



Chedabucto Education Centre/ Guysborough Academy Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a safe and restful holiday season! I know this is not how we envisioned 2022 to start, but we are in this together! With a focus on health and safety, equity for all learners, well-being, mental health and academic progress, our staff will do the best they can to support our students as we transition back to in-person learning. Staff have familiarized our students with school routines and expectations and the additional enhanced public health measures. Please see letter that was sent to families through email on January 14th for further details and what these enhanced measures will look like at CECGA. If your child has not done so already, we ask that if a school chromebook and charger was borrowed during At home learning that it be returned to their homeroom teacher so they are available for use in classroom during the school day. As we move into the true winter months it is important for parents to be prepared for any unexpected situations that may arise due to inclement weather. With student safety as our primary concern, we ask that all parents/guardians have alternate procedures in place for their child(ren) in the event that inclement weather results in early dismissal. Please discuss with your child the family

plan should school be dismissed early with no one at home. Children should know alternate locations to go to and/or where the spare key is hidden, contact phone numbers, etc. Ensuring that your son/daughter is well prepared for unexpected situations will help to ensure their safety in the event of an early dismissal. If you would like to be notified by text or email of all bus route announcements and/or class cancellation information in the Strait Regional Centre for Education, please click on the "Stay Informed" icon on the SRCE web page and follow the directions to sign up for this useful and informative service provided by the SRCE. Further to this, administration at CEC/GA have the ability to send out a school alert message by text, email, and/or phone. If any of your contact information has changed since the first week of school, be sure to call the school to update this information so that any school communications go to the correct email addresses and phone numbers. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents/guardians to ensure that their children are dressed appropriately for the weather. Hats, mitts, and winter jackets/boots are strongly encouraged, as temperatures and weather conditions in January can quickly change. This year the directive from the education and health officials is to do whatever we can to get outside as much as possible so this year it is particularly important to make sure students are coming to school with proper outdoor clothing. I want to take this time to share an important point pertaining to playground use as per our Self Insurance Plan (SIP) guidelines that all schools in the province are covered under. SIP states that all playgrounds are to be closed when the ground is frozen. The reasoning behind this directive is that the shock absorbing material (Pea Stone) is rendered ineffective once the ground is frozen. Therefore, if a child was to fall from any heights by using the equipment it could result in serious injuries or worst. SIP representatives ask us to be diligent toward the safety of our students and

to ensure we adhere to these directives. As a result, students will not be permitted to use the playground equipment so alternate outdoor location and activities will be put in place during these upcoming winter months. Also, as another reminder, I wanted to share with you the updated COVID-19 Daily Checklist. You can access the updated copy at <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/DailyCOVID-checklist-en.pdf> For Grade 9-12 students, January brings the conclusion of the First Semester, and along with it, final summative assessments. Exams are set to begin on January 24th, 2022 with the exception of Distance Education exams, these will take place on Jan 20th. Course exams will be written as outlined in the schedule given to gr. 9-12 students and posted to our school's webpage and here in the newsletter. We encourage parents to be aware of the exam schedule and policies. Friday, January 28th will be an administration/evaluation day for gr 9-12 (no school for gr 9-12 students) but a regular school day for P-8, with the first day for Second Semester Monday, January 31st. Report Cards for grades 9-12 will go home on Thursday, Feb 10th. Our School Advisory Council will have its next meeting on January 25th where discussions will be held regarding issues pertinent to the school. This body serves a very valuable purpose in setting direction for the school and listening to concerns from the community. Typically, these meetings are open to the school community but do to COVID this is not possible so we will be meeting virtually. However, if you have any questions or concerns please email cecga.sac@gnspecs.ca to have them brought forward to our SAC. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school to see how we can support during this challenging time or if you have any questions or concerns. Stay safe and healthy!

