



DATES TO REMEMBER:



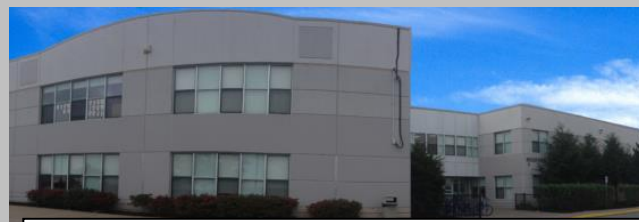
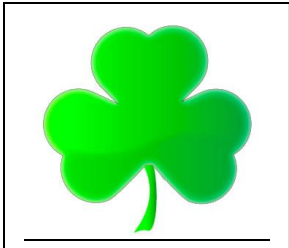
- Mar 06 Ash Wednesday
- Mar 08 Assessment and Evaluation day
No classes
- Mar 10 Daylight Savings Time begins
- Mar 11 Orthodox Lent
- Mar 18 March Break begins
- Mar 22 March Break Ends
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 20 Spring begins
- Mar 20 Naw-Ruz (Iranian New Year)
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TRAFFIC AND PARKING CONCERNS:

Bedford South was built as a walking school and therefore we do not have the ability to handle the amount of traffic coming in and out of our driveway in the mornings and after school. Remember there are a number of convenient walking paths that lead to our school. Why not consider, if you need to drive, parking on one of the side streets close to the school and walking?

A number of "No Parking" and "No Stopping" signs are in place in the area directly in front of the school.

Unfortunately, not everyone is complying with this signage. As a result, our children's safety is compromised and their lives are put in danger. Did you know under the Motor Vehicle Act, the fine for stopping or parking where prohibited is \$58.62 for the first offence? The Halifax Regional Police will be monitoring the area to enforce traffic safety concerns.

If you do use the loop for drop off in the morning we would remind you to have students dressed and ready to leave the car, back pack in hand. You must drop off on the school side of the loop so children do not run between vehicles. If there is available space at the curbside when dropping off, please move forward rather than waiting for your desired spot. Please leave promptly after dropping your child so spaces are left for others to drop off. At no time are cars to enter the school staff parking area. Students walk through the parking area and you are putting their safety at risk.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring student safety!

School Advisory Council (SAC):

SAC Funding

In early December each school in the province with a SAC committee was given funding in the amount of \$5000 per school plus \$1 per student. For Bedford South that means roughly \$5520.00! The committee collected a "wish list" from teachers in the school of items that they would like to have in their classrooms to help with the teaching and learning of their students. Orders are currently being placed and should be in the classrooms and in use in the weeks to come. With any remaining funds the SAC plans to help contribute to the new school playground.

School Traffic and Safety and Walking School Bus

Traffic, congestion and safety issues at the school have been ongoing issues at Bedford South for many years. We are currently investigating the potential for a Walking School Bus program to increase the number of students walking to school, promote an active lifestyle and to reduce some of the traffic congestion. To further support this initiative the committee applied for a Healthy School Communities Grant in February. Based on recently collected data, observations and discussions, the Travel Planning Committee has made recommendations to the SAC which are now under consideration (e.g. expanding signage for school zone, adding cross walks, closing pick up and drop of loops to cars, etc.). The SAC has planned a special March meeting to discuss potential options to better manage student travel and traffic. For more information on the SAC and meeting minutes check out:

<https://bsb.hrce.ca/bsb/parents/school-advisory-councils-sac>



POPCORN!

The Home and School will be selling popcorn to students on March 29th.



BELL TIMES:

8:25 Supervision begins
8:35 First bell
8:45 Classes begin
2:50 Classes end



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St. Patrick's Day History and Traditions

This holiday is celebrated every year on March 17th, honoring the Irish patron saint, St. Patrick. The celebrations are largely Irish culture themed. This day is celebrated by wearing green and remembering St. Patrick, who got rid of those nasty snakes from Ireland. Irish Festivals have become a world favorite and celebrated by everyone. A culture developed in a beautiful island influenced by the Celtic styles and the predominant religion.

African Heritage Month:

This past month was African Heritage Month. Lots has happened, and is happening, here at Bedford South. We did a question a day on African Heritage. Students studied Viola Desmond, African drumming, the expropriation of land in North Preston, Kente art and more...

Did You Know? People of African descent are celebrated for many inventions we use and enjoy today. Those inventions include: air conditioning unit (Frederick M. Jones, 1949); bicycle frame (L. R. Johnson, 1899); baby buggy (W. H. Richardson, 1899); blood plasma bag (Charles Drew, 1945); cellular phone (Henry T. Sampson, 1971); clothes dryer (G. T. Sampson, 1862); curtain rod (S. R. Scrutton, 1889); door knob (O. Dorsey, 1878); dust pan (Lawrence P. Ray, 1897); egg beater (Willie Johnson, 1884); elevator (Alexander Miles, 1867); fire escape ladder (J. W. Winters, 1878); golf tee (T. Grant, 1899); guitar (Robert F. Flemming, Jr., 1886); ironing board (Sarah Boone, 1887); key chain (F. J. Loudin, 1894); lawn mower (L. A. Burr, 1889); peanut butter (George Washington Carver, 1896); refrigerator (J. Standard, 1891); stove (T. A. Carrington, 1876).

NAW-RUZ: March 20th

We wish all our students from Iran and Afganistan a very Happy Naw-ruz. Naw-ruz, the spring "New Year" holiday has been celebrated for at least 2,500 years. Its name means "new day" in Farsi because for ancient Persians it marked the first day of the New Year. Today, Naw-ruz is celebrated each year in March; this date coincides with the spring equinox. Naw-ruz is celebrated widely and colorfully in Iran, Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and the Western provinces of China, as well as by Kurds in Turkey, Syria and Iraq and the Tatars and Bashkirs in Southern Russia. In the last ten years, the Central Asian republics have recognized Naw-ruz as an official holiday. Its celebration is marked by concerts in parks and squares, trade fairs and national horseracing competitions.

LATE STUDENTS:

Do you know what time school starts at BSS? The school bell rings in the morning at 8:35. A reminder to parents that outdoor supervision begins at 8:25. **There is no supervision of students before this time.** Students are late if they arrive after 8:45 when classes begin. However, we are consistently handing out late slips each morning to over 40 students! I am not sure if parents realize that when your child is late they disrupt their own child's learning and the learning of other students. Since attendance has already been taken by 8:45 the secretary has to input each student's attendance manually which also takes time. PLEASE BE ON TIME.

