



INVERNESS EDUCATION CENTRE/ACADEMY

DECEMBER 2023

IMPORTANT DATES & CHRISTMAS THEME DAYS

Dec 5 th	SAC Meeting 6pm	Dec 18 th	Graduation Photos
Dec 6 th	Test Drive Presentation Gr. 10-11	Dec 18 th	Theme Day – Ugly Sweater Day
Dec 12 th	Christmas Concert 6:30pm	Dec 19 th	Theme Day – Winter Wonderland & Christmas Character Day
Dec 13 th	Chartwell’s Christmas Dinner \$5 a student	Dec 20 th	Theme Day – PJ Day
Dec 13 th	Gr. 4’s – Christmas caroling at the Manor	Dec 20 th	Last day of classes
Dec 14 th	Theme Day – Christmas Colours	Dec 22-23	Sr. Boys Hockey Tournament @ Richmond & SAERC
Dec 15 th	Theme Day – School Spirit	Dec 21-Jan 1 st	Christmas Break
Dec 15 -16 th	Sr. Boys Holiday Hoops Basketball Tournament	January 2 nd	Back to Classes

CHRISTMAS WREATH CAMPAIGN



A huge thank you goes out to the community of Inverness for the support on our Christmas wreath campaign. The students sold wreaths to family, friends, and neighbours. It was a great success! They sold 240 wreaths. IECA staff and coaches want to say thank you for your dedication to our school. The money raised will go a long way in supporting our school sports teams.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Parents are reminded not to send birthday party invitations to their child(rens) classrooms as they will not be passed out in school.
- Parents and visitors are more than welcome to visit the school. However, be sure that you only go as far as the office. For our students’ security we ask that you don’t go to coat racks, classrooms, the gym etc. during school hours. If you need to see your child administration will call your child to the office for you.
- We also ask that parents communicate in their child(rens) agendas if there are any after school arrangements, cafeteria instructions, and extracurricular activities that need to be noted. We have over 300 students from pre-primary to grade 12 and it is not possible for our secretary to manage all these arrangements or changes in plans.
- Please ensure that you send your child to school with a water bottle. IECA does not provide cups and we no longer have the older style water fountains – we have water fill stations.
- Students **are not** permitted into the school or the foyer until 8:25am. Please **do not** drop your child(ren) earlier than 8:25am as there is no one available to supervise your child(ren).

Chartwells Christmas Dinner – December 13th

Chartwells will be preparing a turkey dinner for our students on December 13th and storm date December 15th. The dinner will include roast turkey, mashed potato, veggies, homemade stuffing, and gravy. There will also be a sweet treat and a choice of milk or juice for \$5.00. IECA is subsidizing the cost of the dinner to keep it at \$5. Pre-orders are required, orders can be made [online](#) or by filling out the paper order form that will be sent home with students. If you use the paper order form, please include \$5.00 with your order. All pre-orders should be made by December 8th.



WINTER SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

It's that time of year again ... be sure you know the procedures for class cancellations.

The safety of students and staff is the primary consideration in the decision to cancel classes or bus routes. The decision is made by the Regional Executive Director of Education after review of all available information provided by the Director of Operations. It is a decision that is taken very seriously and is made following discussion and consultation with: The Regional Centre's Transportation Manager; The staff of the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal; Weather forecasting services including Environment Canada, WOOD Weather Information System, and The Weather Network; Provincial highway cameras; and Individual school bus drivers.

Decisions to cancel classes or bus service are made, to the degree possible, prior to 6:30 am.

Reminders:

- If your child's bus is not running, you must contact the school to excuse him/her.
- Parent/guardians who choose to drive their children to school when bus transportation has been cancelled in the morning are responsible to arrange transportation home in the afternoon.
- Cancellation of morning bus service also means cancellation of afternoon bus service.
- When classes are cancelled at a school, all afternoon and evening activities at the school site are also cancelled.

Parents/Guardians will exercise their discretion when deciding if weather or road conditions are appropriate for the safe conveyance of their children. For more information, please refer to the detailed School Cancellation Procedures Due to Extreme Weather Conditions located in the Document Depot of the website at www.srce.ca.

Dressing for the Weather

Although some days might not seem so cold at your home, when your children arrive at IECA we get some good winds from the Atlantic Ocean that cause it to be colder at the school. We ask that you be sure to dress your child(ren) warm so they can enjoy their time outside at recess and lunch. It would also be appreciated if you could pack an extra set of clothes in their backpacks for days that are wet. This way we won't need to call you to come in with new clothes.





Science Fairs help students develop their critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and appreciation for science. Science Fairs can spark a lifelong interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The Strait Regional Science Fair will take place this year on April 9, 2024, in Port Hawkesbury, NS. It will be hybrid model again this year with both in-person and virtual judging. The SRCE Science Fair Committee encourages students to begin thinking about completing a project for one of the following categories:

Environment, Energy, and Resources; Information Technology and Innovation; Health and Social Sciences; or Discovery. The Strait Regional Centre for Education recognizes the science behind traditional Indigenous Knowledge. A new prize will be awarded this year to a project that:

- Shares Indigenous Knowledge about environmental management, or relates Indigenous Knowledge to any of the project categories above; or
- Connects Two-Eyed Seeing to a scientific concept; or
- Is relevant to Indigenous community needs

For more information about the Regional Science Fair, check out the [SRSF](#) website!

IECA HAPPENINGS

Remembrance Day Commemoration



More students at IECA are enjoying fresh, local food at lunchtime with the arrival of our fresh food cart, available every Tuesday and Thursday at lunch for \$4.00!



The Grade 10 O2 Class completed their First Aid training.



A huge THANK YOU to the Credit Union for providing us with a \$1000 grant to support the purchase of new Basketball jerseys for our girls basketball team.



SPORTS EVENTS







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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1 Day A	2
3	4 DAY B Accepting Food Bank Donations	5 DAY C SAC Meeting 6pm Accepting Food Bank Donations	6 DAY D Test Drive Presentation Gr. 10-11 Accepting Food Bank Donations	7 DAY E Accepting Food Bank Donations	8 DAY F Accepting Food Bank Donations	9
10	11 DAY G Student Council will sell Candy Grams	12 DAY H Christmas Concert 6:30pm Student Council will sell Candy Grams	13 DAY A Chartwells Christmas Dinner \$5 per student Gr. 4 – Caroling at the Manor Jingle Bell Jaunt/Walk	14 DAY B Theme Day Christmas Colours	15 DAY C Theme Day School Spirit Sr. Boys BB Tournament Candy Grams will be delivered	16 Sr. Boys BB Tournament
17	18 DAY D Theme Day Ugly Sweater Day Graduation Photos Christmas Dance Pr-3, 6-7pm Gr. 4-6, 7-8pm	19 DAY E Theme Day Winter Wonderland & Christmas Character Day Gr. 7-12 Broomball Gr. Pr-6 - Skating	20 DAY F Theme Day PJ Day Homeroom Christmas Parties in the afternoon	21 Holiday	22 Holiday	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26 Holiday	27 Holiday	28 Holiday	29 Holiday	30
31 New Year's Eve	1 Holiday	2 DAY G Back to Classes				