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Dear Students, Parents, and Families:

We apologize for the many messages over the past few days, but we want to answer as many of your questions prior to the start of school as possible. Here are the highlights of Opening Day for students and how the first week will look:

Hand Hygiene

Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available throughout the school including as students enter a classroom. Students are expected to use hand sanitizer often including upon entry to the classroom. We will also have hand sanitizer available to students as they enter the building.

Covid Screening

Please remember to frequently self-screen to ensure your child has no symptoms. Make sure to use the Covid Screening Tool each morning before students leave for school. (attached and on our website)

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/Daily-COVID-checklist-en.pdf>

Please consider these questions each day before leaving home and entering public spaces. If you are feeling sick, you should stay home or go home immediately, and follow the instructions below.

Entry Times / Exit Times

The school will be open each day starting at 8:45 am each day so that arriving students can go directly to their first class. The school will be closed for students each day at 3:45 pm.

Remember - everyone cannot just enter using the Main Entrance. It is important to space out students entering the building.

Morning Arrival

Walkers	Bus Students / Metro Transit	Parent Drop Off
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Back Doors	Cafeteria Doors	Main Entrance
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Departure

Walkers	Bus Students / Metro Transit	Parent Pick Up
Nearest Exit	Nearest Exit	Nearest Exit

Lunchtime

Students will be eating in classrooms (our cafeteria will not be used for lunchtime) and as always will be able to go home for lunch if they live close by and / or leave the school for lunch. We will also be encouraging students to eat their lunch outside weather permitting.

Cafeteria

Our cafeteria will be closed for the beginning of school. We are working with our service provider on how this can and will look following the guidelines from Public Health. Students are encouraged to bring their lunch or plan for purchasing their lunch offsite. Students will be able to be in the cafeteria on their study block each day if they wish to remain at school or if they are a bus student.

Study Block

Students who are on a study block can study in the cafeteria.

Lockers / Supplies / Student Fees

Just a reminder there are no lockers so students are encouraged to bring only their supplies for their scheduled classes that day. We are also not collecting any students fees at the beginning of this year.

Schedules

Students and parents will receive an email tomorrow morning letting them know their first scheduled class for Tuesday. Paper schedules will be given to students during this first scheduled class. Students are also encouraged to check PowerSchool to view their schedule and can contact the main office for help with their login. Our admin assistant can email their login info if they have forgotten ~ MBalzer@hrce.ca

Masks

Students will receive 2 cloth masks during their first scheduled class.

Bus Passes

Students who are eligible for a bus pass will receive them during the first scheduled class.

As always we appreciate your patience, flexibility and understanding . Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns and we will work together with all our stakeholders to resolve them.

Have a great evening

Greg, Marilyn, Glen, and Karen
Halifax West Admin Team