

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mar 08 International Women's Day
Happy Holi
- Mar 10 Popcorn Day- \$1.
- Mar 12 Daylight Savings Time
- Mar 13 March break begins
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 17 March Break ends
- Mar 20 Happy Nowruz
- Mar 20 Assessment and Evaluation Day
No students
- Mar 20 Spring begins
- Mar 21 World Down Syndrome Day
- Mar 22 First day of Ramadan
- Mar 28 Reports Home
- Mar 30 AM: PD no students
PM: Parent teacher



Dogs on the School Grounds:

We love dogs at BSS but some students are afraid of dogs. If you are walking your pooch to school please keep well back of the doors of the schools and the play areas. If you are walking your dog on the field or pathways please remember to pick up after your four legged friend.

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Happy Holi:

Holi is a popular ancient Hindu festival, also known as the "Festival of Love", the "Festival of Colours" and the "Festival of Spring". The festival celebrates the eternal and divine love of Radha Krishna.

What is Nowruz celebration?



Nowruz is **two-week celebration that marks the beginning of the New Year in Iran's official Solar Hijri calendar.** The celebration includes four public holidays from the first to the fourth day of Farvardin, the first month of the Iranian calendar, usually beginning on March 21.

Saint Patrick's Day:

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 favourite and celebrated by everyone. A culture developed in a beautiful island influenced by the Celtic styles and the predominant religion.

School Advisory Council:

This year each school in the province with an SAC committee was given funding in the amount of \$5000 per school plus \$1 per student. For Bedford South that means roughly \$5600.00!
The SAC asked for a "wish list" from the teachers in the school of items that they would like to have to help with the teaching and learning of their students.
We have purchased:
Classroom games, levelled books for literacy, magnetic letters, Math manipulatives, visual timers, flexible seating, Social Emotional resources for guidance, and more. Thank you!

African Heritage Month:

February was African Heritage Month. The focus this year at Bedford South was, Seas of Struggle. We at Bedford South School recognize and honor the legacy of African Canadians, past and present, during the year but in particular it is a special focus this month. During this time we celebrated the many achievements and contributions of African Canadians, who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous. It is also an opportunity for the majority of Canadians to learn about the experiences of African Canadians in our society and the vital role this community has played throughout our shared history.

During February we celebrated in many different ways:

- School announcements
- Banner and displays around the school
- Classroom activities
- Daily trivia challenge bingo game
- Outside group doing dance and drumming
- "Virtual tour of Africville"
- African Art

Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar, which consists of 12 months and lasts for about 354 days. The word "Ramadan" is derived from an Arabic word for intense heat, scorched ground and shortness of food and drink. It is considered to be the most holy and blessed month. Fighting is not allowed during this period. The month of Ramadan traditionally begins with a new moon sighting, marking the start of the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. Many Muslims (except children, the sick and the elderly) abstain from food, drink, and certain other activities during daylight hours in Ramadan. This is considered as the holiest season in the Islamic year and commemorates the time when the Qu'ran (Islamic holy book) is said to have been revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. This occurred on [Laylat Al-Qadr](#), one of the last 10 nights of the month. Ramadan ends when the first crescent of the new moon is sighted again, marking the new lunar month's start. [Eid-al-Fitr](#) is the Islamic holiday that marks the end of Ramadan, this year Eid is April 21st.

Home and School Association (HSA)

Would you like to know more about the events we run to fundraise for school? Please follow our Facebook group:

Bedford South School Home and School Association Or follow school on Twitter @BedfordSouth. This is the best way to stay up to date on what's happening in and around school. The next HSA meeting is on April 11th at 7pm. All are welcome! We will start to plan our spring fair. Please bring along some ideas for the event.

Registration 2023-24:

For registration during the current 2022-23 school year (Pre-Primary-12) [click here](#) .

2023-24 registration for students new to HRCE

PLEASE NOTE: For new students looking to register in the Charles P. Allen or Broad Street Families of Schools, registration will open on March 20, 2023. [Click here](#) to see which schools are included in the CPA FOS.

[Watch our 2023-24 registration video!](#)

[Watch this video for a detailed walk-through of the online registration process!](#)

Effective February 1, 2023, we will be accepting registrations for school through our new online portal, PowerSchool Enrollment for the 2023-24 school year! Registration starts in February for the following school year to ensure appropriate resources are in place for September. Children born in 2018 are eligible for Pre-primary or Primary and children born in 2019 are eligible for Pre-Primary in September 2023.

New registration is only required if:

New to school: If your child is beginning school for the first time in pre-primary or primary. Please note: Pre-primary children are not required to re-register for primary.

New to HRCE: If your child has never attended school in HRCE, but will be attending a school in HRCE in September.

Back to HRCE: If your child attended a school in HRCE in any prior year, but is currently attending a school that is not in HRCE (for example, currently attending school in another Region, private school, or homeschool), but will be attending a school in HRCE in September.

Please contact your child's **CURRENT** school, if your child is already registered with HRCE, but:

- you are moving and need to register your child for a **different school within HRCE**; OR
- **your address will be changing** but the new address is still within the catchment area for the current school.

What You Need to Begin

1. [Verify your neighbourhood school](#). If the school you want your child to attend is outside of your neighbourhood, you must first register for your home school and then follow the process for [out-of-area requests](#) .

2. Make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (image, pdf or Word document):

Proof of Identity/Age (one of: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers) if you are new to HRCE;

Proof of home address (a recently dated official government or utility document with your current address that includes your name and date, such as water bill, power bill.

Nova Scotia Health Card or Canadian Province Health Card or, for Non-Citizens while in Canada, proof of Medical Insurance Information.

Please note: If your child is a non-resident, immigrant or refugee, further documentation related to your status must also be provided during this process.

Ready to Register?

[Click here](#) to begin the new student registration process. You will need to create an account using a valid email address.