



LESLIE THOMAS JUNIOR HIGH

Home of the Lions

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[Weather Network – Leslie Thomas Junior High](#)

Provincial survey and Townhall

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has launched a public engagement on strengthening local voice in our education system. This is a great opportunity to enhance our connection with communities and ensure we are putting students in the best position to be successful. The survey and virtual townhall (ThoughtExchange) can be found at: <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/consultations>

SPIRIT WEEK

- Monday: Winter PJ Day with Hot Chocolate and Candy Canes
- Tuesday: Holiday Headwear with popcorn and assemblies
- Wednesday: Dress like a candy cane with hot dogs, cookies, and juice
- Thursday: Wear an Ugly Sweater or Red/Green
- Friday: School Colours and School wide Kahoot!

We're Looking for Host Families!

HRCE welcomes students from all over the world who would like to attend schools in our region, and we're looking for warm and caring families to provide them with a home away from home! Host families are matched with a student who will attend their neighbourhood school. The next group of students will arrive in **February 2023** for the remainder of this school year, and another group will join us again in **September 2023**. Click [here](#) for more information.

Calendar of Events

December 13 – Evening Band Concert. Dec 15 (Storm Date)

December 20 – Last Day of Classes

January 3 – School Re-opens

The Den – HRCE recreation

We have a maximum capacity of 30 youth at one time and it is understood it is on a first come first serve basis. For those who may be unfamiliar with The Den, we are located at 636 Sackville drive in the Lower Level of the Sackville Library. We operate afterschool Monday-Wednesday 3:30pm-8:00pm for youth ages 13-18.

Monday December 12th @ 4:30pm we will be decorating gingerbread people.

Tuesday December 13th @ 5pm we will be watching Polar express with popcorn, snacks, and warm drinks.

Wednesday December 14th @ 4pm A billiards tournament

Monday December 19th Holiday card and appreciation letter making All Day

Tuesday December 20th, Holiday Party All Day

If you should know anyone interested in attending who may have dietary restrictions, please let me know in advance.

[Sackville | Youth Program | The Den Youth Centre | Halifax](#)

Winter is Coming: Guidelines for Inclement Weather

Making the decision to alter the regular operations of school and/or school buses due to inclement weather is never an easy task. To learn more about how the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) makes this call, visit www.hrce.ca/weather.

When is the decision made?

HRCE's goal is to make the decision as close to 6 a.m. as possible.

A 6 a.m. announcement could be:

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and all bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all buses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If the weather deteriorates through the school day, the HRCE can decide to dismiss early. In the event of an early dismissal, the decision will be communicated as close to 11 a.m. as possible.

An 11 a.m. dismissal means:

- Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly-scheduled lunch hour.

Please Note: students in Grades Primary to 6 will not be released from school until parents/guardians or designates have been notified by the school.

How will families be notified?

- Families will receive an email and text message (*opt-in is required: text Y to 978338*)*
- Check our website at www.hrce.ca
- Follow us on Twitter at [@HRCE_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)
- Call the HRCE information line at 902-464-INFO (4636)
- All local radio stations are informed

[Click here](#) for a printable PDF of our guidelines.

**If you know someone who is NOT a parent/guardian who would like to receive an email and/or text message, let them know they can sign up here: www.hrce.ca/notifications*

BusPlanner Text Messaging

Does your child ride the bus? We are excited to introduce text messaging through BusPlanner!

To ensure compliance with Canadian Anti-Spam laws, you must opt-in to receive information by text message. You can opt-in by logging into [BusPlanner Parent Portal](#).

By opting in, you will receive texts from BusPlanner, including late notifications, general notices, and bus cancellations due to inclement weather.

Click [here](#) for directions on how to opt-in.

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

LTJH – Math Extra Help at Lunch

Our 7 & 8 Math teachers believe it is important to provide multiple opportunities a week to support our students with extra Math support. Students requiring or wanting extra help can attend any of the following lunchtime sessions regardless of who is their Math teacher.

Monday – Madame MacIlreith

Tuesday – Mr. Deveau

Wednesday – Madame MacIlreith

Thursday – Mr. Denny

Nova Scotia Homework Hub:

The [Nova Scotia Homework Hub](#) 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.