Welcome to North Nova Education Centre
At North Nova, our goal is to be INCLUSIVE.

You will be given the same opportunities as others in the school.
Your schedule is like everyone elses.

• Classes are 1 hour in length

• 5 periods per day (same class for the first periods)

• 2 recesses (12 minutes in am & 8 minutes in pm)

• Lunch hour is from 12:22 – 1:12 pm
GOOD NEWS!

- You get to sleep in next year!
- First bell is at 9:03 and the day ends at 3:20
Grade 9’s will also be eligible for exam exemptions.

An exam exemption means you can opt to not write one of your exams. You must meet several criteria to be eligible.
Exemption criteria

- You cannot have any more than six (6) excused absences in any course you are enrolled in.
- You cannot have any unexcused absences in any course.
- You cannot have any out-of-school suspensions.
- You must have completed all major assessments in each course.
You will be able to tryout for all teams within NNEC.

- We hope to have 3 basketball and soccer teams.
- Hockey
- X Country
- Track & Field
- Rugby
- Badminton
- Table tennis
- Softball
- Volleyball
- Ski
- Snowboard
- Golf
- Curling
- Baseball
- Lacrosse
There are a variety of Arts clubs to join as well.

- Jazz and concert bands
- Jazz and concert choirs
- Annual Musical
There are many clubs to join.

- Lunch buddies….buddy up with another student for support
- Peer tutoring
- WIN Team  Welcoming International Newcomers
- Student council and its associated committees
- Prom and Grad
- WIN Club
Q. What is School Connects

- It is an automated phone system that calls the homes of students who were *inexcusably absent* from classes each day.

Q. Do we have home room every morning?

- No. You will go to your first class each morning.
Q. I heard about TAG. What is it?

- TAG stands for Teacher Access Group.
- 9’s and 10’s will be grouped together and the 11’s and 12’s will be together.
- They meet periodically for school related topics and information.
Q. Will I get lost?

- No. Well maybe….. a bit
- There are lots of people to help you find your class. In a couple of days you will know the place well.

Q. Will the immersion class be staying together?

- Yes but only for a few classes. Just like in your school now, some of your courses are in English.
Q. Do we have new classes that we do not have in middle school and do I get to pick any subjects in grade 9?

- Your classes are going to be the same as what you would have taken here. This is mandated by the province.

- English, math, French, P.E., Science, Social Studies, and electives.
Q. How many people will there be in the school?

- The school will have about 1000 students and 80 staff.

Q. Will the teachers be helpful during this change?

- Yes, very much, as you heard from the students.
- They are looking forward to you coming.
Q. Will we be mixed up with students from all the middle schools?

- Yes you will. This is a great opportunity to meet new people.

Q. Can I change classes if I do not like the class I am in?

- Sorry, we do not make class changes. You will remain in that class.
Q. How does CEP work?

- CEP stands for Career Exploration Program.
- You must be 16 years old so it is generally for grade 10’s to 12’s.
- It includes specific shop courses in your schedule such as Cooking, Auto Repair, Building Systems and Retail Sales.

Q. Are Gr. 9’s able to leave the school grounds at lunch?

- Yes. New Glasgow and Trenton students already do this.
Q. Will the immersion classes be bigger next year?

- Yes
- There will be two combined groups.
- One from New Glasgow and the other from East Pictou.
- Estimated total to be about 30.
Q. Is there free time or study time?

- Only your lunch and breaks.
- In grade 12, provided you are in good academic standing, you may take one free period.

Q. Will the 9’s be in a different part of the building?

- You will be all over the building, just like all the other grades.
- You do not have a designated area.
Q. Do some fall sports, like soccer, start tryouts before school starts?

- Yes, only soccer. Times will be announced in the paper and the radio.
Q. Do we get lockers?

- Yes everyone has their own locker.
- They are spread out over the whole school.
Q. Do we travel as a whole class?

- Last year we keep all grade 9 classes together although this year we are looking into the idea of mixing up the student groups for each class as the senior high students do. This is done in many other 9–12 schools in Nova Scotia as well.

Q. Will there be a “Take Your Kid To Work Day”?

- Yes, it is a province wide program.
Q. What’s the scoop on cell phones?

- Cell phones are not to be used in class unless the teacher requires you to use it for the work you are doing.
- Otherwise you can get an ISS for using it in class.
Q. Is it simple to drop off and pick up my child?

- We recommend you take the bus as much as possible. Traffic congestion at 3:20 makes pick up very difficult and frustrating.

Q. What are the Student Fees?

- $25.00 for an individual.
- $45.00 for 2 or more members in one family.
Q. What is the cafeteria menu like?

- There is a main cafeteria counter as well as sub sandwich carts in the foyer. There is a poster on the wall with the daily menu and it is announced in the morning announcements.
Students and parents will continue to use their existing PowerSchool username and password to access information about their grades, assignments/evaluations for each course, attendance, etc. Contact the school if you do not currently have an account.

This information is live data that can be accessed simply by logging onto the website.