



January 2024

# INVERNESS EDUCATION CENTRE ACADEMY

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Back to classes	Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup>
SAC Meeting 6pm	Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>
NSVS Exams	Jan 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Semester 1 Exams	Jan 25 – 30 <sup>th</sup>
PP-8, Regular Classes	Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>
Gr. 9-12, No Classes	

## 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 three hundred 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).
- Parents of Elementary students are encouraged to keep an extra set of clothes in their child(ren)s school bag in-case they get wet during the school day. This eliminates the need for phone calls home for dry clothes.

## Inverness Education Centre/Academy

### Summative Assessment Schedule January 2024

Date	Grade 12	Grade 11	Grade 10	Grade 9
Tuesday January 23 (Day F)	NSVS Exams Regular classes for other Grade 12 students	NSVS Exams Regular classes for other Grade 11 students	Regular classes for Grade 10 students	Regular classes for Grade 9 Students
Wednesday January 24 (Day G)	Regular classes Grade 12 students	Regular classes Grade 11 students	Regular classes Grade 10 students	Regular classes Grade 9 students
Thursday January 25 (Day H)	Mathematics 12 Mathematics at Work 12 Math Essentials 12	Biology 11 Production Technology 11	English 10 NSE Career Development 1002	Science 9
Friday January 26 (Day A)	English 12 English Communications 12	Mathematics 11 Mathematics at Work 11 Math Essentials 11	Music 10	Citizenship Education 9
Monday January 29 (Day B)	Physical Education Leadership 12	Physics 11 Fitness Leadership 11	Science 10	English 9
Tuesday January 30 (Day C)	Physics 12 Cooperative Education 12	English 11 English Communications 11	Mathematics 10 Skilled Trades 10	Mathematics 9
Wednesday January 31 (Day D)	Admin Day Grades 9-12 No Classes Grades 9-12 Regular Classes P-8	Admin Day Grades 9- 12 No Classes Grades 9- 12 Regular Classes P-8	Admin Days Grades 9-12 No Classes Grades 9-12 Regular Classes P-8	Admin Day Grades 9-12 No Classes Grades 9-12 Regular Classes P- 8

NB1: In the case of cancellation of all classes due to inclement weather, the schedule advances one day. Admin Day/Marking day for teachers 9-12 will also advance a day. This day will occur the day after the four summative assessment days have been completed.

NB2: In the event that a student misses a summative assessment due to illness or other emergencies, that student must write on Admin Day or in a PM time in consultation with the teacher. Buses are driving that day for Grades Primary to 8 students. Absences for other than illness or emergencies will NOT be granted.

NB3: Even though some courses in the schedule may not have assessments in the form of a written exam, students must be available to complete work or perform an alternate summative assessment to an exam as set by the teacher.

NB4: In general, summative assessments are held from 08.45 to 11.45. This time period is allowed to complete the assessments. Students may not leave the exam room till 10.15 AM.

NB5: All outstanding coursework should be submitted to the teacher before the start of the summative assessment period.

## SRCE Fostering a Love of Reading at Home

1. **Read to your child** - This special time promotes healthy brain development and strengthens bonds.
2. **Read a variety of texts** - Picture books, story books, biographies, digital texts, how-to books, comics, manuals, recipe books, food labels, news articles, etc.
3. **Listen to your child read** - Take turns reading a book, comic, magazine, newspaper, or other reading material together.
4. **Talk about the story** - This helps children understand what they are reading.
5. **Read in front of children** - If all household members “practice what they preach” and model reading, it sends a clear message that reading is valuable.
6. **Create a space for reading and writing** - A comfy space with reading materials, pens, pencils, markers, and paper nearby will encourage your child to practice their reading and writing skills daily.
7. **Look for opportunities to use reading and writing skills** - For example, have your child write the shopping list, read the traffic signs, and name all the things in the kitchen that start with the letter *P*, etc.
8. **Turn off technology** - Kids often need extra encouragement to pick up a book and read or get pencil and paper and write. (Unless using technology to read or write)
9. **Write messages to family and friends** - Think of a family member, friend or community member who might like to receive a letter, text, email, or notes on the fridge, etc.
10. **Listen to music with your child** - After listening, talk about it. For example, discuss the meaning of lyrics, the historical aspects of the song and the way music makes you feel, etc.
11. **Make up stories together** - Take turns adding details. Start with “Once upon a time...”; “It was a sunny day...” or “Yesterday...” etc.
12. **Visit the local library virtually with your child** - Take advantage of book borrowing and other activities offered at our local library. <http://ecrl.library.ns.ca/> or <http://www.parl.ns.ca>



## WINTER SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

**It is 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](http://www.srce.ca)



## Out Pouring of Gratitude from IECA

Great communities inspire us to make the world a better place and lead our students by example. This was certainly what IECA experienced as we entered the Christmas season. Community members and organizations supported us with donations to the breakfast/food security program, secret Santa's arrived with winter clothing, gift cards, and students held a food bank drive to give back to the community.

