families and communities who continue to live with their lasting impacts.

This is an important day for learning, reflection and remembering.

There are no classes on Wednesday, September 30.

Orange Shirt Day – October 1

As there are **no classes on September 30**, we will recognize **Orange Shirt Day on Thursday, October 1**.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led movement that reminds us that **Every Child Matters** and encourages us to learn, reflect and support truth and reconciliation.

We invite students and staff to **wear orange on October 1, if they are able**, as we learn and reflect together.

Using BusPlanner

Everything families need to know about student transportation—including **eligibility, stop times and stop locations**—can be found through BusPlanner.

Once registered and subscribed, families can choose to receive **email and/or text notifications** about:

- Bus route changes
- Bus delays

- Bus cancellations

To sign up, visit **hrce.mybusplanner.ca** and select **Parent Portal**. Follow the instructions to create an account.

If you do not have a BusPlanner Parent Portal account or need help logging in, please contact the HRCE Student Transportation Team through the Transportation Inquiry Form.

Nova Scotia School Lunch Program

We are excited about the **2026–27 Nova Scotia School Lunch Program!** Beginning this school year, the program is available in **all public schools across Nova Scotia**.

Lunches begin:

Tuesday, September 8

Important ordering dates

- **Ordering opened:** Friday, August 28
- **Ordering closes:** Wednesday, September 2 at noon

All lunches must be ordered through the online ordering system.

Visit **[NSLunch.ca](https://nslunch.ca)** and select **“Order Now.”** Returning users can sign in using their existing account.

More information, including instructions for creating a diner account, is available through [NSLunch.ca](https://nslunch.ca).

A Huge Thank You to Our HSA!

A huge thank you to our amazing Home and School Association (HSA) for organizing the **Freezies for Freezie Fun Night!**

It was such a wonderful way to bring our school community together. We truly appreciate all the time, energy and care that our HSA volunteers put into making events like this happen.

We appreciate you SOOO much! 💙

Thank you for everything you do to make Bedford South such a special school community!

 SEPTEMBER 2026 CALENDAR

Date Event

Sept. 8 🍎 Nova Scotia School Lunch Program begins

Sept. 10 💖 Stand Up Against Bullying Day – Wear pink if able

Sept. 24 🏃 Terry Fox Run – School and field

Sept. 25 📅 Professional Development Day – **No Classes**

Sept. 28 📷 School Picture Day

Sept. 29 📷 School Picture Day

Sept. 30 ❤️ National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – **No Classes**

Looking Ahead

Date Event

Oct. 1 ❤️ Orange Shirt Day – Wear orange if able

🌻 **A Message from Principal Tracy Foster**

Thank you to our students, families and staff for such a **great start to the school year**. The calm and peaceful beginning has been wonderful to see, and we are excited about all that the year ahead will bring. We are grateful for the partnership of our families and for the many ways you support our school each day.

Thank you for helping us create a school community where our students feel **safe, included, supported and ready to learn**.

Here's to a wonderful **2026–27 school year!**

Warmly,

Tracy Foster

Principal

Bedford South School