



LESLIE THOMAS JUNIOR HIGH

Home of the Lions

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Black Excellence Day:

For the **first time ever**, Nova Scotia's public schools will be celebrating **Black Excellence Day** on **June 17, 2022**.

Students and staff in Nova Scotia's public schools as well as supporters are invited to **wear black T-Shirts** to celebrate and stand in unity in support of the **success of Black students**. Black Excellence Day celebrates Black Achievements, Black stories, Black Art, Black innovations, and Black people and their communities.

This is also an opportunity to commemorate the ongoing struggle by Black Canadians for Civil and Human rights and to remember that small actions can make **BIG** differences.

Nova Scotia's Inclusive Education Policy is a commitment to ensuring a high-quality, culturally and linguistically responsive and equitable education to support the well-being and achievement of every student. Black Excellence Day is an opportunity for students to see themselves represented, acknowledged, and celebrated and to grow understandings that create an inclusive education for all students.

Black Excellence T-Shirt Day acknowledges the authentic and diverse intersectionality of the African diaspora as beautiful with many diverse cultures, ethnicities, faiths and lived experiences and the **400-year legacy of people of African ancestry** within the province of Nova Scotia.

Calendar of Events

June 7 – Grade 8 Ice Cream Social at Sackville High 6PM

June 17 – Black Excellence T-Shirt Day

June 15 – Grade 8s visit Sackville High

June 28 – End of Year Awards Ceremony

June 29 – Assessment and Evaluation Day (No Classes)

As such, we welcome school community support in celebrating **Black Excellence Day** in meaningful ways that resonate with individuals. Black Excellence is a day for **every student** to both acknowledge and celebrate Black Excellence!

Grade 8 Ice Cream Social

Sackville High School will be hosting an Ice-cream Social and Parent Information evening on June 7th, at 6:00 PM in the school's cafeteria. Parents, guardians, and grade 8 students are all welcome. Come and enjoy a refreshing treat and learn about life as a SHS Kingfisher.

Grade 8 students from Leslie Thomas will also have the opportunity to visit Sackville High for an orientation during the day on June 15th. More information will follow about this transitional event.

Halifax Regional Arts East – Music

Did you know that students in grades 4 to 12 have some fantastic opportunities to participate in music programs with Halifax Regional Arts Music East? All programs are taught by our talented HRCE music staff. And it is all free!

Band

Are you in your school band, and looking for more opportunities to play? With eight different ensembles to choose from, please browse our website to find the one that might interest you. All bands are non-auditioned, and there is something for everyone! [Learn more about our band program here.](#)

Choir

Choirs are offered for students from grade 4 to grade 12 at a variety of locations. All choirs are auditioned choirs. For details on the times, locations, grade levels check out our list of on the choral section of our [website here](#). For audition details, please [click here](#).

Strings

Our string program begins for students in grade 4 and students can choose to continue in string lessons and ensembles right up through grade 12. A reminder to all returning string students (violin, viola, cello, and bass) to register for your return to the program. [Learn more about our strings program here](#)

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW! [PLEASE CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)

Interested in seeing some of our music students in action? Click the links below to see and hear the sounds of students in our HRA programming!

[A behind the scenes look at our Jazz Choir](#)

[Enjoy the sounds of our band students in HRA East](#)

LTJH End of Year Awards Ceremony

The end of year awards ceremony will take place for students the morning of June 28. If a student is receiving a major award, families will be contacted and invited to the ceremony.

Looking For Host Families:

HRCE is looking for Host Families for the 2022-2023 school year. Could this be you?

If you're looking for a new adventure, we're looking for you! This fall, HRCE will welcome students from 36 different countries who come to study and learn English. In the Nova Scotia International Student Program, students are immersed in an English-speaking environment at the homestay and also at the school level. They're keen to share their culture as well. All students are supported by a Homestay Coordinator who lives in the school catchment area and provides full-time support. We plan several activities throughout the year which host families are often encouraged to attend as well. Host families receive a tax-free monthly stipend of \$725.00 / month per student.

Would you consider being a host family? Know someone who would? Please contact hostastudent@hrce.ca

Upcoming Events

Additional events happening include:

MADD Canada – Weed Out the Risk presentation for our Grade 7s and 8s.

During a Physical Education Classes, Perform NS will be putting on an African Dance Workshop.

Nova Scotia Homework Hub:

The [Nova Scotia Homework Hub](#) will is now open for tutoring. **Grade 7-12 students** will have access to tutoring every week, on school nights (Sunday to Thursday), from 5:30pm to 9:30pm. **Grade 4-6 students** will have access to tutoring every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Homework Hub also provides students with video tutorials, practice exercises, vocabulary flash cards, digital math textbooks and an online graphing calculator.

Students and teachers are automatically enrolled in the NS Homework Hub. Tutors are Nova Scotia qualified mathematics teachers, and this is a free service.