Barbara Avery

Principal

BUS PASSES

Just a reminder that there will be **NO BUS PASSES** issued this year. Each student will be allowed to have one alternate route for the year, which has to be registered with the SRCE transportation office by calling 902-747-3644.

Notice to Subscribers of the SRCE Stay Informed Notification System (Bus Route and Class Announcements by Email and/or Text) Annual Subscription to the Service Required Effective Immediately

Please be advised that effective immediately subscribers to the SRCE Stay Informed Notification System (Bus Route and Class Announcements) must now re-subscribe annually to continue to receive notifications by email and/or text.

Over the summer, changes were required to the operation of the system to enhance the efficiency and timely delivery of the notifications. Annual subscription to this service will also ensure that the system contains the most up-to-date subscriber contact information (i.e., email address, cell phone number(s) and service provider).

Subscribers to the SRCE Stay Informed Notification System are asked to please re-subscribe, if interested, to continue to receive bus route and/or class announcement notices by email and/or text.

At the end of each school year, subscriber contact information will be deleted. You may re-subscribe after August 1 of each year.

To renew your subscription or to subscribe for the first time, please look for the SRCE Stay Informed graphic image (included above) on the SRCE website, www.srce.ca, and follow the steps outlined to subscribe or re-subscribe to this service; or click here to access the [SRCE Stay Informed By Email and/or Text](#) page directly.

WATER BOTTLES

Reminder to all students that if they wish to have a drink of water, they **MUST** bring their own water bottles. The fountains are now water fill stations not drinking fountains.

Intimate Images and Cyber-Protection Act

The rapid growth of smart phones, social media and the anonymity of the online world has created increasing opportunity for cyberbullying and the unwanted sharing of intimate images. The impacts of these behaviours can be devastating for victims.

Supports are available. For more information please visit novascotia.ca/cyberscan.

Safe Arrival Process for Elementary Schools

Chedabucto Education Centre/Academy and the Strait Regional Centre for Education believe that regular attendance at school supports greater student success and achievement. Attendance supports student learning and promotes a sense of responsibility that students will need as they transition from grade to grade.

Promoting and supporting regular student attendance is a shared responsibility. All partners, students, parents/guardians, teachers, school administration and SRCE staff, must work together.

As a result, the following safe arrival process will be implemented at our school to help us account for any student's unexplained failure to arrive at school:

- Parents/guardians are responsible for notifying the school when their child(ren) will not be in attendance.
- If your child(ren) is going to be late or absent from school, the parent/guardian is asked to contact the school by telephone at 902-533-2288 before 9:30 a.m. An explanation is required.
- On a daily basis, homeroom teachers will complete morning attendance. A list of those students who are absent will be generated.
- If a student is marked absent during first class and we have not been previously notified by parents/guardians, we will call the numbers provided in the student demographic information.
- When direct follow-up contact with parents/guardians cannot be reasonably made, we will then determine appropriate action. This may involve contact with the RCMP.

Communication to Parents/Guardians and Students from Teachers

In accordance with Recommendation #31 of the Report of the Council to Improve Classroom Conditions (April 28, 2017), in an effort to minimize disruptions to student learning and the teaching day, teachers have up to two business days to respond to emails.

CHEDABUCTO LIFESTYLE COMPLEX

To use the CLC facilities, **CHILDREN UNDER GRADE 6** will need to be accompanied by an adult unless it is a Municipal program such as PACY, However in order to go to the CLC after school written permission is required in the office.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS TAKE NOTICE

We are asking parents and students to take extra caution when packing lunches for your son/daughters. Due to the many allergies that some students have we would like to remind people that Nutella is also considered a nut based product.

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

There are currently students attending **Chedabucto Education Centre/Guysborough Academy** with severe allergies that can cause an *anaphylactic reaction*. An anaphylactic reaction can be triggered by **ingestion, inhaling or touching** any of the identified allergens (**peanuts, tree nuts and nut products**). If an individual is exposed to an allergen, their body triggers an immediate immune response and sends out extra antibodies to fight the allergen. They can experience very strong reactions including hives, swelling of the eyes, ears, lips, and tongue. This requires immediate emergency care!



