



SHATFORD MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY  
Learning, Growing, Belonging

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## OCTOBER 2023 EDITION



## FAMILY HALLOWEEN DANCE OCTOBER 26

Johnny Boulay who owes “Moving Your Earth” has kindly once again donated his laser light show to host our Family dance. This will be outside weather permitting. If the weather does not cooperate, we will be inside in the gym. The Home and School will be preparing bags of popcorn for sale. No other items will be offered this year.

Please understand that children must be supervised by their parent/guardian at this event.

### Dear Shatford Families,

What a fantastic start to our year! Students have settled into routines and lots of learning has taken place.

October is shaping up to be a busy, fun filled month.

Keep an eye on our calendar on the Home page of our website for important dates.

### LOST BUT NOT YET FOUND

Check out the What’s New section of our website for lost items that may belong to your child.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting

Oct 3-18 Grade 6 Provincial Assessments

Oct 9 Thanksgiving – No school

Oct 17 Bus evacuation practice

Oct 20 Walk to School Day – details to follow

Oct 24 Picture Retake/Class Photos

Oct 24, 6:30 -7:30pm Home & School meeting

Oct 26 Family Halloween Dance

Oct 27 Provincial conference – No school

Oct 31 Halloween – Classroom teachers will keep you posted

### WEDNESDAY PIZZA LUNCH

Our Wednesday Pizza lunch started on October 4 for those who have ordered.

If your child would like to have pizza lunch and you need help subsidizing, please contact Sarah Wile or Tanya Pelley at 902-857-4200.



## EMERGENCY DRILLS:

- Fire Drill
- Lockdown Drill
- Hold & Secure Drill

We have been busy practicing many different types of procedures that could help us in Emergency situations. You would be most familiar with the fire drills. Here are a few more bits of info on the other drills we practice.

1. *Shelter in Place* involves either a *Hold and Secure* (where no one enters or exits the building, but those inside may be able to move around) or a *Lockdown* (where no one enters or exits the building and all students and staff are concealed in a secure location, away from doors and windows).
2. *Evacuation* involves all students and staff exiting the building but remaining on the property.
3. *Relocation* involves all students and staff moving from the school property to another nearby site.
4. It is also important to note that HRCE can respond to an emergency evacuation using our large network of school buses. There are more than 400 school buses on the road every day

**IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO ALWAYS MAKE US AWARE OF ANY CHANGES TO YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION.**



### Using SchoolMessenger to Report Student Absence

Parents and guardians can report students absent prior to the start of the school day using SchoolMessenger.

**Call**  
1-833-582-6940  
Automated  
phone system

You may be prompted to enter a phone number you provided to the school.

**Website**  
<https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/>  
SchoolMessenger  
icon in PowerSchool

You will need your portal username and password, or email address you provided to the school.

**App**  
SchoolMessenger  
Download



You will need your portal username, or email address you provided to the school.

#### Website

1. Sign in to the **PowerSchool Portal**

<https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/>

2. Click **SchoolMessenger**

3. Click the **menu** in the top-right corner



4. Click **Attendance**

5. Make selections and click **Send**

The screenshot shows the PowerSchool SIS interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Attendance', 'Progress', 'Reports', 'Tools', and 'Help'. The main content area is titled 'In-Progress Achievement and Attendance' and contains a table with columns for 'Student', 'Absence', 'Date', and 'Status'. Below the table is a form titled 'Reporting absences just got a whole lot easier. Just tell us who will be absent, when and why, and we'll inform the school.' The form has the following fields: 'Who will be absent?' with a 'Select student from dropdown' button; 'Type of absence' with a 'Select Absent with Notification' dropdown; and 'Date of Absence' with a 'Select date' dropdown. At the bottom of the form are 'Cancel' and 'Send' buttons, with a green circle containing the number '5' next to the 'Send' button.

## International Walk to School Day - Oct 20<sup>th</sup>

The Ecology Action Center every year promotes physical activity by asking schools to take part in International Walk to School Day. IWALK gives children, parents, teachers, and community leaders an opportunity to get outside and discover their neighborhoods or schoolgrounds. Getting children and youth outside to be physically active plays a key role in keeping kids healthy and focused.

In the next few weeks, we will have an option of two starting points on the Rails to Trails to meet staff if you want your child to walk with others. We also encourage parents to walk with us if possible. If you just want to keep it simple and walk from another starting point that is up to your parental discretion.