## 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. 😊

### School Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year (Pre-primary Program and Grade Primary)

Posted on 01/02/2024



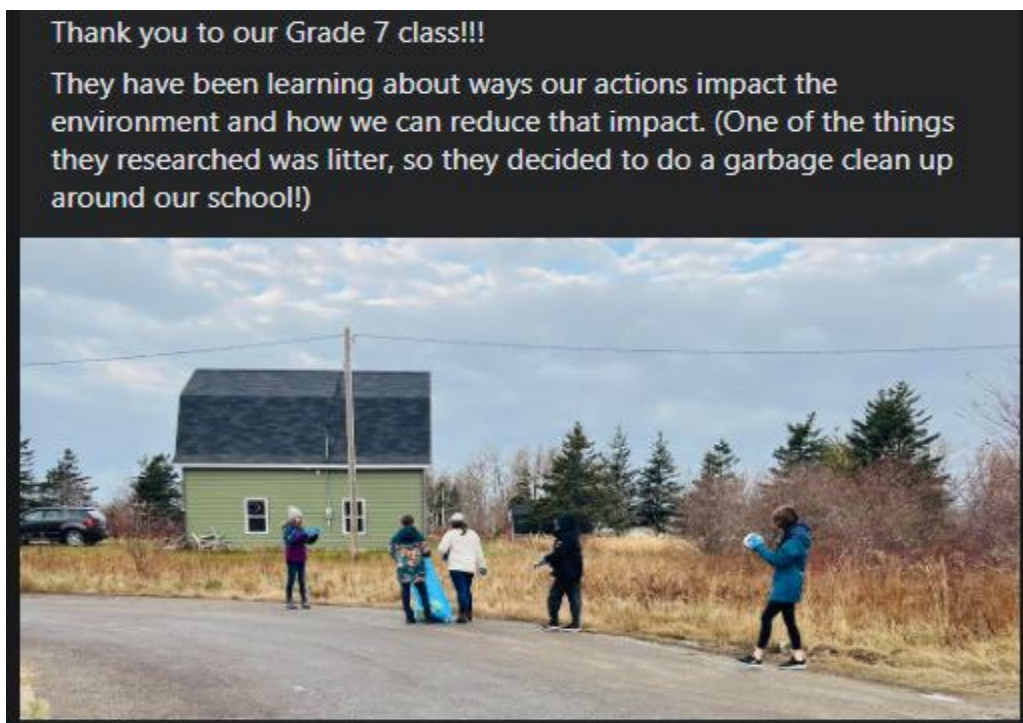
Families wishing to register children for the Pre-primary Program and Grade Primary in both English and French Immersion for September 2024 may do so during the week of January 22 to 26, 2024.

Please refer to the following links for additional details:

[Registration for Pre-primary Programs](#)

[Registration for Grade Primary](#)

## SUMMARY OF SOME OF DECEMBER'S HAPPENINGS





Check out our new Girls Basketball gear. We are so proud to share this picture! Twenty new jerseys, with shorts.

A huge thank you to Canada Post, Marie Copley (for donating a beautiful quilt), and the Credit Union for helping us make this purchase for our basketball team!

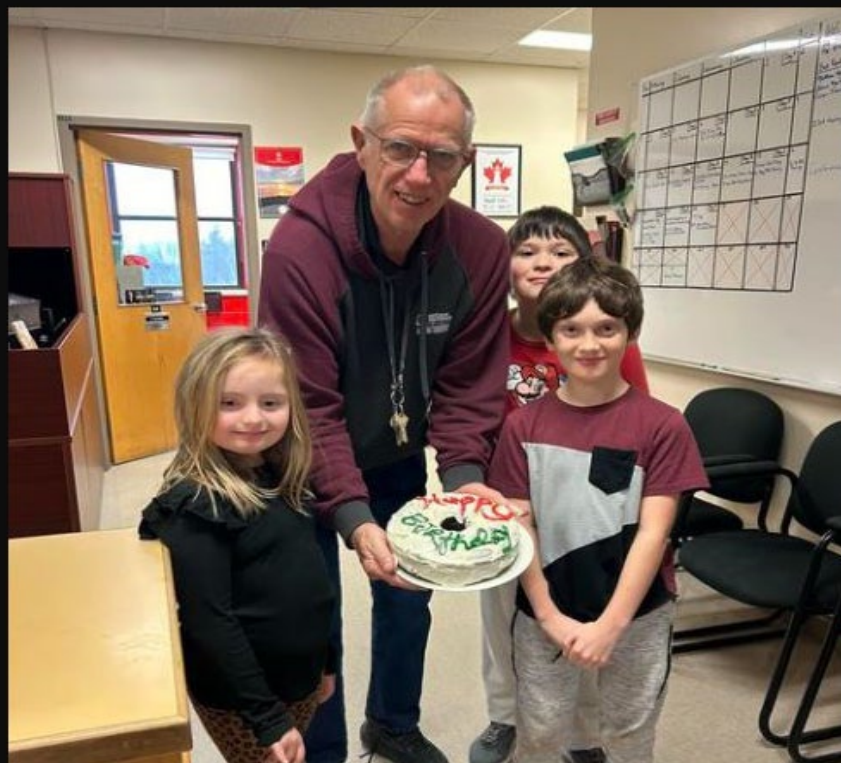


Coding with the Matalab with our special guest, Justin Fougere. It was so amazing to see these Grade 1/2 students using teamwork and communication to create codes and solve problems.





Mr. Goosens celebrated his 71st Birthday and the kindness club made him a delicious cake!



Our Junior Girls Volleyball team are JARIS champs!



Our Grade Primary class and their Grade 6 reading buddies made Christmas Cards for members of the Canadian Armed forces who are currently overseas.



Our Sr. Girls Volleyball team came home with silver from the Nova Scotia Provincials! Congrats Girls!





# IECA



# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Day G	2 Day H	3 Day A	4 Day B	5	6
7	8 Day C	9 Day D	10 Day E	11 Day F	12 Day G	13
14	15 Day H	16 Day A SAC Meeting 6pm	17 Day B	18 Day C	19 Day D	20
21	22 Day E	23 Day F NSVS Exams	24 Day G	25 Day H Exams	26 Day A Exams	27
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