

Oldfield Consolidated School

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September Newsletter 2026

Welcome to the 2026–2027 School Year!

Dear Oldfield Families,

Welcome back! September brings a beautiful season of fresh starts, and the staff have been hard at work preparing a safe, welcoming, and exciting environment for all our students.

We are new to you and excited to be part of the school community as your administrative team. My name is Craig Ashley and I will be serving as the School Principal, and Andrea Heard, the Vice-Principal. We are genuinely looking forward to learning alongside your children and getting to know each of your families. We have no doubt that our staff and community members will quickly fold us into all the wonderful school culture that makes Oldfield Consolidated School so special.

As we establish our school routines, we deeply value the partnership between home and school. Please never hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns. Here's to a fantastic year of growth and community!

The OCS Administrative Team

September (List of Important Dates)

- Thursday, Sept. 3: First day of school for students!
- Thursday, Sept. 10: Stand Up Against Bullying Day
- Friday, Sept. 25: Professional Development Day – No classes PP-12
- Tuesday, Sept. 29: Observe Orange Shirt Day
- Tuesday, Sept. 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No classes PP-12

Join the PTO – Make a Difference This Year!

We'd love to have you in our Parent Teacher Organization community! Whether you have hours to give or just a little time to spare, there's a spot for you:

- Join the Core Team: Help plan, organize, and shape our overall school year.
- Event Volunteer: Support specific, one-time events like movie nights, field days, or teacher appreciation meals.

Every bit of help counts! Give it some thought and send us a message or jump into our next meeting to get started.

Join Our School Advisory Council (SAC)!

We're looking for **2 parent representatives and 1 community representative** to join our School Advisory Council! The SAC gives parents and community members a voice in shaping our school's future. Council members advise on school policies, support student success initiatives, and help direct allocated school funding.

- Low Time Commitment: Only 6 meetings per year.
- Flexible: Options to attend in person or virtually.

Want to help make a difference for our students? Send us a quick email at ocs@hrce.ca to express your interest!

We Care About School Safety

Each month, we will share important information about school safety procedures, policies, and practices. School safety is a shared responsibility, and we appreciate everyone's cooperation.

Please be mindful of the limited space in our parking lot and the room buses need to safely enter and exit. Families are encouraged to use assigned bussing and consider carpooling whenever possible. This helps reduce congestion and keeps traffic moving safely for students arriving at school. Thank you for helping keep our school community safe!

PowerSchool Opens for Families on September 2

PowerSchool will open to families on Wednesday, September 2 at 3 p.m. In PowerSchool, you'll be able to view your child's teacher(s) and/or class schedule. **This means that classlists will be sent home via email on September 1st so that you will have that information for our evening arranged to meet the school staff and drop off school supplies.**

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On September 30, we honour the children who never returned home from residential schools, as well as the survivors, families, and communities who continue to live with their lasting impacts.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led movement that reminds us that Every Child Matters and encourages all of us to learn, reflect, and support truth and reconciliation.

As there are no classes on Wednesday, September 30, we invite students and staff to wear orange on Tuesday, September 29.

Stand Up Against Bullying Day is September 10

On Stand Up Against Bullying Day, we come together to promote kindness, inclusion, and respect in our school communities.

Every student deserves to feel safe, supported, and welcome at school. On Thursday, September 10, we invite students and staff to wear pink to show that bullying has no place in our schools.

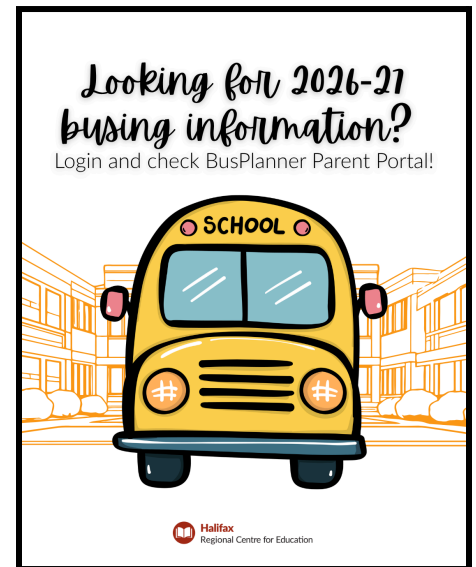
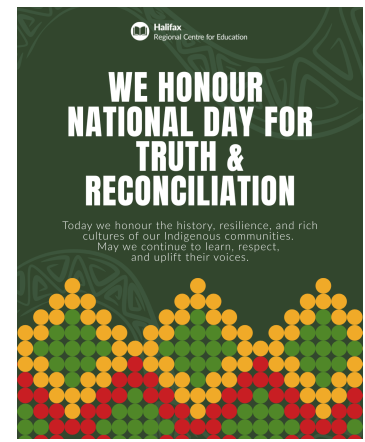
Together, we can create school communities where everyone feels safe, valued, and included.

Using BusPlanner

Everything you need to know about student transportation, including eligibility, stop times and stop locations, can be found on BusPlanner. Once you register and subscribe, you can choose to receive email and/or text message notifications on changes to routes, bus delays or cancellations.

To sign up, go to BusPlanner at hrce.mybusplanner.ca and click on Parent Portal. Follow the instructions to create an account.

Don't have a BusPlanner Parent Portal account? Need help logging in? Please contact the HRCE Student Transportation Team through the Transportation Inquiry Form [here](#).



Nova Scotia School Lunch Program: Ordering is Now Open!

We're looking forward to the 2026-27 launch of the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program! Beginning this school year, the program will be available in all public schools across the province.

Start date:

Lunch at your school will begin on Tuesday, September 8.

Key dates for the first ordering cycle:

- Ordering opens: Friday, August 28
- Ordering closes: Wednesday, September 2, at noon

Registering and ordering:

All lunches must be ordered through the online ordering system. To get started, visit www.NSLunch.ca and click "Order Now." Returning users can sign in using their existing account.

More information, including instructions on how to create a diner account, is available at www.NSLunch.ca.



