



LESLIE THOMAS JUNIOR HIGH

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Ice Safety

Yesterday and today at lunch, several individuals have been seen on lakes with open water. The RCMP were contacted each day out of concern that it may have been our students on the lake. We are making announcements about the danger of thin ice and are asking families to have these conversations with their children.

Here is a repeat of the information sent home in January's newsletter.

At this time, it is not safe to be on frozen lakes or ponds, as there is noticeable thin ice and open water in many lakes across the region. Each year, the municipality provides weekly reports on ice thickness testing undertaken on more than 70 lakes throughout the region.

The [Canadian Red Cross](#) recommends that ice be at least 15 centimeters thick for individual skating, and at least 20 centimeters thick for group skating. Extreme caution is advised in areas where streams flow into and out of lakes. It is also important to note that ice conditions may vary over the entire surface of lakes and are subject to change with weather conditions.

The HRM ice testing program has not yet begun (<https://www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/parks-trails-gardens/ice-thickness>).