PERMISSION NOTES



Written permission must be given to a student when he/she plans to stay after school hours or leave the school. If there is no contact from a parent/guardian, the student will be sent home on his/her regular bus.

Permission notes are also necessary to be exempt from participating in Phys. Ed. classes or other school activities.

SCHOOLS PLUS



SchoolsPlus seeks to improve the collaboration and coordination of

services and programs for children, youth and families. The main goal is to bridge the gap between various community organizations and the schools by connecting students and families in attaining timely and effective services to meet their identified needs. SchoolsPlus supports a number of programs within the schools and community. Referrals come from the School Program Planning Teams, Administration, Families and Students as well as outside agencies. SRCE currently has four SchoolsPlus Models. They are located in Guysborough, Antigonish, Richmond and recently Inverness Counties.

You can contact the SchoolsPlus Facilitator, Liz MacIntosh by calling 533-4046 or Mandi Millar at 533-3609. We are also on Facebook at SchoolsPlus Guysborough County.

WE WILL CHANGE

"All students and staff will receive a little New Years Treat when school starts back up. These treats were paid for from money raised in the Change for Change campaign. Thank you again for your support -The We Will Change Group"

January 2022 Summative Assessment/Exam Schedule

Thursday Jan 20 (Day D)	Monday Jan 24 (DAY F)	Tuesday Jan 25 (Day G)	Wednesday Jan 26 (Day H)	Thursday Jan 27 Day A
Distance Ed	ELA 10 Global Geo 12 Chem 12 Math 9	Math 10 Academic Math At Work 10 Math 11 ELA 9	Math 11 At Work Math 12 At Work PreCal 12 Science 9	Science 10 Eng Comm 11 Eng Comm 12

EXAMINATION POLICY:

1. All summative assessments/exams will be written in the classroom with the subject teacher unless prior arrangements have been made through the teacher.
2. **Students must write their exams as scheduled unless prior arrangements have been made and approved by the principal.**
3. **All students will report to their exam room for attendance and gathering of permission forms at 8:42am. Teachers will send this information to the office by 9:00 am. Exams will begin at 9:00am, and students will not be permitted to leave the exam room until 10:30 am. Students will have until 12:00pm to complete their exam. Absolute silence must be maintained for the entire exam.**
5. During the writing of the exam, all books, bags, etc., must be stored at the front of the classroom. **Any electronic device at a student's desk must be removed.**
6. Students who need to use the washroom must raise their hand and obtain permission from the supervising teacher. Only one student is permitted to use the washroom at a time.
7. Any students in the school in the afternoon are to report to **Study Hall (bring materials with you to study at this time).**
8. **Any cheating on examinations will result in the offenders receiving "0" on the exam.**
9. If inclement weather causes school closure on an examination day, the exam would be held on the following day, and the entire exam schedule would be bumped up a day.
10. Students who sign out of the school following their exam are not permitted to use the bus for their transportation home. Students **require written permission to leave school after completion of their exam.**

IF DEPARTING SCHOOL AFTER EXAMS:

- Students are not permitted to travel with another adult unless permission has been granted by the parents in writing.
- Students are not permitted to travel with another student unless permission has been granted in writing by the parents of both parties involved .
- A departure permission form will be distributed to students for parents to fill out.



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 Day B FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS	7 Day C	8
9	10 Day D	11 Day E	12 Day F	13 Day G	14 Day H	15
16	17 Day A	18 Day B	19 Day C	20 Day D <i>NSVS EXAMS</i>	21 Day E	22
23	24 Day F EXAMS	25 Day G EXAMS	26 Day H EXAMS	27 Day A EXAMS	28 Day B ADMIN DAY REGULAR CLASSES FOR PP-8	29
30	31 Day C					