<u>October 21, 2022 INFO</u>

Pumpkins Anyone?	We are looking for donations of pumpkins for a school wide pumpkin carving activity. If you would like to donate a pumpkin or two to the main office, we would appreciate it. If you would like to donate cash towards the school purchasing pumpkins, we would be happy to accept that as well. All donations can be sent to the main office.
Grade 6 Assessments	Our grade 6 students have completed their assessments and worked very hard. We are very proud of their effort.
Got Books?	This year we are focusing on reading for all of our students. In order to encourage this we are looking for more books in the hands of our students. If you have any books that you have read and are willing to donate to our school, we would be happy to take them off your hands. We have students at all levels of reading so we would be happy to have any level of books. These books would be made available to our students in our classroom libraries for all students to borrow. Please note, we will check all books to assess their appropriateness for our school setting.
Christmas Shopping - Clothing Order	This year we are offering school clothing for purchase and just in time for the holidays. Parents/Staff can order until the end of November for a mid Dec arrival at the school. https://headlinepromotions.ca/cunard-junior-high-school/ Don't miss out!
Photos	Picture retake has been completed. All photo retakes and original photos have been distributed. If you have not received your photos, please contact John at photomasterstudios@icloud.com

Phones, Texts, Messages	Students have 3 options for their phones during the instructional school dayin their locker -in their cinch bag -in the office Students do best when they do not have their phone with them during class time. They are a distraction and students miss important instruction or essential time to work. Please note that many of the disruptions students are receiving on their phone are from parents/guardians. If you need to reach your child please call the main office at (902)479-4418. Receiving these messages in class interrupts the learning environment for all students and having students leave the class to go to the washroom to receive a call is disruptive to their learning. As we continue to work together on this, please remind your child of the places they may store their phone.
Lates	Students that come to school late are missing important instruction. They are also disrupting the learning of others. It is important that all students arrive on time at 8:10am and 12:10pm.
Lunch Monitors	We are still in need of lunch monitors. If you are interested, please contact the school at (902)479-4418.
Safe Arrival	To report your student absent, you can use any of the following methods: PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal Parents/guardians can log in to https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/ to access the link to 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.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we implement this new tool. Please visit https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival for more information.

Important Dates:

October 26 - Bus Evacuation Drill

October 28 - Conference Day (no classes)

November 11 - Remembrance Day (no classes)

November 21 - Assessment and Evaluation Day (no classes)