

NEWSLETTER



North Nova Education Centre

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Rules and Procedures for Writing Examinations

Calendar of Events	
Jan. 16	Community Coffee House at Pictou Landing First Nation Community
Jan. 25	NS English 10 Exam (AM)
Jan. 25 to 30	Grades 10-12 Summative Assessments
Jan. 31	NO SCHOOL - Assessment & Evaluation Day
Week of Feb. 5th	Report Cards Distributed
Feb. 19	NO SCHOOL - Heritage Day
Mar. 11-15	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
Mar. 29	NO SCHOOL - Good Friday
Apr. 1	NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday
Week of Apr. 15	Report Cards Distributed
May 15	Black Excellence Day
May 20	NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day
June 26	Graduation Ceremony Pictou County Wellness Centre
June 26 & 27	NO SCHOOL - Assessment & Evaluation Day
June 28	Last Day of School

Morning exams 9 to 11:30 am
Afternoon exams 12:10 to 2:40 pm

- ✓ Students should carefully review the schedule to determine if they have any exam conflicts. If they do, they should listen for announcements on the PA inviting students to the office to deal with the conflicts.
- ✓ You do not have to be at school if you do not write exams.
- ✓ A list of the exams, sections of the course and room numbers are posted throughout the school. You should be aware of the course section you are in to determine which room you are writing.
- ✓ If you have been on an accommodation list you may have arrangements to write your exams in an alternate setting. You will be informed of the arrangements by your Classroom Teacher.
- ✓ All subject notes, textbooks, kit-bags, purses, jackets, cell phones (turned off), music players, etc. are to be left at the front of the examination room (or outside) and may be retrieved upon leaving the exam area. Students are reminded not to leave textbooks, wallets or valuables unattended at any time.
- ✓ Arrive to your examination area early with all necessary materials for the exam. ie. Pen, pencil ruler, calculator etc.
- ✓ Students may not communicate in

any manner with anyone except supervisors or teachers from the time your examination begins until your completed examination has been collected by a supervisor.

- ✓ Students must remain in the exam writing area for one hour and thirty minutes, after which time they may leave in the manner described below.
 - A student must raise their hand and wait until the teacher/supervisor collects his or her exam.
 - Students are not permitted back in the examination room once they leave.
 - Students must leave the building or proceed to the cafeteria in order to minimize the noise level in the hallways. This is out of courtesy for those still writing an exam.
- ✓ You may not bring any food or drink (other than water) into the examination room. As always, water is permitted.
- ✓ Students may communicate with the supervisor/teacher *only* during the exam.

Exam Period Reminders
Gr. 9 classes continue as usual.
Cafeteria will remain open.

NNEC January 2024

Grade 10-12 Culminating Assessment Week

	Thurs. January 25 th	Fri. January 26 th	Mon. January 29 th	Tues. January 30 th
AM 9:00 am to 11:30 am	English 10 (Provincial) Adv. English 11 AP English 12	Math 10 Math 11 Math 12 Math at Work 12 Pre-calculus 12	Science 10 Sciences 10 Imm. Biology 12 Imm. Biology 12	Physics 11 Psychology 12
PM 12:10 pm to 2:40 pm	Exercise Science 12 Géographie Planétaire 12	Sociology 12 History 10	Chemistry 11 Adv. Chemistry 11 Chemistry 12	Conflicts



Inclement Weather

Occasionally, weather conditions can impact school bus service and school operations – especially in the winter. When it is stormy or road conditions are poor, CCRCE's Transportation Services take a number of things into consideration.

Based on the forecast, actual weather and road conditions in each area, CCRCE may maintain bus services on paved roads only, cancel bus services, delay opening or close schools. As our region is geographically large, separate cancellation and closure decisions are made for each of the four families of schools. When it is stormy or road conditions are poor, make sure to check if school is open and busses are running before you send your children to the bus stop or bring them to school.

School Closures During The Day

CCRCE rarely cancels school mid-day due to weather or road conditions. However, there may be other factors, such as power outages, that may result in a school closing unexpectedly during the day. Should a mid-day closure occur, parents/guardians will be notified, via local media, CCRCE website and social media.

Late or Cancelled Buses

We recognize that bus delays and cancellation cause disruption to family schedules, and please know we are working to limit delays as much as possible. CCRCE is experiencing a bus driver shortage similar to other sectors also feeling labour shortages.

Although we have full time drivers, we have limited casual bus drivers. This means when a driver is sick or off work for personal reasons we have limited options to back-fill drivers. This challenge is across the CCRCE region.

When a driver is not available for a bus run, the transportation team reviews the impacted areas and works hard to impact the least number of students possible.

