

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Good evening parents and guardians of the LTJH community,  
Here is what we are looking forward to this week at Leslie Thomas!

### **Pizza Lunch**

Pizza will be ordered Wednesday and sold and delivered on Thursday. You can pre order through school cash online, or bring \$5 to your first period class on Wednesday.

### **Lunch Lady Orders**

We will send out information when available on the start date for the Lunch Lady Lunch order system.

### **Sports update**

Soccer tryouts for boys and girls will take place Monday at 3:15 -4:30pm at the LT field.

You must fill out the google form on Mr Hulshof's website if you want to tryout. <https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/lesliethomasphysicaleducation/home>

### **SchoolCash Setup**

SchoolCash Online is an easy-to-use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. You can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more, quickly and conveniently. Simply register an account to be able to pay in several different payment forms. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Student Transit Pass Pilot Program**

Homeroom teachers handed out bus passes to our Grade 7 and 8 students on Thursday and Friday. Earlier this week, the Province of Nova Scotia announced that all HRCE students in Grades 7 to 12 will receive a free Halifax Transit Pass this school year with the expansion of the Student Transit Pass Pilot Program.

[Click here](#) to read the news release.

If a pass is lost or damaged, extra passes will be available through HRCE's Student Transportation team. Families should contact the Student Transportation team at 902-431-4723 or [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) to arrange for pick-up if they require a new pass.

### **SafeArrival by SchoolMessenger**

#### **Reporting Student Absences**

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school each and every day. Families can report future absences using an app, website, or toll-free phone number. If your student is absent and the absence has not been reported in advance, you will receive notifications via email, text, and phone calls from SchoolMessenger.

To report your student absent, you can use any of the following methods:

#### **PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal**

Parents/guardians can log in to <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> to access the link to the SchoolMessenger website to report future absences.

#### **SchoolMessenger App**

Parents/guardians can download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices, create an account and use their email that the school has on record for them as their username

#### **Toll-Free Number**

Parents/guardians can call 1-833-582-6940 to report future absences using an automated system. All three methods are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Absences can be reported at any time before the start of school on the day the student will be absent. Up to five consecutive absences can be recorded at once.

Please visit [Safe Arrival](#) for more information.

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#### **Using BusPlanner**

Everything you need to know about student transportation including eligibility, stop times and stop locations can be found on BusPlanner. Once you register and subscribe, you may also receive email notifications on changes to routes, bus delays or cancellations.

To sign up, go to BusPlanner at [hrce.mybusplanner.ca](http://hrce.mybusplanner.ca) and click on Parent Portal. Follow the instructions to create an account.

Don't have a BusPlanner Parent Portal account? Need help logging in? Please contact the HRCE Student Transportation Team at [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) or call 902-431-4723.

**Upcoming Dates:**

September 12 - Pink Shirt Day

September 17 - Curriculum Night (6-7pm)

September 19 - Picture Day

September 27 - Orange Shirt Day

September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)

All the Best,

LTJH Administration and Staff