

# September News



Dear Families,

On behalf of the entire BLT Senior staff, welcome to a new school year! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the year ahead as much as we are.

A new school year brings new opportunities to learn, grow, and connect. We are committed to creating a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment where every student can feel valued and reach their full potential.

We look forward to working together with our students and families to make this a positive and successful year for everyone at BLT Senior.

## Morning Arrival Procedure

The safety of our students is our highest priority. The bus loop will remain closed to all non-designated vehicles for morning arrival. With our growing student population and students arriving from both buildings, this measure is essential to maintain a safe and orderly arrival and dismissal for everyone.

To help keep arrival running smoothly, we ask that you:

- Park only in designated areas on neighborhood streets.
- Avoid stopping or parking in front of the school driveway, as this can block or delay buses and designated vehicles.
- We hope to once again have the support from our RCMP partners to keep everyone safe and traffic flowing for the first little bit. We are asking everyone to pay close attention to all posted signage and ensure you are parking/stopping in designated areas.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep our students safe. Your support ensures arrival remain safe and efficient for all.

## Pink Day: September 10th

Students are invited to wear pink on Friday September 11th to acknowledge Stand Up Against Bullying Day.

This day supports the importance of building healthy, safe and positive environments. The inspiration for the day came from the actions of Central Kings Rural High School Grade 12 students Travis Price and David Shepherd who rallied



**September 10**

Pink Shirt Day

**September 7--11**

Fire Drill

**September 14-18**

Lockdown Drill

**September 21-25**

Hold and Secure Drill

**September 25**

Professional Development

**September 29<sup>th</sup>**

Orange Shirt Day

**September 30**

Truth and Reconciliation Day

behind a new student to the school who was being bullied simply for wearing pink.

### School Bell Schedule

- 8:15 AM: Students outside (teachers on duty)
- 8:25 AM: Entry bell for students
- 8:35 AM: Morning Announcements and Attendance
- 10:05 - 10:20 AM: Recess
- 12:05-1:05 PM: Lunch (ALL CLASSES)
- 2:35 PM: Dismissal



### Bus Planner



Please be reminded to check for your child's bus stop information, which can be found at <https://hrcetransportation.mybusplanner.ca/>. The HRCE Transportation Team can support your family with all of

your busing needs; please contact them to get any busing situations figured out 902-431-4723 or [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca). The bussing system sends messages if a bus will be more than 15 minutes late.

### Nut-Aware School

We have a number of students at BLT Sr. who are allergic to specific foods, especially nuts. As all students eat together in designated areas, BLT Sr. remains a nut-aware school, similar to many other elementary schools in HRCE. We kindly ask that you send only nut-free products for recess snacks and lunches.



### Scent-Aware School

Strongly scented products can cause breathing difficulties, dizziness, and headaches for some children and adults. BLT Sr. is a scent-aware school. Please refrain from wearing strongly scented products when visiting the school.

### Telephone Messages

- Please note that teachers are unable to return telephone messages until after students have been dismissed. All messages will be returned within 48 hours.
- Additionally, our school is unable to deliver last-minute messages regarding changes to student dismissal procedures.
- Students are not to use cell phones while at school or even have them visible. We can always make arrangements to convey a student's message to their family during the day.

### Parents and Visitors

All parents and visitors need to check in with the office once they are buzzed into the building.

### Safe Arrival

One of our top priorities is ensuring that all students arrive at school safely each day. Parents and guardians now have the option to report their child's absence in advance using a **toll-free number, the PowerSchool Parent Portal, or an app.**

**School Messenger Safe Arrival** is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for families to notify the school when their child will be absent. If your child will be absent, please use one of the following methods to report it:

- **Toll-Free Number:** Call **1-833-582-6940** to report an absence using the automated system.
- **PowerSchool Parent Portal:** Log into [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and access the SchoolMessenger website to report an absence.
- **SchoolMessenger App:** Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android or iOS, and sign up using your PowerSchool username (your full email address).

For more information on how to report absences and to find answers to frequently asked questions, visit: <https://www.hrce.ca/safearrival>. **Please do not email teachers regarding late or absent students.**

### Lunch

**Nova Scotia School Lunch Program:** This provincial program offers public school students across Nova Scotia a nutritious lunch each school day. If you would like to order from the program, please visit <https://nslunch.ca/> for details.

If students are bringing their own lunch, please note that microwaves are not available to heat meals

### Lost and Found

Please remember to label your child's belongings, including jackets, lunch bags, and water bottles. Clearly labeled items make it much easier to return lost items to their owners and help reduce number of items in our Lost and Found.