




**WEEKLY MEMO**  
**ÉCOLE HAMMOND BAY**  
 Website: <https://hb.schools.sd68.bc.ca/>



Monday October 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday October 13 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Monday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thanksgiving – School Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Cross Country practice @11:40 Football practice @2:20pm (lower field)
<b>Wednesday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Student Council meeting @11:40 Football game @2:30pm (Ecole North Oyster)
<b>Thursday, Oct 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Cross Country practice @11:40
<b>Friday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Hot Lunch 

**Upcoming Dates to Note**

**October 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>** Early Dismissals for Formative Assessment Conferences – Students will be dismissed at 1:15pm every day. *Please see specific messaging regarding booking your times with individual teachers.*

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** Photo Retakes

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** Provincial Pro-D Day (School Closed)

**Formative Assessment Conferences**

Our parent conferences are happening October 16-19<sup>th</sup>. Please use this link to book your times to meet with your child’s teacher. If you have more than one child at the school, you will need to book each teacher separately. If you are having trouble making a booking please let your classroom teacher know. You have the option of meeting online or in person.

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/BookingsEcoleHammondBay@sd68.bc.ca/bookings/>

**SchoolCash Online**

This is the link to connect to any items attached to your student that require payment to the school. For example: school fees, field trips, clothing orders. <https://nlps.schoolcashionline.com/>

**FSAs for grade 4 and 7 students**

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Students in Grades 4 and 7,  
 Starting on October 18th through to Friday, November 10, 2023 our Grades 4 and 7 students will be participating in the B.C. Ministry of Education and Child Care’s *Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)*. Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools fully supports the FSA and anticipates your child will participate in this useful assessment. Some parents may receive materials from the British Columbia Teacher’s Federation. Please keep in mind that administration of the FSA is a Ministerial Order. It is our Legislative Responsibility to ensure that this Ministry Assessment is administered, students are supervised, assessment is completed, and the data from the assessments is collected and transmitted to the Ministry.

Your support as a parent is highly valued. A sample FSA is available online. As well, an informational short video about the assessment can be found on the district's Foundation Skills Assessment webpage: <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/fsa/>

If you have any questions, please contact Mme Apland at [sapland@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:sapland@sd68.bc.ca). If you wish to exempt your child, please submit a written request with your rationale for exemption to Mme Apland **before October 13<sup>th</sup> 2023**.

### **Pick up, Drop off, School Phone and Leaving Early**

*\*\*Reminder, BC is an idle-free province. Please shut off your vehicle when dropping off or picking up your child(ren).*

Please organize plans with your child prior to them coming to school. If you must change plans with your child, please email [info.hb@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:info.hb@sd68.bc.ca) and we will ensure that the message is delivered. A reminder that if you need to pick up your child early, please let the classroom teacher and the office know in advance so that students can be prepared for their departure.

All students must stay near the pickup/drop off location organized by teacher until their adult picks them up. Supervisors will bring any students who are not picked up to the office until someone comes to pick them up. Students need to be picked up as soon as possible after school *and should not be heading to park or off site without their adult*. Any child who can not find their adult should report to the nearest duty or come to the office.

If parking in the parking lot during pickup/drop off, please park in visitor spaces and not in those marked *staff*.

### **Athletics**

Our **Cross-Country team** has been training hard on Tuesday and Thursdays during long recess with M Bamford, M Palmer, and Mme Katie. We are excited to have so many students participating. Athletes are reminded to return their consent forms for the October 25<sup>th</sup> Zone Meet as soon as possible.

The **Football Team** is having a great season and we are proud of their hard work and team spirit. They will play their last regular season game on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> against North Oyster and playoffs will begin the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to Mme Erin S. and parent Dane C. for sponsoring and coaching the team this year.

### **Message from PAC**

For anyone who is not yet following us on social media and wants to make sure they never miss a deadline for hot lunch, popcorn or other fundraisers, and to hear about important (and FUN!) upcoming events, please follow us on either:

WhatsApp (download the app and then follow the link)

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GYpylbdLdloJA5xHvKk06k>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/EcoleHammondBay>

### **Halloween Dance**

Friday October 27th from 5-7pm in the school gym.  
Tickets available through Munchalunch.

We expect this event to sell out so buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment.  
Food and drinks available by presale ONLY.

More of what is happening at Ecole Hammond Bay:



Working with NALT identifying Macroinvertebrates in Walley Creek.

