



January 31, 2025

Dear Coyote families,

We are very excited to have our senior Coyotes beginning semester 2 on Tuesday, February 4! It will be wonderful to have all our Coyotes in one building. There will be some adjustments for all, yet we will get there with patience, cooperation and understanding.

We look forward to welcoming our current junior and senior families to walk through the building on February 27. That will be the same evening for our senior high curriculum night for second semester courses. More details will be shared soon. A community open house to say "Hello" to our new building will be held in the spring once our school community has settled in. More details on that will be shared in the spring.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel welcome to contact administration. Our contact details are on our school website <https://esc.hrce.ca/> and noted below.

Thank you for your continued support of our Coyotes!

Sincerely,
Jen Murray

Principal

Eastern Shore Consolidated School

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Please find below some important information for families. There are some items particular to our senior high families but many others that are for all.

HRCE Transportation: Now that the senior high will be attending ESC, adjustments are being finalized for busing as all routes travel to ESC. **Please check your BusPlanner accounts for updates to your student's bus pick up/drop off times.** If you have any transportation questions, please contact HRCE Transportation at 902-431-4723 or transportation@hrce.ca.

Emergency Management Planning at ESC: Senior high staff will be reviewing emergency management safety procedures in all of their classes just as the junior high staff did in January with their classes. Lockdown procedures will be reviewed with students. An RCMP supported lockdown drill will occur in February. As always, cooperation is expected by all. Everyone's safety is everyone's responsibility.



Senior High – Reporting Absences

Please contact the school and ensure to clearly leave the name of your child (spelling it out can be very helpful for our administrative assistants) as well as their grade.

Parents/guardians can call [1-833-582-6940](tel:1-833-582-6940) to report future absences using this automated system.

Parking, drop off loop and bus loop: Please consult the attached map of the Eastern Shore Consolidated grounds. There is a drop off loop for parents/guardians to use. Please note that there is accessible parking at the end of the loop and is reserved for our families who require those spots for student pick up/drop off. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping those accessible parking spaces clear and reserved for those who require them. There are some visitor parking spots in the main parking lot. All visitors must report to the main office and use the main doors at the front of the building. If you are picking up your child mid-day, you may park for 10mins in the drop-off loop. Please call the main office (902-342-4044) or come to the main office to sign out your child.

If you are waiting for your child at the end of the day (3:30), thank you for waiting on the perimeter of the drop-off loop. When exiting the driveway at the end of the day, please be mindful of buses that would have the right-of-way.

For safety reasons, the bus loop is dedicated to **buses only** during the school day (8:30-4:00).

Cafeteria: There will be cafeteria food service for both the junior and senior high lunches. Please visit our website for the full menu and prices. Food service begins on February 4. They accept cash and debit cards. There is an ability to purchase pre-loaded cafeteria cards that will be made available soon.

Water bottles: All students should plan to have a refillable water bottle.

Senior High Course Change Requests

Any course change requests must go through our registrar, Ms. Stevens. Students are asked to email Ms. Stevens at nstevens@gnspe.ca with their course change request. Students are to follow their assigned schedule until they are contacted by Ms. Stevens (by email or usually in person). Please note that we must respect class caps and waitlists.

Healthy Social Choices and The Youth Health Centre is Open for ALL

Our Youth Health Centre will continue to support our senior high students and will be expanding some supports to our junior high over the coming months. Connie Campbell, coordinator of the YHC, has been a great support to our senior high students and looks forward to expanding to include our junior high students.



A health concern for our youth and community is the use of vaping products. Any vaping/smoking is not permitted on school property. Cessation programs for youth are available through our Youth Health Centre Coordinator, Connie Campbell and SchoolsPlus.

Video Cameras

Our school uses a video surveillance system as part of our continued efforts to support a safe, positive and effective learning environment. We recognize that the images recorded by this video surveillance system are personal information and, as with all other personal information, we take steps to balance privacy rights with safety and security concerns. The school has the legal authority to collect this personal information under Section 24 of Nova Scotia's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Only designated staff has access to our video surveillance equipment and such access is restricted as required by law. The system is used to enhance school safety and to deter or act in response to unlawful behaviours.

If you have any questions about video surveillance at our school, please contact our Vice-principal (senior high) Ms. Sharlene Ellis at sellis@hrce.ca or Vice-principal (junior high) Ms. Jessica McCarron at Jessica.McCarron@hrce.ca or 902-342-4004

Senior High - Student Parking Passes for Grade 12s

Students who have a parking pass may continue to have access to first-come-first-served spaces available at the end of the parking lot closest to the road at ESC (to the right of parking lot entrance). (There may be additional spaces made available in a gravel area after the winter.) Once the student designated parking area is full, students would need to park on the side of Motts Drive.

Senior High - Where To Go On The First Day of Semester 2, Tuesday, February 4

There will be an email sent to our students' GNSPES email AND contact 1 parent/guardian that will let students know which classroom to go to upon arrival at ESC. There will be staff directing students and signage is up to help make this easier for our senior high students. In first period, students will receive a printed schedule in this classroom. PowerSchool will be open to students and parents/guardians. If you do not recall your login information for PowerSchool, please contact Ms. Shannon Karsten at 902-342-4004 or skarsten@hrce.ca. If you or your child does not receive an email by 7pm on Monday, February 3, students will be asked to stop by the main office for assistance. Any student who arrives and is unsure where to turn, there will be lots of staff on hand to help them know where to go.

Re-establishing learning routines: Staff will be working with students to get into learning routines with the consolidation of all grades 7-12. This includes adjusting to the new building and the norms that come with it. Thank you for your support as we work with our students in respecting our common learning areas and spaces as a 7-12 school building. Reminder to students of both



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Junior and Senior High that they are to remain in their designated hallways throughout the learning day.