



EAECA January 2024 Newsletter



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Important Dates in January 2024

Tuesday, January 2 – School Resumes for all students
Tuesday, January 23 – NSVS Summative Assessments
Thursday, January 25 – Summative (Final) Assessment Week begins
Tuesday, January 30 – Summative Assessment Week ends
Friday, January 31 – Marking and Admin Day for 9-12, Regular classes for PP-8

Message from the Office:

Happy New Year! We want to welcome back all our students, families, and staff back to school for the second half of the 2023-2024 school year. We hope that holiday break was restful and a chance for our students and families to spend some time together.

As we look forward to the month of January, we want to remind all students, especially our high school students, to check in with their teachers and reach out if any help is needed to complete courses or course work. With final assessments coming up (summative assessment week), it is important to reach out for help if it is needed. Students and parents are encouraged to stay connected with power school to monitor student progress.

We encourage all parents to get in touch with their child's teacher should you have any questions about the year. Staff e-mails are listed on the school's website: <https://eaeca.srce.ca>.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at the office if you have any questions.

Mr. Paul Brown, Principal
Mrs. Dara MacDonald, Vice-Principal
Ms. Amy Hudry, Vice-Principal



Student Course Selections for 2023-2024

Students who are currently in grades 9, 10 and 11 will be selected their courses for 2024-2025 school year in February. Administration and our school counselor will be meeting with students to discuss options for courses and help guide students to take the courses necessary for graduation and to gain admission to the program of their choice. Students who are thinking about early graduation or are looking for support in determining a post-secondary plan are encouraged to make an appointment with Rachel Kuramoto, our school counselor.

Students in grade 9 will have the option to choose the Options and Opportunities Program (O2) for their programming in high school. This is a program designed to prepare students better for post secondary by giving them co-op work placements and upon completion of their O2 certificate, will be granted a preferred seat at NSCC should that be their choice for post-secondary studies.

For grade 9 students and their parents, we are going to be having an information night to help with the course selection process. Members of the administration will be there as well as the school counselor and a teacher or teachers from our O2 program. This information session will take place on **Thursday, February 1 at 6:00 p.m.**

Summative Assessment Schedule January 2024

Jan. 23	Jan. 24	Jan. 25	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Jan. 30
NSVS Exams	Review Day	English 10 English 12 English 11 Science 10 (1) Math 9	Science 10 (2) Math 11 Math 11 @ work Math 10 English 9	Pre-Cal 12 Math @ Work 12 Science 9	Physics 11 **Make up day

**Science 10 (1) has science in the A block (1st period on day A)
Science 10 (2) has science in the B block (2nd period on day A)

**Any students who miss an exam due to extenuating circumstances will write their exams on Tuesday, January 30. Parent/Students are asked to please contact the school/their child's teacher if an exam is going to be missed for any reason.



Morning Arrival

Students who are being dropped off in the morning should be dropped off between 8:10 a.m. and 8:25 a.m. Prior to 8:10, there is no supervision for students.

When getting off the bus in the morning, students can enter through the main doors of the school. The breakfast program cart will be in the cafeteria. Students can get food from the breakfast program and sit in the cafeteria to eat.

Students in grades P-6 who are choosing not to eat or who have finished eating, are to go outside and play until the 8:25 bell. Students should be dressed appropriately for the weather. Students in grades 7-12 should remain in the cafeteria in the morning. Students should not be in the hallways or classrooms at this time.

Dismissal Procedures

If you are picking up your child from school, please call the office between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to ensure clear communication with your child's teacher. Students who are being picked up will gather in the cafeteria at 2:12, administration will take attendance and walk the students out to the parking lot at 2:15.

A Message from Michelyn and Molly

If you are calling to inform the office that your child is being picked up from school, either early or at the end of the day, it is important that, as much as possible, the office is called prior to 11:00 a.m. This would also be important if your child is getting off their bus at a different stop. The end of the day is a busy time at the office and sometimes it is difficult to communicate with your child's teacher or your child's bus driver. We know that sometimes it cannot be helped as situations change last minute but as much as possible, please call earlier in the day to let us know.

We also want to remind families that bus passes are no longer available in the SRCE. Students must have a pre-arranged childcare stop with transportation to take a different bus than their own.

