



LESLIE THOMAS JUNIOR HIGH

Home of the Lions

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June 2023

SHS Grade 9 Orientation

Details:

Wednesday, June 7th, 2023- 6:30-7:30pm

6:30-6:50ish - Students and parents meet in SHS gym.
- Welcome and Introductions

6:50- 7ish- Student Council divide students into groups

7-7:30- Tour of SHS by Student Council students, Pick up Ice cream sandwich in the main foyer. 😊

Student support

Kids Help Phone understands how fear and uncertainty can fuel anxiety and other feelings. They are available to support the young people in our community through this challenging time – and beyond. Please know Kids Help Phone is available 24/7, will never judge and always be confidential.

Kids Help Phone is here 24/7 for young people and adults across the province who are experiencing the impacts of wildfires. For e-mental health support, text 686868 (young people), text 741741 (all ages), call 1-800-668-6868 or visit kidshelpphone.ca. There is no issue too big or feeling too small.

For a guide for caregivers on how to talk to children and youth about an emergency or traumatic event from the IWK, [click here](#).

SchoolsPlus supports for summer

Did you know? SchoolsPlus operates 12 months of the year! SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available to every school in Nova Scotia. Families and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus by contacting the SchoolsPlus facilitator for your school Lydia Ritcey <<mailto:Lydia.Ritcey@hrce.ca>>. Learn more [here](#).

Calendar of Events

June 7 – SHS Grade 9 Orientation (6:30 – 7:30)

June 15 – Band Concert 6:30 pm

June 23 – AM - Grade 8 End of Year celebration

June 29 Assessment and Evaluation Day (No Classes)

June 30 Last Day of School

Grade 8 End of Year Celebration:

On June 23rd, the LT staff will be celebrating with our Grade 8s as they approach the end of their time at LTJH. All students will be invited to a morning of bowling followed by lunch and a celebratory cake.

Cantatrice Ensemble Honour Choir

Do you love to sing, and meet others who also love to sing? Join the Cantatrice Ensemble Honour Choir, a program of HRCE's 'Halifax Regional Arts'! Auditions for new members will be held on June 5 at Georges P. Vanier School, June 12 at Madeline Symonds Middle School and June 19 at Cavalier Drive School, starting at 6:30 pm each evening. The audition piece will be "O Canada". Applicants must be in Grade 7-12 as of September 2023 and membership is FREE. This choir songs repertoire for treble voices (soprano, second soprano, alto). Interested singers may book an audition time slot by contacting director Karen Newhook-MacDonald directly at KNewhook-MacDonald@hrce.ca, or you can book an audition using the following direct link: <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/4u5yv> Come and sing with us!

Lunch Monitors for Next Year

We are looking for several lunch monitors for the next school year. Lunch will be from 12:10 – 1:10. 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.

2023-24 bus information

Student transportation information for the 2023-24 school year will be available to view online through the BusPlanner Parent Portal later in July.

- Families eligible for transportation will receive an email to access the Parent Portal to view their child's bus information once it is available.
- Once you receive the email, you must follow the instructions to activate your *new* Parent Portal account and create a password. Using previous Parent Portal login information will not work.
- If you can't find the email, please contact 902-431-4723 or transportation@hrce.ca for assistance.

Over the summer, the HRCE Student Transportation Team will also reach out to new HRCE families and those families who may require special needs transportation for their children with more information about busing.

April Students of the Month

Grade 6: Isaac MacLaughlin, Olivia Cooper

Grade 7: Ewan Baxter; Jamillah Bellesteros

Grade 8: MacKenzie Rossong; Brianna Nickerson

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

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!