



LESLIE THOMAS JUNIOR HIGH

Home of the Lions

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark these important HRCE dates on your calendar!
Visit hrce.ca/calendars to view & download the 2023-24 calendar.

DECEMBER 4	NO CLASSES Professional Learning Day
DECEMBER 21	NO CLASSES First day of holiday break
JANUARY 2	CLASSES RESUME First day of school for 2024

Calendar of Events

December 4 – Professional Learning Day (No Classes)

December 20 – Last Day of Classes before Holiday Break

January 2 – Classes Resume

December Professional Learning Day (No Classes)

There is no school for students on Monday. Staff will be spending the day deepening their understanding of assessment best practices and student well-being.

October Students of the Month

Grade six: Sophia Atchley & Kaelem Omolaja

Grade seven: Mathias Aladejebi & Averie Martin

Grade Eight: Jack Ramsay & Jamillah Ballesteros

Spirit Week (December 11-15)

Each day of the week will have a special theme and staff will be providing a different perk for all our students.

SchoolMessenger app

Did you know you can report your child's absence through the SchoolMessenger app?

SchoolMessenger's SafeArrival is an absence-management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence.

- Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices
- Sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email address) that the school has on record for you
- Click on Attendance

- Follow the prompts

Counselling Tidbit from Julie Zinck - School Counsellor

See the attached PDF

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<https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/jmzinck?usp=sharing>

We're always hiring!

Did you know that HRCE has nearly 12,000 employees serving more than 58,000 students?

Our job postings are updated every Wednesday at noon and feature a wide variety of career opportunities!

As HRCE grows, so does our staff. Add yourself to a world of learning! Check out new opportunities weekly at www.myhrce.ca/jobs.

SchoolsPlus is here to support you

SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities. We can help students with what they need to succeed – from home, to school, and back again! For more information, email schoolsplus@hrce.ca.

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Connect with us!
 Parents, guardians and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus - 12 months a year!

902-464-2041
schoolsplus@hrce.ca
[@HRCESchoolsPlus](https://www.facebook.com/HRCESchoolsPlus)

Resources & support

- Recreation**
Help finding and applying for rec programs or funding.
- Tutoring**
Help understanding and accessing tutoring supports.
- Food supports**
Help accessing food banks and other local food supports.
- Health & wellness**
Help navigating healthcare systems.
- General support**
Help completing paperwork and applications, as well as transportation and accompaniment to appointments.

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Supports for Families

Christmas Support for the Salvation Army closes Dec.6th.

<https://salvationarmy.ca/maritime/home/christmas/hrm/>

<https://beaconhousens.org/>

<https://www.freedomkitchensackville.com/>



[Find food](#)

Find a food bank or meal program. If you are in need of food for yourself or your family we can find the closest location near you.

www.feednovascotia.ca



[Home | Freedom Kitchen | Lower Sackville, NS](#)

Freedom Kitchen & Closet is an outreach program of Knox United Church Lower Sackville. We provide free meals to those in need every Monday night. We also provide free clothing, toiletries, and other essentials for those in need.

www.freedomkitchensackville.com

LTJH School Clothing

School Clothing can be found here: <https://lesliethomasjuniorhighschool.entripyshops.com/>

Entripy is the official online shopping portal for Leslie Thomas Junior High School. You can browse a wide selection of products from a variety of brands that you can then customize with the approved logos and graphics found on the site. Display your pride in fantastic apparel customized entirely by you. Entripy lets students, families, fans, & staff choose from approved merchandise to fit their needs 24/7 with no minimum order quantities.



Homework Hub: Homework Hub continues to be available to all Nova Scotian students from grades 4-12. The Homework Hub provides electronic textbooks, instructional videos, vocabulary review, practice questions, and live tutoring. Tutors at The Homework Hub are all Nova Scotia teachers. Please reassure students that while they interact with the tutor, it is through typing and/or speaking depending on their comfort level (this is not a video chat). Students can find the link on their GNSPES launch page. The EECD has produced web versions of promotional cards that can be shared on your website: NS [Homework Hub 4-6](#) and NS [Homework Hub 7-12](#). These cards are also attached. I encourage you to share these with your families.

The hours of operation for online tutoring via Homework Hub can be found below. We invite teachers to take a few moments to show students where to find it and share its benefits.

- Grades 4-6: Monday-Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm
- Grades 7-12: Sunday-Thursday 5:30-9:30 pm

Lunch Monitors

We are looking for several lunch monitors for the upcoming school year. Lunch will be from 12:10 – 1:10. This is a paid position. If interested, please contact Principal Ferguson at dferguson@hrce.ca.

All applicants will be required to provide a current Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Search.