We are urgently looking to hire bus drivers. If anyone is interested, please apply online at www.ccrce.ca or call (902) 897-8900.

Late/Cancelled Bus Notifications

CCRCE posts late and cancelled bus information both on its website and through text notifications.

To receive texts,

Please verify your SMS contact information is up to date in Power School, and you have selected SMS as a communication preference.

To **Opt-in** with our service provider by texting Y to the shortcode 978338.

To **Opt-out** at any time, text STOP, END, CANCEL, QUIT, UNSUBSCRIBE, ARRET to 978338.



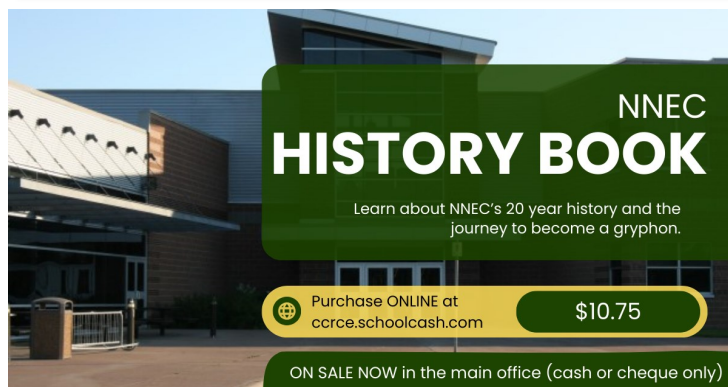
Reminder to Parents: Process For End of Day Pick-up

Each day we receive a high volume of phone calls during last period class. Parents have been calling to have their child released from class to avoid end of day traffic. As communicated previously, this causes a lot of disruption during instructional time. For this reason, we request students not be signed out during last period class, without prior notice. Emergency situations will be handled on a case by case basis.



NNEC's school day ends at **3:10 pm** and students are expected to stay in class until the bell rings. If a student must leave during 4th period, parents are now required to report this to our attendance line, **no later than 12:30 pm** on that day. This will allow the office time to notify teachers without class disruption.

Attendance Line
902-755-8180
Option 1



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Marty Pitts Outdoor Adventure Scholarship

Pictou County Forest School is taking a big step to help Nova Scotia develop a fossil fuel free outdoor culture.



We are extremely excited to offer the Marty Pitts Outdoor Adventure Scholarship, valued at \$2,500. The successful candidate will be from Pictou County, 16 to 21 years old. The recipient will plan and complete a multi-day biking, hiking, skiing, canoeing, kayaking or other self propelled journey that starts within 30 kilometres of their own home with a minimum of two overnights outside.

The trip must be completed no later than August 31, 2024, and can be done solo or together with a group. The recipient must also commit to sharing their story with our local schools upon completing their fossil fuel free, self propelled adventure.

Selection will be based on the adventure plan, and how the experience will be used to promote and encourage time spent outdoors. Upon being selected, the successful applicant will receive \$1,000 and the remainder will be provided upon completion of the story promotion within our community and schools. Applications will be accepted until February 28, 2024.

We appreciate and will review all applications received, however, only those who are invited for an interview will be contacted.

Applicants under the age of 19 must have a guardian waiver signed

Who was Marty Pitts? An avid outdoorsman all his life, a true family man, and the kind of person who could create community where it may not have previously existed, Marty had a deep passion for anything associated with the woods. His family has chosen to honour his memory by raising funds and creating this scholarship in his name.

Pictou County Forest School Programs

Programming at Pictou County Forest School consists of six 5-week sessions during the school year. Children will attend one day per week during each session.

PCFS operates during school hours. Research and experience from other outdoor schools indicates that a child's participation one day per week in a nature immersion program supports success in their other weekly endeavours. This can mean higher grades, better focus, more positive social interactions, increased participation in family and household activities and chores, and a generally increased sense of autonomy and well-being.

Lynxes Workshop - Grade 9-12 (female identifying)

One day per month, February to June Cost: \$399 (HST included).

There is space available for this workshop. Registration information can be found on their website <https://pictoucountyforestschool.com/> or by phone/text (506) 292-1778.

The word "lynx" comes from the etymological root "light" which refers to the animal's reflective bright eyes. They can spot prey from over 200 feet away, and can be solitary but may travel and hunt in small groups. In colder and more northerly climates the lynx have progressively thicker fur, and their population stability depends on predation, food, and social interaction.

In this program, we'll use our passion and creativity to set short and long term goals, cultivate independence and develop skills to work in teams. We'll harness our ability to grow and adapt to the environment, and share knowledge and nourishment, and ripen our capacity for leadership. The culmination of the program will end with an overnight expedition in June.

*Gear will be provided for the campout.