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## KNIGHTS NEWS

November 3rd, 2023

### Administrators' Message

Welcome to November! We had a busy and eventful month in October with celebrations and learning for Mi'kmaq Heritage month. We would like to thank Ms. Harmony and her Indigenous Leadership team for all their support in our learning and an extra thank you to Jurni Robinson for performing in her jingle dress to our elementary classes.

The Grade 6 students did a great job of completing the Provincial Assessments and we had our first jr high dance of the year which was a huge success.

Our grade 7 students, and grade 8/9 students who missed in the past, did a terrific job in their first round of immunizations and will have the second round completed in April 2024.

Our school sports teams are in full swing and are representing Oxford on and off the fields/courts. A huge thank you to our athletic team and volunteer coaches, we could not do this without you!

Adams Photography did a terrific job of capturing our students in their photos. If you missed the deadline to order through the school, please contact Adams Photography directly to order your child's pictures. Picture retake day is on **November 16th** in the morning for any students who missed the photo session or any students who are wishing for retakes.

Report cards will be sent home at the end of this month. If you have any questions for teachers please contact them as soon as possible. Junior high teachers have been reaching out to families to let you know about missing assignments. If you are hoping to gain access to powerschool to keep track of your junior high aged child's school work, please visit the parent portal at: <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> and follow the instructions in the box below the login information. Still having trouble? Contact the school office at [oxford@hrce.ca](mailto:oxford@hrce.ca). More information will be sent out in the coming weeks about parent teacher interviews on November 23rd.

### **Safe Arrival**

We continue to use School Messenger for communicating about your child(ren) absences. Information has been shared with families about our safe arrival line 1-833-582-6940 and the website: <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/>. You can also download the App called SchoolMessenger (Blue Icon). You will need your portal username, or email address you provided to the school. We appreciate your efforts in using our new safe arrival system.

If you are calling in for your child follow these steps: select 3 for student attendance; select which student you are calling for. You will then have one of three options: absent for the day, absent for tomorrow, or absent for 3 or more days. Next you will need to choose AWN - Absent with Notification, doing so tells us that you are aware that your child is not in school.

### **Covid-19 Checklist**

We ask all of our families to complete the Covid-19 checklist for health each morning. If your child shows symptoms and the school contacts you, you will be required to connect with 811. We are encouraging families to keep children home if they are sick or have symptoms. Please see this site for further information.

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/symptoms-and-testing/>

### **Oxford School Advisory Council**

Oxford SAC continues to look for new members to join, specifically community members. If you know of a community member who may be interested in joining our SAC, please encourage them to connect with our team at [oxford@hrce.ca](mailto:oxford@hrce.ca). Please check out the EECD website on the importance of SAC. <http://www.ednet.ns.ca/SAC> Our next meeting is on **Wednesday November 22nd @ 6:30 pm in our School Library.**

### **Important Dates**

**Friday November 10th** - Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45am

**Monday November 13th** - Remembrance Day (No Classes for Students)

**Wednesday November 16th** - Picture Retake Day (am)

**Friday November 17th** - Assessment and Evaluation Day (No Classes for Students)

**Wednesday November 22nd** - Report Cards sent home

**Thursday November 23rd** - Professional Learning (am)/Parent Teacher Conferences (pm)  
(No Classes for Students)