



# LESLIE THOMAS JUNIOR HIGH

Home of the Lions

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## Calendar of Events

May 11 – School Dance

May 15 – Immunizations

May 15 – Black Excellence Day – Wear Black T-Shirt.

May 22 – Victoria Day (No Classes)

### School Dance:

We will be having our final school dance on Thursday May 11 from 6:30 – 8:00 for our LT students. Doors will open at 6:30. A DJ with a light and sound system will be hosting the dance.

We are hoping for all families / students will take advantage of the advance purchase option and limit the 'pay at the door' option. [SchoolCash Online](#)

Dance expectations:

- This is a school function, and all school rules will be followed.
- Students must be in attendance the day of the dance to attend the dance
- A canteen with snacks and drinks will be open for cash purchases. All food and drink will be consumed in the cafeteria.
- All outerwear, backpacks, and cell phones will be checked at the beginning of the dance and will be kept in a secure location.
- Once a student has arrived for the dance, they are expected to remain until 8:00.
- Accessible areas will be the main floor cafeteria, gymnasium, and main floor washrooms. All other areas and lockers will not be available.

The cost is \$8.

### 2022–2023 Nova Scotia Assessment: Reading, Writing Mathematics Grade 8 (RWM8)

A information brochure was sent home earlier this week. The assessment will be administered on four mornings between May 23 and June 2. LTJH specific dates are below:

May 23 and 26 – Language Assessment  
May 30 and 31 – Mathematics Assessment

If students miss an assessment, there are makeup dates.

## Grade 7 Immunizations

Public Health will be providing immunizations to Grade 7 students to prevent:

- Meningitis
- *Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (whooping cough)*
- Hepatitis B
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV-9)

## Did you know? Introducing TILT!

Did you know that our Technology Integration Leadership Team (TILT) works with teachers and students in Grades P-12 to support technology integration within the curriculum?

Did you know that all schools have access to different technologies used to increase student engagement and achievement, such as coding robots, 3D printers, podcasting equipment, and more?

Whether it be helping students write their own digital books, film a stop motion video, code their own virtual reality environment, or build a circuit-based interactive poster, the TILT team provides support for teachers to help students find alternative ways to demonstrating their knowledge and skills. So far this year, the TILT team has visited more than 400 classrooms!

Curious to see more of what the TILT team has been up to? Check them out on Twitter at [@TILTHRCE](#) (no account needed to view).

## HRCE is growing!

Almost 58,000 students are currently enrolled in the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE)! In the last five years, enrolment has increased by 7,733. In fact, since September 30, 2022, we've welcomed more than 1,000 additional students! As our region's population expands (Nova Scotia's population reached one million last year), new families register within our system on an ongoing basis. This is an exciting time for our province, our city and for HRCE!

With this growth comes a lot of important changes for our region. Please visit the [HRCE website](#) for the latest updates!

## 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 MacIreith

Tuesday – Mr. Deveau

Wednesday – Madame MacIreith

Thursday – Mr. Denny

## Homework Hub: Finish the year off strong!

Did you know your student has access to Homework Hub? Finish the year off strong with the help of experienced tutors!

- **GNSPES Access:** Easy access to online resources and tutoring through your GNSPES account (gnspes.ca) by clicking on the Nova Scotia Homework Hub icon.
- **24/7 Access:** Anytime access to video tutorials, practice questions and vocabulary review.
- **Bilingual tutors available for students in:**
  - Grade 7-12 on school nights 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
  - Grade 4-5 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

[Watch this video](#) to learn more about Homework Hub!