

Upcoming Events:

November

November 3 – School Photo Retakes

November 11 – Remembrance Day (no school)

November 20 - SAC & PTO

November 20 – PTO Bingo Night (6-7pm)

November 21 – Assessment & Evaluation Day (no classes)

Other Notable Dates:

- November 8 Indigenous
 Veterans Day
- November 13-19 is
 Transgender Awareness Week
- December 4 Professional Learning Day & Progress Conferences (no classes)
- December 11 Community
 Potluck (6-7pm)
- December 19 Last Day Before Holiday Break

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A Message from the Principal

Autumn is in full swing, and October was a great month at Inglis Street! Teachers continued teaching our School-Wide Expectations Matrix, focusing on *Safe Travel in the Hallways*. Students who modeled this were celebrated at tomorrow's school-wide assembly.

Next, we'll focus on *Expected Behaviours in the Lunch Room*. Teachers will review expectations in class, with reminders shared on morning announcements and student recognitions at our November assembly.

We're also continuing to build strong readers at Inglis. Please make nightly reading part of your routine and ask your child what they're reading, their goal as a reader, and what they're learning in Readers' Workshop. These conversations go a long way!

Teachers are preparing for Term 1 Report Cards and Progress Conferences, and we look forward to sharing your child's progress next month.

Thank you for your continued support as we move into another great month of learning and community at Inglis Street!

Gabe Rose

Principal

Note from our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)

Thank You for a Spooktacular Halloween Party!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our 2025 Halloween Party — it was a great success! Thanks to your support, we raised **over \$2000** towards school initiatives. We especially want to thank all of the volunteers - parents, guardians, and school staff - who lent their time to make this event come to life at Inglis.

Next Up: PTO Bingo Night!

Join us on **Wednesday, November 20th from 6–7 PM** in the school gym for a fun-filled Bingo Night.

Admission, bingo booklets, and canteen items will be available through our ticket system:

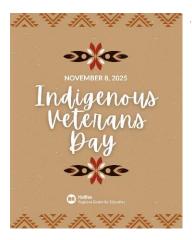
- Admission 2 tickets
- Snack items 1 ticket
- 10-page Bingo booklet 3 tickets



Tickets are **\$1 each**. Advance tickets can be purchased from 2-4pm on November 20th outside of the front entry doors.

More information will be coming home next week regarding class prize donations and volunteers needed for this event.

Finally, our next PTO meeting will be **Tuesday, November 19th from 6–7 PM** at Inglis Street School. All are welcome - we hope to see you there!



November 8 is Indigenous Veterans Day

Indigenous Veterans Day is an important occasion to honour the sacrifices and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces. Recognizing this day in schools is especially significant, as it provides students with the opportunity to learn about the often-overlooked histories and experiences of Indigenous veterans. By commemorating Indigenous Veterans Day in our schools, we ensure that younger generations understand the vital role Indigenous peoples have played in defending Canada, while also promoting respect, reconciliation, and a more inclusive understanding of Canadian history. This recognition helps strengthen empathy, respect for diversity and a greater appreciation for the many ways in which Indigenous peoples have

November 11 is Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day holds an important place in our schools as it provides a meaningful opportunity for our students to learn about the sacrifices made by veterans and all those who have served in times of conflict. Through ceremonies, discussions and creative projects, we demonstrate respect and gratitude for the freedoms Canadians enjoy. Observing Remembrance Day also helps students connect with Canada's history and reinforces the values of peace, tolerance and community responsibility.

Learning more about the Student Attendance and Engagement Policy

Did you know? <u>The Student Attendance and Engagement Policy</u> guides our approach to attendance and is in place to support all students.

The policy states that regular, punctual attendance supports academic success, responsibility, and preparation for the future.

Ensuring regular attendance is a joint effort between students, families and schools. As a parent/guardian, you play an important role by monitoring attendance, communicating with the school when your child is absent, and supporting your child's regular attendance.



What Should You Know?

Communication about absences

- Schools will monitor attendance and lateness.
- o All absences must be communicated to the school, following the school's procedure.
- If absenteeism or lateness reaches 10% of class time, the school will begin to engage more actively with the student and family.
- If it goes beyond 15%, more targeted supports may be used (counselling, referrals, community supports).

High school credit requirement

- o For Grades 10–12, students must attend at least 80% of class time to earn the credit.
- If more than 20% of class time is missed, and efforts to improve attendance haven't succeeded, the teacher may recommend "loss of credit." The principal makes the final decision.

What Can You Do?

- Monitor and encourage punctual, consistent attendance
- Maintain open communication with the school when absences or challenges arise
- Work with school staff to understand supports or accommodations for your child
- Be aware of the thresholds (10%, 15%) and possible consequences (intervention, loss of credit in high school)
- Remember: the policy allows flexibility. If your child has a legitimate reason for missing school (health, family issue, etc.), schools are encouraged to take a supportive approach.

Hungry for something fun? Check out the Nova Scotia School Lunch Cookbook!



Hungry for something fun? Get cooking with the new cookbook **What's for Lunch? Nova Scotia Recipes to Cook and Enjoy Together**, a joyful collection of most-loved recipes from school food programs.

Proceeds from the sale of this book go directly to supporting school healthy eating programs in Nova Scotia, such as breakfast and snack, cooking clubs and school gardens. Learn more and order yours here.

Whether you're a new cook, a young chef, or a family learning together in the kitchen, What's for Lunch? invites you to bake up a handmade pizza, create a picnic plate, make a big batch of breakfast sandwiches, or stir up some butter chicken! Each easy-to-follow recipe comes with tasty ideas for toppings, sides, and simple swaps to make it just right for you and your family.

Within its pages, you will meet some of the inspiring folks behind Nova Scotia's made-from-scratch school lunches, explore where local food ingredients come from, and discover bite-sized fun facts to spark curiosity. Colourful illustrations by students at Oxford School in Halifax and beloved local illustrator Emma FitzGerald bring it all to life!

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