



Fanning Education Centre/Canso Academy



Newsletter

November 2023

Message from the Office

Parents/Guardians:

The leaves have been changing quickly, presenting us with a beautiful landscape all around our school community! It also is a reminder that winter is just around the corner! As we begin this month, we will be encouraging students to take part in many “acts of remembrance” through various learning activities.

November also marks the time for the distribution of first term reports. As we continue to focus on student well-being through the creation of positive, safe, equitable and inclusive learning environments, we also work toward improving their achievement in literacy and math. As a staff, we will continue to collaborate to work toward these goals throughout the school year and appreciate input from our families throughout the process.

This year, we are going to have our traditional parent/teacher sessions, however, we are adding (or should I say, reawakening) our open houses where parents can visit the classrooms to view their children’s work. We will have some busing services to assist with transportation. As always, we look forward to your visiting to view firsthand the efforts of your child/children. We hope to see you there!

All the best,

Ms. Richards and Mrs. MacLean

Lest We Forget
— REMEMBRANCE DAY —



Important Dates

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| Nov. 3 | Techsploration Conference |
| Nov. 7 | Student/Business Event (grades 10-12) |
| Nov. 10 | Remembrance Day Service at 11:00 am |
| Nov. 13 | Remembrance Day Observance (no classes PP-12) |
| Nov. 16 | 9-12 Report Cards Distributed |
| Nov. 20 | P-8 Report Cards Distributed |
| Nov. 22 | P-12 Student-Led Open House |
| Nov. 23 | In-Service/Parent Teacher (no classes P-12) |



School Picture

Re-take Day

LifeTouch will be at FECCA on **Monday, Nov. 6, 2023**. All students are encouraged to have their pictures taken to receive a school ID.

If you require any further information, please contact the office.



Medications

As per our "Administration of Medication Policy" (PRO IV-B-2), medications both prescribed and over-the-counter must be secured at all times. If your child requires medication throughout the school day, please contact FECCA administration to create a safe plan for this to occur.

Parent/Teacher Appointments

Parent/Teacher will be held on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023, from 12:30-2:30 pm for grades Primary to 12. Please contact the office at 902-366-2225 to book appointments. Please indicate if you would prefer an in-person appointment or a phone appointment. We look forward to seeing you!

FECCA Remembers

On Friday, Nov. 10, at 11:00 am, FECCA staff and students will be taking part in our annual FECCA Remembrance Service. This is to honor members of our Canadian Armed Services who have served and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict, and peace.

Family members and members of our community are invited to attend to share in our act of remembrance.



Student-Led Open House Event

On the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 22, from 5-6:30 pm, FECCA will be hosting a student-led open house event to showcase our best work!

Ricky Byard's bus will be running and will have multiple stops to aid with transportation! More information will be sent home in the coming days.

We hope to see you soon!



FECCA Seahawks Schedule

Senior Girls Volleyball

Nov 4th- Dr. JH Gillis Invitational Tournament

Nov 8th- League Tournament @ Dr. JH Gillis

Nov. 10th - District Tournament @ EAEC

Nov. 12th- Richmond Tournament



Junior Girls & Boys Volleyball

Nov. 7th- Junior Girls Volleyball @ CECGA

Nov. 9th - Junior Boys Volleyball @ SAJS

Nov. 15th- Junior Girls District Tournament @ Pomquet

Nov. 16th- Junior Boys District Tournament @ EAEC

Nov. 20th Junior Boys Volleyball @ FECCA (Home)

Nov. 22nd- Junior Girls Volleyball @ FECCA (Home)

Nov. 29th- Junior Girls Final Tournament @ SAJS

Student/Business Event

Our Grades 10-12 students, along with all Guysborough County high schools have been invited by the Municipality to attend an event at the Performance Center in Guysborough on Nov. 7. Representatives from Everwind Fuels, Maritime Launch and Signal Gold will be present as part of a panel discussion to talk about what their projects entail, how they will impact the future of employment in our Municipality and what career paths will be needed to fill these positions. After each of the presentations there will be an opportunity for the students to ask questions of each presenter. This is a wonderful opportunity!

