



FBJH Newsletter

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Message from the office

Welcome back families! We hope you have had a restful summer and that you are ready for a new school year. We recognize the stress around Covid-19 restrictions and changing phases and we are doing everything in our power to keep our community safe. Thank you for your support with this so far. The students have been wonderful and are seeming to get back into the routine of school. We are looking forward to getting back to our "new normal" and back to activities that students look forward to every year. The Voices of War exhibit that students produce for Remembrance day, as well as the Entrepreneur fair in December, are both being planned by our staff. Tryouts have started for sports teams and lunchtime clubs have begun. It is wonderful to get back to these things that we have all missed so much.

 **School photos are scheduled for September 27!**



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.

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First meeting is September 21

Events

Students at FBJH took part in the Federal election student vote on September 20. Their votes were combined with votes from other students across the country. All three grade levels voted for Olivia Dorey (NDP)

FBJH 2021/2022 Yearbook

Yearbooks will be for sale soon 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 were people who wanted them and were unable to get one. So make sure you order online!

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.

Calendar

September 29 - Orange shirt day
September 30 - Truth and reconciliation (Holiday - no school)
October 11 - Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)
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

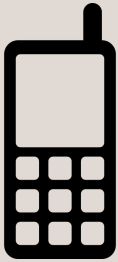
Cafeteria

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.

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.

Cell phones



Cell phones are wonderful tools that allow families to communicate with each other at any time. They have so many functions and can be extremely helpful devices. But they are also very distracting for students during the school day. Please have a conversation with your student about appropriate cell phone use. Cell phones should not be visible during learning time. Please do not message your student during their classes.



Several classes will be participating in National Truth and reconciliation week starting on September 27. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WEEK is a 5-day national event that will continue the conversations from Every Child Matters. Important conversations including the truths of the Indigenous treaties, First Nation, Métis and Inuit land claims, and the residential schools system. This online event will provide historical workshops, exclusive video content, and activities for students – all supported by artistic and cultural performances by First Nations, Métis, and Inuit artists.

Athletics news

The girls and boys soccer teams both played, and won, against Brookside on Monday September 20. The next game is Wednesday Sept 22.



Club news

Clubs have returned to FBJH!

We can finally gather outside of our cohorts and this means that we are able to offer clubs this year. Most clubs meet at lunchtime and all are run by teacher volunteers. Some examples of clubs available as of today are Student council, GSA and yearbook. Everyone is welcome to join at any time. The information about each club can generally be found on the morning announcements.

Grade 8 and 9 students are participating in in the Terry Fox run on Tuesday September 21 and Wednesday September 22!