

# NEWSLETTER



North Nova Education Centre

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## Calendar of Events

April 11	Student Dance
Week of Apr. 15	Report Cards Distributed
April 18	Parent Teacher - 5:00 to 7:00 pm Phone Call Appointments
April 19	NO SCHOOL - PD Day Parent Teacher - 12:30 to 2:30 pm
April 30	Current Grade Eight Student & Parent Information Night 5:30 pm - Info Session 6:00 pm - School Tours & BBQ
May 15	Black Excellence Day
May 20	NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day
June 24	Prom
June 26	Graduation Ceremony Pictou County Wellness Centre
June 26 & 27	NO SCHOOL - Assessment & Evaluation Day
June 28	Last Day of School

*A Friendly Reminder*

**Attention 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 asked 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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Keep up to date on happenings at NNEC. Discover the great things our Students and Staff are doing. From night time astronomy to learning how to build a timber frame structure. We celebrate student achievement such as our monthly Gryphitude, annual musical production, provincial athletic championships and so much more. This is your one stop place for everything NNEC.

# Gryphitude Awards

February



## Gr. 9 – Jayme Fraser

Jayme has exceptional work ethic, is a positive role model and takes pride in her grades. She shares her kindness and is respectful to everyone.  
(nominated by T. Stevens)



## Gr. 10 – Sandy Anderson

Sandy is hard working, ambitious, has a positive attitude and is willing to go above and beyond to help his classmates.  
(nominated by B. MacGillivray)



## Gr. 11 – Ben Sutherland

Ben has been the most iconic member of the North Nova News this past semester. Everyone at the school will remember his "Have a lovely weekend" sign-off fondly for a long time. Thanks Ben for your consistent efforts and great attitude.  
(nominated by S. Bowman)



## Gr. 12 – Colton Gunn

Colton makes a positive contribution to the class every day and can be seen helping and encouraging others. He maintains a high quality in his work and is always ready to tackle new challenges.  
(nominated by W. Place)

## Safe Arrival Phone App

Parents recently received a communication announcing NNEC will now be using the Safe Arrival App through School Messenger. Safe Arrival is a phone app that allows parents and guardians to notify the school in advance about an upcoming absence or rapidly respond to excuse an absence after the fact. In both situations, parents can send attendance alerts to schools for all of their children and provide a reason for each absence – all in one simple communication.

With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

- Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store
- Use the SafeArrival website, [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca).
- Call the toll-free number **[1-833-578-0533]** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

Additionally, the **NNEC Attendance Line** remains available. Call 902-755-8180 Option 1 and leave a message that includes the student's name, reason for the absence and symptoms (ie. sore throat, stuffy nose etc.). Schools still require this information when reporting attendance numbers to Public Health.

### ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATIONS

The automated notification system will contact parents whose child is absent without notification. Families, who have **not** reported their child's absence, will receive an attendance notice at 5:30 pm.

The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If you report your child's absence in advance using the Safe Arrival toll-free number, website or mobile app, you will **NOT** receive these notifications. Parents will have until approximately 10:00 pm to submit a reason for their child's absence.

### SIGN OUTS DURING CLASS TIME

If a student must sign out during a class, parents are asked to leave a message on the **NNEC Attendance Line** rather than using the Safe Arrival App. Reporting through Safe Arrival will **NOT** notify the school or classroom teacher, that the student will be leaving class early, until the following day. Parents are asked to follow the same process for reporting absences (see below) as End of Day Pick-up.

Make online payments with SchoolCashOnline!



- Field Trips
- Sport Trips
- Activity Fees

Register now: [ccrce.schoolcashonline.com](http://ccrce.schoolcashonline.com)

## GENDER NEUTRAL RESTROOM



THIS BATHROOM IS FOR EVERYONE

NNEC endeavors to provide safe access to washrooms. The school has a number of private washrooms throughout the building. These washrooms are gender neutral and wheelchair accessible. The locations of these washrooms are:

1st Floor - Student Services, Teen Health, Math Pod & English Pod

2nd Floor - Science Pod & Social Studies Pod

Students can use these washrooms, in addition to the numerous public washrooms available throughout the building.

# From Vimy to Juno: History of Canada in the World Wars

After months of planning, a group of students from NNEC and chaperones travelled through Europe over March Break. They set foot on the European battlefields where Canadian soldiers built their heroic reputation on the world stage. The group visited key sites across these regions, including the Vimy Memorial, which remind us of the massive costs of the two World Wars. Some highlights of the tour included a guided visit to the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp Memorial Site, Ann Frank House and Juno Beach Centre. At the end of their trip, they were able to see the Eiffel Tower lighting up the night sky.

