



# FBJH Newsletter

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## Message from the office

It's fall! It's hard to believe we are already a month and a half into the school year. Students have been settling into the routine and finding their inner FBJH spirit. With fall comes cooler weather, but we are still making outdoor experiences a priority to get students out into the fresh air. Students should have a sweater or jacket so they can participate in outdoor activities.

We will be collecting items for care packages for women and children for the Mi'kmaw Family Healing Centre in Millbrook. We are looking for toiletry items, such as toothbrushes or paste, brushes, deodorant, mints, wet wipes as well as cereal bars, socks and mitts. Any donations can be dropped off on the third floor in room 315. We appreciate any help you can offer.

### FBJH 2021/2022 Yearbook

The link to buy Yearbooks is on the FBJH website. Yearbooks are \$25 and there is no option for personalization this year. The deadline to order is December 1. We will have some leftovers for sale in June but last year there was a long waiting list and many disappointed people who wanted them and were unable to get one. So make sure you order online before the deadline!

### Cafeteria

The cafeteria is open. Pre-ordered lunches must be in by 7:45. Menu and price list, as well as more information, is available on our website.

### Integrated Learning

Grade 7s are exploring the idea of Passion projects and will be starting their own project in November.

Grade 8s are participating in "Future Fair". Each student has chosen a topic related to this theme and has chosen a type of project. We are hoping to have an open house with the projects before the new year.

Grade 9s will soon be starting their Voices of war projects. Each year the grade nines choose a topic related to war and explore that topic. They will create a project and host an exhibit where their work will be displayed for the other classes.

### October

Students participated in spirit week last week, and it was fun as always to see the cool hats and themed shirts that they wore. Our next activities include a Halloween writing and art contest as well as door decorating for Mi'kmaw History Month. Stay tuned for our ideas for November!



# Calendar

October 22 - Provincial professional development (no school)  
October 29 - Photo retakes  
November 11 - Remembrance day holiday (no school)  
November 19 - Assessment day (no students)  
November 22 - Term 2 begins  
November 23 - Report cards issued  
November 24 + 25 - Parent/teacher conferences  
December 22 First day of Holiday break

Students participated in the Terry Fox Run and raised \$713 for cancer research!.



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## Covid 19

Nova Scotia has delayed phase 5 of its reopening plan. This means that most of the restrictions that have been in place since March 2020 will not be eased until at least October 20. Once restrictions have changed, students and staff are still encouraged to wear masks while in crowded spaces. Hand washing and sanitizing practices remain important in ensuring that we keep everyone safe in our school.

## Video Surveillance

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

## Late arrivals

It is important to get to school on time! Please remember that classes begin at 8:05am and that if students arrive at school after that time, they must sign in at the office..

## Cell phones

A reminder that cell phones are not to be used during class time except with permission from the classroom teacher. There are chromebooks in every classroom and cell phones should rarely, if ever, be needed.

On September 29 we participated in Orange shirt day in acknowledgement of the National day of Truth and Reconciliation. Students raised \$280 for the Gord Downie Chanie Wenjack fund to support survivors of residential schools and their children. You can read more about the organization at <https://downiewenjack.ca/our-story/>.

## Athletics news

Our soccer has ended and students should return their uniforms.

Flag football tryouts are wrapping up and team lists will be posted. A tournament is planned for November 15/16.

Volleyball tryouts are ongoing.

The cross country team had their meet at Point pleasant park on October 14.



## Club news



Clubs currently active at FBJH:

- ★ Student Council
- ★ Yearbook committee
- ★ GSA
- ★ Chess

More info on the daily announcements!