



### Upcoming Events:

#### December

**January 5** – Welcome back!

**January 21** – SAC (5pm) & PTO (6pm)

#### Other Notable Dates:

- **February** is Registration Month
- **February 5** – PTO Community Potluck (6-7pm)
- **February 16** – Heritage Day (no classes)
- **February 18** – SAC (5pm) & SAC (6pm)

## INGLIS STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### A Message from the Principal

Funky socks, wacky hair, and school colours everywhere - what a way to end the first part of the school year!

Lots of school spirit filled the hallways of Inglis Street as we wrapped up 2025. Last week's celebrations perfectly reflect the energy and creativity your children bring to our school every day.

Teachers have used the past month to set strong routines and expectations for Term 2. Our school-wide behaviour focus in January will be on our playground norms. We'll use this month to teach safe and respectful ways to play and interact with others outside.

Just around the corner is our Community Potluck! We encourage parents and families to join our PTO meeting on January 21 to help make this exciting event a success. More details will be shared in the first few weeks of January.

At this point in the year, I want to take a moment to express my appreciation for all the ways you've contributed to a fantastic first half of the 2025-26 school year. A new year brings new opportunities, and we look forward to continuing to support your child in being the best learner and school citizen they can be.

We'll see you in the new year!

**Gabe Rose**  
Principal

## School Arrival Time

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A reminder that **instruction begins at 8:50**. Many classes start the day with important morning meetings and mini-lessons that set students up for a successful day of learning. Children arriving on time each day is very important. We appreciate your support with this.

## Note from Schoolsplus

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As the colder months approach, we understand that some families may face challenges accessing warm clothing and winter gear for their children. If this is a concern for your household, please reach out to our SchoolsPlus Community Outreach Worker, **Rachel Field**, at [rachel.field@hrce.ca](mailto:rachel.field@hrce.ca) or **(902) 266-9845**. All inquiries are confidential.

SchoolsPlus can also assist with a variety of other supports, including access to recreation programs for children and teens, holiday supports, and resources for food insecurity.

## Breakfast Bins

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Note to all families that the school breakfast program will be up and running the week of students returning, but some items will be limited.

## Planning for Inclement Weather

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Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses 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 weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- Bussed 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.

### How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**
- [On the HRCE website](#)
- [On Instagram](#)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. Please remember: As a parent or guardian you always have the choice of whether or not to send your child to school.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit [hrce.ca/families/cancellations](https://hrce.ca/families/cancellations).

## Power Outage Information for Families

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As we move into the winter months, we want to share how decisions are made when a school experiences a power outage.

Our priority is always to keep schools open safely when possible. A power outage does **not** automatically mean classes are cancelled – even if it happens during the school day. The decision depends on when power is expected to be restored.

### Here's what happens:

- When a school loses power, HRCE's Operations Team contacts Nova Scotia Power to gather available details on the cause and an estimated restoration time.
- Once we have this information, we consider:
- **Before school starts:** Have buses begun their routes? If so, we wait until students arrive before making a decision. If classes are cancelled, elementary families will be contacted before dismissal.
- **During the school day:** How close is dismissal? What is the temperature in the building? Does the school rely on power for water or septic systems? These factors, among others, help us decide whether to stay open or close. Often, power returns faster than we could safely send students home.

### If classes are cancelled:

- HRCE will notify families by email and text.
- Families of elementary students will also receive a phone call before dismissal.

Deciding to close schools during a power outage is never simple, but safety is always our top priority. We understand that cancellations can be inconvenient, and our goal is to keep students learning in class whenever possible.

More information about school cancellations for any reason can be found [here](#).