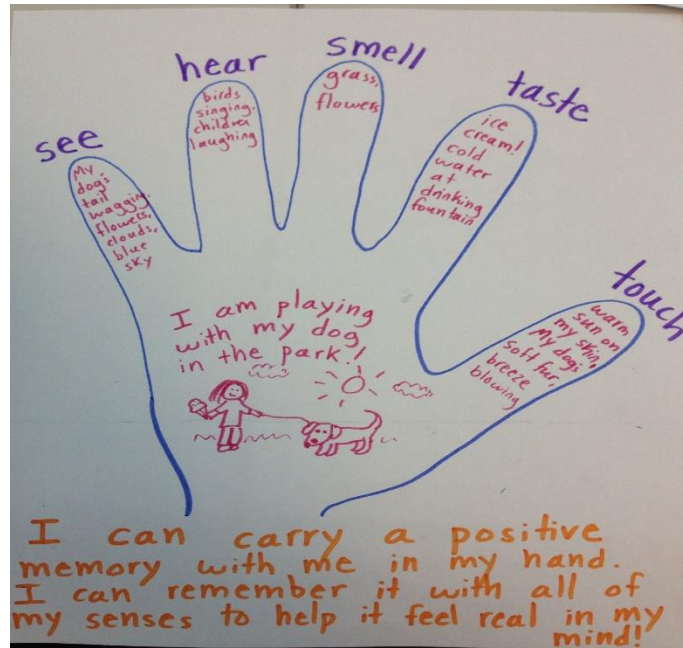
Anyone wishing to excuse their child for the day is encouraged to use this website to do so: eaea.srce.ca and use the safe arrival tab.

Thank you!

Michelyn and Molly
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From the Counseling Centre

"Happy New Year! Adjusting to being back to school after the holidays can be tough! Help your child carry a piece of home or feel good memory with them to school with this activity. Good luck!"



From the Library

Save The Date!

Dear families,

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to our school!

So save the date! Our **Scholastic Book Fair** will take place on **Feb.5th-8th 2024**.

THIS IS A CASH ONLY EVENT!

Happy Reading!



Cell Phones in School

Cell phones have become an important part of a lot of our lives. In many cases they are used as the only means of communicating with family and friends or are in our cars for safety purposes.

Cell phones are also a means of distraction for our students. We wanted to send out a reminder to families about cell phones in schools.

Students in grades 7-12 are permitted to have their cell phones in school, at their own risk of damage or loss. When in class, they are to follow the direction of the teacher regarding the phone and only use the phone in class when permitted by the teacher.

Students in grades P-6 are strongly encouraged to leave their cell phones at home. If students in these grades need to bring their phones with them because of after school plans or another family situation, they also do so at their own personal risk of loss or damage. Students in these grades should be leaving their cell phones in their backpacks for the day. Cell phones should not be out in the classroom or on the playground.

From the Cafeteria

Ashley and her staff are asking that all students and staff order their lunches before the end of their recess. This is to ensure enough food is ready for all students who need it. It helps to make sure that there is no wasted food at the end of lunch as well.

Ordering can still happen online through the school website. This will be up and running for the first day of school.

Milk will be paid for again this year. Students will be provided milk with their snack or lunch if they like.

An updated price list from the cafeteria has been uploaded to the school website. Please check the website for an updated list.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Our school advisory council is looking for new members! The school advisory council is a unique opportunity for parents and community members to come together with school-based staff to discuss the needs of the school and how to best support the school. The purpose of a school advisory council is to act as an advisory body to the school itself and the Regional Centre for Education. We are looking for community volunteer members (who do not have children who attend the East), and parent members (your child/children currently attend the East). If you are interested in joining this committee, please don't hesitate to reach out to the principal, Mr. Paul Brown. You can e-mail him at paul.brown@srce.ca.



Nova Scotia International Student Program

Dear School Community,

We are looking for families to host international students for February 2023.

Interested?

Your hospitality can make all the difference to a student's experience, and it is our hope that by becoming a host family, it will mark the beginning of a relationship that will last a lifetime!

What's Required of a Host Family?

Families interested in hosting must provide the student with an approved bedroom, three healthy meals per day, and treat them like a member of their family. All family members 18 and older need to provide a Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Check.

Financial Compensation

Host families volunteer to host International Students. Families receive \$725 per month (per student) to cover incurred expenses while students are living with them, such as meals, providing transportation for activities, etc. This amount is non-taxable. Contact our SRCE-ISP Manager, Chris Penny at chris.penny@srce.ca or (902)631-5170 for more information.



SchoolsPlus is a comprehensive and collaborative interagency approach to educating and providing service to the whole child and family with the school as the centre of service. The focus of SchoolsPlus is to support students and families by helping them in attaining timely and effective services that meet their identified needs. Please call the school for more information.

All Gender Care Products

The Strait Regional Centre for Education provides free all-gender care products in all schools with Grades 5 to 12 students. These products are located in all female and all-gender washrooms.