Dear Clipper Families,

What a great start to our school year! I would like to thank all of you that came out to join us on Curriculum Night. We had a wonderful turnout and opportunity to meet some of the families and students coming to us this year.

Our opening day was a huge success. Thank you to all the families and students for arriving on time. We hope this will continue throughout the school year. Our students spent the first two days with our staff and peers, getting to know our school and getting to know each other. Friday was the first day our students began their regular school schedule.

On Thursday our school participated in Pink Shirt Day and had a wonderful sea of pink represented. It was great to see the quick involvement and participation of so many students.

Friday September 9<sup>th</sup>, the school went into a brief hold and secure to support a student. All students continued their learning in their classes during this time.

The students are working hard getting used to their lockers. Please know we are all here to help. We encourage students to take their locks home over the weekend to practice the combination at home.

Thanks for a great start and looking forward to the rest of the school year.

Sabitha Masih

Principal

Cunard Junior High School

Immunization Clinic for Grade 7 students	All grade 7 students have been given their immunization forms. Parents/Guardians MUST return the forms stating yes OR no to receiving immunizations. Please send these forms back to the school asap. All forms need to be in by September 13, 2022. If you have not received a form, please contact the office. We also have translation copies if needed (just contact the office) First Clinic Date: Oct. 4, 2022 Second Clinic Date: March 23, 2023
Safe Arrival	Dear Parents/Guardians SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival is now available to parents/guardians for reporting student absences using one of the three methods below. For all methods, parents will have two choices.

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Full Day absence with a reason of Absent with Notification.
Multiple Day absence with a reason of Absent with Notification. Up to five consecutive absences can be entered at a time.
If your student will be arriving late or if your student will only be absent for part of the day, please report a <b>Full Day Absence</b> , and when the student arrives the absence will be adjusted by the school.
If your student is absent and the absence has not been reported in advance, you will receive notifications via email, text, and phone calls from SchoolMessenger.
To report your student absent, you can use any of the following methods:
PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal
Parents/guardians can log in to <u>https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/</u> to access the SchoolMessenger website to report future absences.
SchoolMessenger App
Parents/guardians can download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices, create an account and use their email that the school has on record for them as their username.
Toll-Free Number
Parents/guardians can call 1-833-582-6940 to report future absences using an automated system.
All three methods are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Absences can be reported at any time before the start of school on the day the

	student will be absent. Up to five consecutive absences can be recorded at once.
	If you have students attending other schools, please continue to report absences using the existing procedures for those schools.
	For more detailed information and Frequently Asked Questions, please visit <u>https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival</u> .
School Forms	Students have been given a number of forms to be completed and returned to the office. Please check your child's backpack for forms and update information that makes communication home easier.
Terry Fox Run	We will be having a school wide Terry Fox run on September 23 <sup>rd.</sup> We ask students to bring in a donation of \$2 or more if possible but all students are welcome to participate. Since this activity takes place off school property, students must have a completed permission slip returned to the school. Please check with your child for the form. If you need a new one, please ask your child to pick one up at the main office.
Truth and Reconciliation Day September 30	We will be acknowledging the Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 29 <sup>th</sup> . We encourage all students to wear Orange on this day to recognize to honour the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. NO CLASSES – September 30th
Cross Country	We are looking for a volunteer to help support our students in participating in Cross Country this year. Cross country meets are for students in grade 6-8. If you are interested, please let us know by calling the main office or emailing jglazebrook@hrce.ca
Boys Soccer Team	The soccer season is about to begin and we are in need of a boys soccer coach. Please let us know if you can help out. If we do not have a volunteer, we will not be able to have a team.

Picture Day Grade 6 Assessment	The team may consist of students in grade 6-8.If you are interested, please let us know by calling the main office or emailing jglazebrook@hrce.caWe will be having our first picture day on October 3, 2022 and retakes will be on October 20th.Our grade 6 students will be participating in the 2022–2023 Nova Scotia Assessment: • from 
Pizza Lunch	Mathematics   Our pizza lunches will begin on Wednesday   September 14. All orders must be made through   School Cash at <a href="https://hrce.schoolcashonline.com/">https://hrce.schoolcashonline.com/</a> Deadline to accept orders is Tuesday 12pm.
School Rule Reminders	Backpacks – in lockers; cinch bags only Food/Drinks – no food or drinks in class except water Lates – students will make up time on Friday at lunch for being late throughout the week Cell Phone – no cell phones to be used or seen during instructional time Lunchtime – if students leave school property, they will not be allowed to re-enter school until 12:10pm
Student/Parent Handbook	Please find attached a copy of the Student Parent Handbook. If you are unable to access it, you will also find it on our school website.
SAC	Are you interested in getting involved in our School Advisory Council? Send me an email. We have a few spots open! <u>smasih@hrce.ca</u>