Techsploration News

Fanning Education Centre/Canso Academy has been a proud participant of Techsploration since 1999. Over the years we have seen the positive impact this program has had on our students and staff. Techsploration provides students (and teachers) with unique, hands-on experiences; from welding to biotech research to exploring navy ships. Techsploration plants seeds of possibility; empowering students to see themselves in careers they may have only dreamed of, or perhaps never even knew existed. It is one thing to do a Google search of jobs, it is an entirely different experience to interview and meet mentors in exciting, diverse careers. Students not only gain valuable career information, they also learn how to function as a team; solving problems, creating presentations and public speaking.

On November 3rd, our Alumnae team will participate in a one day conference at NSCC Pictou Campus. The alumnae team consists of young females and non-binary persons in grade 10 who participated on the Techsploration team last year. Alumnae will have the chance to meet additional role models from a wide range of careers and participate in hands on activities. Our team is excited to take part in the action-packed day!



Nova Scotia International Student Program (NSISP)

Since 1997, The NSISP has welcomed more than 12 000 students from 40 countries around the world into homes across Nova Scotia. Working in partnership with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, students are given the opportunity to improve their English language skills in one of the world's best public education systems. They are currently looking for host families to open their homes and hearts to an international student and be a part of this amazing program. Open your home and heart to an international student and bring the world home to you!

If you are interested in becoming a host family, please contact FECCA administration who will assist you with the process of contacting our homestay coordinator.



FECCA Home & School Association

On Oct. 19, 2023, our Home & School Association held a Halloween Family Fun Night. This event was extremely well attended by our FECCA families and members of our school community. Seeing the gymnasium filled with so many people having fun was heartwarming! Our association planned, hosted, and funded the entire event with help from FECCA staff and high school students. It is events such as these that help to build a positive school climate for all.

Our Home & School Association boasts 50 plus years of service to our children and entire school community. They are always looking for new members and ideas to continue offering programming and supports such as this. If you are interested in joining, join us on Nov. 9 at 3:45 pm at the FECCA Library or call 902-366-2225.

FECCA School Advisory Council (SAC)

Would you like to join our SAC? School Advisory Councils play an important role in supporting student success at the school community level. A School Advisory Council is an advisory body to the school principal, Regional Centre for Education, and the Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial on a range of issues related to the school and the school system. Membership can vary, but generally consists of the school principal, parents, teachers, and other community members. Please contact us at 902-366-2225, if you'd like to join.

School Counselling News

November is Career Month, and FECCA is celebrating by hosting various events supporting students in exploring careers. On November 1 we kick start career month with Take Your Kids to Work day. Grade 9 students will have the option of job shadowing a person from their community or attending a tour of St. FX to learn more about their programs and requirements to help plan their high school courses.

November 2: We continue celebrating career month with a visit from Skills Canada. Students in grade 9-12 will participate in the Skills for Success Workshop and learn more about skills employers are looking for that will help them get jobs!

November 3: Grade 10s who participated in Techsploration last year will attend the Techsploration Alumni conference in Pictou, where they will learn about a variety of careers in the STEM fields.

November 9: Students in grades 11/12 interested in learning more about Saint Mary's University can travel to Halifax for a campus tour.

November 20: FECCA is hosting the second Career Fair. Students in grades 7-12 will be learning more about careers from local professionals working in the field.

November 28: Students in grades 10-12 will travel to Guysborough for the AARAO tour, where they will have the chance to speak to university and college representatives from across the country.

In addition, this month, the CYCP is helping students in grades 4/5 learn about healthy Friendships. Students from grades P-3 are participating in the Path's program and learning about their feelings and emotional regulation.

Our Jack.org committee is officially up and running and our student leaders from grades 8-12 have been busy visiting classes from P-6 talking about Kindness, Kelso's Choices, and starting to plan our monthly assemblies recognizing Kelso and Kindness in our school. Our first assembly will be held on October 26 and the November assembly on November 24.

Stay tuned for more information on Vaping sessions being delivered to grades 7/8 by our Mental Health Outreach worker.

