



# Hawthorn Elementary School Newsletter

## February 2021

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### **Important Dates**

- Monday February 1, SAC meeting @ 7pm. HSA meeting @ 8pm.
- February 1-March 1, Student Registration
- Monday February 15, Edward Arab Day (no classes)
- March 15-19, March Break (no classes)
- Wednesday March 24, Assessment and Evaluation Day (no classes)

### **Student Registration**

Student registration this year is a little different given that it is an on-line process. It is important to pay special attention to all the questions on the registration form and complete them if applicable. This will allow us to have all the supports in place that may be required to better enable your child(ren) to succeed.

What is required in order to register your child/s is you must fill out the on-line registration form that is attached in this email. Please double click on the PDF file below to open and after you have filled it out you must save it as a separate document to attach to an email and send to [Haw@hrce.ca](mailto:Haw@hrce.ca) along with the other documents required below. *If you are unable to scan documents please contact the office at (902)464-2048 to see how we can be of help.*

### **[Registration Form 21-22 Digital \(5\).pdf](#)**

The following documents must also be provided and will have to be scanned and attached to the return email as well:

1. Proof of address which may include the following **currently dated** documents:  
i.e. Utility bill, Phone, hydro, insurance, lease agreement.
2. Birth certificate or passport
3. Medical card info including health number and expiry date
4. Please note in the body of the email if there are any special/medical needs that your child may have so that we are better able to make sure we have all the supports he/she/they may need when starting school.

In addition, if you have any concerns or questions please add those to your email and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

***Registration is not complete until the school confirms acceptance.*** Due to the influx of registrants this may take some time. Please be assured we will get back to you as soon as possible.

**New to the area:** if you are aware of any families new to the Hawthorn area please direct them to contact the school at (902) 464-2048 and we will insure they get their child(ren) registered in a

timely manner.

*Again, registration is not complete until confirmed by the school.*

**Parents having a work/study permit:**

Parents/Guardians must have a valid work/study permit in order for your child(ren) to attend HRCE schools. This must be included with the above information in order to register your child(ren). Additional information can be found at HRCE's International Student's page.

<https://www.hrce.ca/about-hrce/school-administration/international-students>

The entry point for the Early French Immersion program is Grade Primary. Parents/guardians who live in an area of eligibility for Early French Immersion must register at the French Immersion designated school by March 1 of each calendar year for September of the next school year. The Early French Immersion School for Hawthorn is Shannon Park Elementary. There is NO OUT of Area Request needed to apply for Early French Immersion.

The designated Junior High Schools for Hawthorn Grade 6 students are Dartmouth South Academy and Bicentennial depending upon your home address. Registration to any other Junior High will require an Out of Area Request. The parent information meetings are still being planned and more information will follow.

Parents/guardians may obtain an Out-of-Area Request form at their child's neighbourhood school. Once completed, parents/guardians must forward the Out-of-Area Request form to the requested school on the first school day in April starting at 8:00 a.m. alternatively, parents/guardians may complete the online Out-of-Area Request form at [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca) beginning on the first school day in April at 8:00 a.m. The electronic submission is automatically sent to the receiving school.

**HRCE Parent Navigators**

Parent Navigators are also able to assist with registration. Please click on the link below to find out more.

<https://create.piktochart.com/output/50338546-parent-navigator-info>

**Vehicles idling**

We would ask that families maintain an **idle free zone** in the vicinity of the school especially during drop off and pick up times to protect all of us. The link below contains helpful information on the importance of this issue.

<https://www.nsfm.ca/members-only-content/sustainability/1190-idle-free-toolkit-for-municipalities/file.html>

Created by Clean Nova Scotia for the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, 2011.

## **Safe Arrival**

If your child will not be attending school or will be late, we request that you call the school at 902 464-2048 and leave a message. If you have not called your child in, you will receive a phone call home. Please ensure we have the up-to-date telephone numbers on record. If your child is late, please remind them to go to the office to see the secretary **before** going to class.

## **School Advisory Council (SAC):**

The next School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting is on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7pm.

The SAC discusses and decides on policies and is made up of parents, community members and staff members from the school. We allocate funds to support math, literacy and wellbeing. The SAC is a volunteer organization that receives their authority from the Nova Scotia Education Act. We provide a voice to influence decisions that impact student learning and provide principals and regional centres for education with advice that reflects the best interests of students.

**\*We are currently in need of one parent and one community member for this committee.**

\* This is a great way for grandparents, former Hawthorn parents or any community member to be involved with important discussions that affect our students, school and community. Adding a voice to this committee is an easy and effective way to contribute in a meaningful way to our students' community.

Our next meeting will be held virtually on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00pm. Our meetings are generally 30 minutes and we have three (3) more planned for this school year (in March, April and May of 2021).

For a link to the meeting, please let us know and we are happy to send it to you. If you are interested in learning more, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Chair, Alexis Carter Malloch (hrce-sac-haw@gnspec.ca). The SAC Handbook is also available on the school website under "Our School", "School Advisory Council".

## **Hawthorn Home & School Association (HSA):**

HSA is a volunteer, non-profit organization of parents and school staff. Membership is free and open to any interested parent/guardian or staff member.

**Upcoming Home & School Scheduled Zoom Meetings: Monday February 1st, 2021 at 8pm and Monday March 1st, 2021 at 8pm..** We look forward to seeing you! Please contact Bryony at [hawthornschoolhsa@gmail.com](mailto:hawthornschoolhsa@gmail.com) if you would like to be involved.

HSA Executive for 2020-2021:

President: Bryony McStay Fost

Secretary: Rachel Blair-Johns

Treasurer: Joseph Malloch

**Email:** [hawthornschoolhsa@gmail.com](mailto:hawthornschoolhsa@gmail.com) ALL ARE WELCOME!

## **School/Bus Cancellation and Delayed Openings**

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education takes great care when making the decision to cancel schools and/or buses, or delay the opening of school, in the event of severe or inclement weather. When these situations occur, the information is posted on the HRCE's website at [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca), on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRCE\\_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS), recorded at 902-464-INFO (4636) and communicated to local radio stations. Families can also subscribe to receive notice of cancellations and delayed openings by e-mail or text message by following the link on the front page (left side) of the HRCE website.

If weather conditions warrant, the HRCE could implement a delayed opening. Delayed openings would be considered when a weather event has concluded but snow clearing or other operations require additional time. Delayed opening may also be considered when the physical plant is experiencing an issue such as a power outage or loss of water and additional time is required to prepare the school to open. If this was to occur, school and Pre-Primary would be delayed by two hours. In our school, this means school would start at 11:00. Pre-Primary would start at 11:00. Our lunch and dismissal times will remain at their regularly scheduled times. The EXCEL program will be cancelled for the morning only.

The weather in Nova Scotia is unpredictable so it's always a good idea for families to have a back-up plan for child care when school is cancelled. To learn more about the process on how decisions regarding closures and cancellations are made, visit: <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/inclement-weather>.