

# June Newsletter

## St. Stephen's Elementary School

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### Principal's Message

Happy June, SSES families!

What a busy and exciting month of May we've had! As we head into the final stretch of the school year, we're kicking things off with our annual SSES PTA Spring Fair this weekend—always a highlight for our school community.

Last month, we celebrated Black Excellence, and our Running Club wrapped up its season, with many of our students proudly participating in the Dr. NS Youth Run during the Bluenose Marathon weekend. Grade 4-6 strings and Grade 6 band students performed for their classmates and families. Meanwhile, our Grade 4-6 athletes have shifted gears and are now preparing for the city-wide Track and Field Meet, which takes place from June 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. Finally, our gymnasium received a small makeover in the form of new basketball standards this month, replacing the originals from 77yrs ago!

As we look ahead to the 2025-26 school year, we are actively working on staffing and class organization. Our enrollment remains steady, and we're pleased to share that we'll be holding strong at 14 classes next year. Online registration will remain open throughout the summer for any new families joining our school community.

Please keep an eye on this month's important dates, and don't forget to check the link at the top of the following page for the 2025-26 HRCE calendar, which includes key dates for the upcoming school year. If you're exploring fine arts opportunities for your child, be sure to check the last page of this newsletter for registration details.

As we near the end of the 2024-25 school year, we'd like to express our heartfelt appreciation to our incredible PTA and SAC for their ongoing support of the work we do at SSES. And most importantly, to our amazing SSES families and the broader North End community—thank you for your continued partnership and encouragement throughout the year.

Wishing you a fantastic June, a joyful summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in September!

Yours in Learning,

Dave Madgett, Principal and Nicole Gerrard, Vice-Principal

### Upcoming Events

#### Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

11am-2pm PTA Spring Fair

#### June 2-6

Last Fire Drill

#### Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Grade 6 Track & Field Day

#### Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Grade 5 Track & Field Day

#### Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

Grade 4 Track & Field Day

#### Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

Halifax Public Library Visits SSES

#### Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

4D&5F Trip to the Citadel

#### Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

1:15pm Gr. 6 to HPJHS for orientation

#### Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

5:15pm SAC Meeting

6:30pm PTA Meeting

#### Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

4D to Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

Gr. 6 to Camp Bayside

#### Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

2C & 5B at Shubenacadie Wildlife Park

#### Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

Gr. 4M to the Oval

#### Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

Multicultural Day

PI & 5F at Shubenacadie Wildlife Park

#### Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

1pm School Group Photo & Gr.6 Photo

4&4/5 Maritime Museum

#### Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

4D & 5F at Point Pleasant Park

#### Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Field Day

#### Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

Gr. 6 Leaving

#### Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

Assessment & Evaluation Day (no classes)

#### Monday June 30<sup>th</sup>

Last Day of School (10:45am dismissal)

## What's New



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[HRCE Calendar 2025-26 Now Available!!!](#)

### Library Book Returns

All library books are due back to the library by Friday June 13th. Please have a look around your home for any books (library or other books that may belong to the school), we will take them all! You may access your child's library account to see what they have out on loan, by doing the following:

1. **Go to** <https://hrce.insignails.com/Library/Login?goto=Loan>
2. **Username:** 10 digit Provincial Student ID number (which starts with 3101 or 3102, and ends with the 6 digits from your GNSPES email account)
3. **Password:** your first name in lowercase

### Multicultural Day

We are excited to announce that our school will be hosting a Multicultural Day on **June 18th, 2025**, and we would love to celebrate the rich diversity within our school community! This will be a wonderful opportunity for students, families, and staff to come together and showcase the cultures, traditions, and unique backgrounds that make our school so special.

**If you or your child would like to participate as a performer, set up a booth, or volunteer in any other way, please fill out this [Google Form](#).** The form will allow you to sign up for the various activities and let us know how you would like to contribute to this wonderful celebration of diversity.

We look forward to celebrating our shared global community and making this event a memorable experience for everyone. Your participation will help make Multicultural Day a success, and we are grateful for your support.

Thank you in advance for your involvement. Please stay tuned for further details, and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Noor Humadi ([Noor.Humadi@hrce.ca](mailto:Noor.Humadi@hrce.ca)) - EAL Teacher

### Halifax Boys Honour Choir



- Auditions for the Halifax Boys Honour Choir will take place on Wednesday, June 4th and 11th, Room 5, Halifax Central Junior High School.
- Drop by any time between 4:00-5:30.
- The audition piece is O Canada, and Row Row Row Your Boat or Frère Jacques.
- Auditions are on a first-come first-served basis and are for students (male identifying) entering grades 4-9 in September 2025.
- Please email Pam Burton at [halifaxboyschoir@gnspe.ca](mailto:halifaxboyschoir@gnspe.ca) for more information.

## School Advisory Council (SAC)

Have you ever wanted to know more about how our school and regional centre operate? Consider joining our School Advisory Council (SAC). The SAC is an advisory body to individual school principals, as well as the regional centres for education (RCEs). They provide recommendations on a variety of issues related to their local school and the overall school system. Our SAC Executive will have a few openings in September. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:15pm in the kitchen from September–June. More info will follow in the September Newsletter.

## PTA Volunteers Needed

Our Parent Teacher Association is a small but very active group of Parents/Guardians/Staff who strive to achieve these common goals:

1. To promote collaboration between parents/guardians and all school staff
2. To support programs promoting the well-being and safety of students in the school
3. To promote an interest in, and a better understanding of, the educational curriculum at the school
4. To provide financial support to the school community to enhance the learning environment
5. To promote more active participation in school related activities by staff/parents/guardians and build community spirit.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:15pm in the kitchen from September–June to talk about current school programming/logistics and planning for upcoming events.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

## Summer Registration

Registration is only required if:

- your child is new to Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE),
- you have moved and your child will be attending a new school in HRCE
- your child is beginning school in pre-primary or primary.

Students currently enrolled in Pre-Primary that are going into primary next year are not required to re-register for primary unless you are opting for French Immersion in which case you must register with SJAM.

**Families are encouraged to register online at:** <https://www.hrce.ca/families/student-registration-updates> If you have questions about the registration process, please contact the school (902)493-5155 or the HRCE at 902-464-2000.

## 2025-26 EXCEL Before & Afterschool Registration



The EXCEL program is a recreation-based, fee-for-service before and after school program run by the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, offering before and after school care for elementary-aged children.

At each school site, the dedicated and qualified staffing teams plan weekly games and activities that suit the needs and interests of the registered students. These individual plans are framed around EXCEL's overall philosophy which is focused on physical activity and positive social interaction in a safe and fun environment.

[Click here](#) for more information.



Please check the HRA website over the coming weeks to access free music programming for students interested in Band, Choir, or Strings. Auditioned ensembles will have details embedded in the Registration Page and on the website pertaining to the activity.

Access the Registration Page through our website:

<https://hra.hrce.ca/>

Additional information:

Band Plus: <https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/hrabandplus/home>

Choral: <https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/hra-choral-23-24/home>

Strings: <https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/hrastrings>