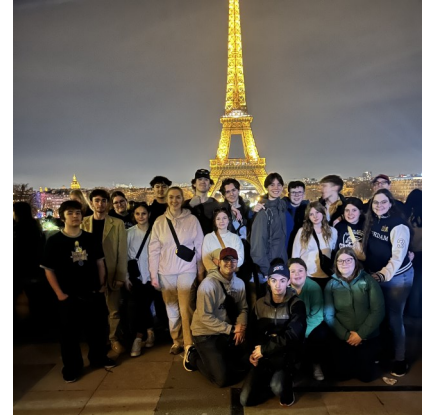
Special thanks to Mr. Langlois for organizing and chaperoning. We also want to thank NNEC's staff and parents who travelled as chaperones. Without you, our students wouldn't have this amazing learning opportunity.



## Just Another Day in Auto Shop

It was just another day for CEP Automotive students Patrick DeYoung and Jessie Arbuttle. They recently teamed up to remove an engine and transmission assembly from a vehicle.

They ran into issues such as rusty bolts and seized fasteners commonly found when performing this type of work. They problem solved together and were able to complete the task!





## CCRCE's Online Registrations

### Pre-primary Registration

The Pre-primary program is voluntary and open to all children who are at least four years old by December 31st, 2024 and live within the school's catchment area. Children can only attend the Pre-primary program for one year.

We are now accepting registration for all sites for the Pre-primary Program for September 2024.

We recognize that personal circumstances may make it difficult for some individuals to complete the registration process online. In this case, please contact your child's school to register. We are here to support you through this process.

### Primary Registration

Children who reside in the province of Nova Scotia and reach the age of five (5) years on or before December 31st, 2024 are eligible for enrolment in the Primary Program,

Before the start of next school year, please be prepared to show the following documentation:

- Nova Scotia Health Card
- Birth Certificate
- Proof of residency to confirm your school catchment area (e.g. utility bill)

Our online registration form makes signing up for Pre-Primary & Primary school easy. You can find more information with this link:

# BUS PLANNER



[https://www.ccrce.ca/school\\_information/registrations](https://www.ccrce.ca/school_information/registrations)

### Student Transportation

Each school day, Chignecto-Central Regional Centre for Education's fleet of 200 buses transports over 20,000 students to and from schools across the region. In a given year, CCRCE buses travel more than 1,000,000 kilometers.

Students must reside within their designated catchment of the school they are attending and meet the minimum distance criteria to be eligible for transportation.

Busing is provided to:

- Pre-Primary children and students in elementary (PP to Grade 6) who live more than 1.6 km from their school.
- Students in junior high and secondary (Grades 7 to 12) who live more than 2.4 km from their school.

Student transportation is available on our quick and convenient Bus Information system, BusPlanner. Use this link to check transportation eligibility and view your school catchment area: <https://ccrce.mybusplanner.ca/>. For general transportation questions, please email [transportation@ccrce.ca](mailto:transportation@ccrce.ca) or contact our toll-free number at 1-866-428-4696 Option 3.

## BRING THE WORLD HOME.

When you host an international student you may be surprised by how your family will grow.



Since 1997, the Nova Scotia International Student Program has welcomed students from around the world into homes across Nova Scotia. Working in partnership with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, students are given the opportunity to study in English or French, improve their language skills, all while learning first-hand about life in Canada.

Eligible students come from all over the world and are carefully matched with Nova Scotian host families with the help of our dedicated homestay coordinators. Students range in age from 12-18 years old and stay anywhere from one month to one year.

Check out this link, <https://nsisp.ca/host> to find out if you are eligible to become an NSISP host family. At this site, you will also find the NSISP guide with everything you need to know about welcoming an international student into your family and home.

Participating in the Program can be a life changing experience for both students and their host families. Get involved today!



**Chignecto Central**  
Regional Centre for Education

Welcome to CCRCE's  
Newcomer Parent Facilitator  
**Ashlee Bonnell**

### Newcomer Parent Facilitator

We are pleased to introduce CCRCE's Newcomer Parent Facilitator, Ashlee Bonnell.

The newly created pilot position connects parents and guardians to services and supports as they settle into communities across our region. For example, if a newcomer's family needed help getting a social insurance number or was struggling to find employment, the facilitator could guide them through the process, or connect them with employment organizations such as Future Worx.

Ashlee will be helping families across all CCRCE schools transition to Nova Scotia. To connect with Ashlee: 902-648-4886 or [bonnellas@ccrce.ca](mailto:bonnellas@ccrce.ca)

