



# Fanning Education Centre/Canso Academy



## Newsletter

September 2023

### Message from the Office

Parents/Guardians:

It is with great pleasure that we welcome all students, families and staff back to another year at FECCA!

We are excited to continue to empower students to become independent, productive, life-long learners while fostering confidence and well-being.

As your new administrative team, we look forward to working with students and families to provide a supportive and responsive learning environment that promotes wellness, growth and achievement in an inclusive and welcoming school environment.

We strongly believe in the African Proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child" and we also believe it takes a village to educate a child. We can't think of a better village in which to do so! With your continuing support, we're up for the challenge. Your input is important to us, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at 902-366-2225.

All the best,

Crystal Richards, Principal  
Amanda MacLean, Vice-Principal



### New Bell Schedule

- **Period 1:** 8:45 am to 9:45 am
- **Period 2:** 9:45 am to 10:45 am
- **Morning Recess:**  
10:45 am to 11:00 am
- **Period 3:** 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
- **Lunch:** 12:00 pm to 12:45 pm
- **Period 4:** 12:45 pm to 1:45 pm
- **Period 5:** 1:45 pm to 2:40 pm
- **Dismissal:** 2:40 pm to 2:45 pm

### Alternate Bus Stop

Just a friendly reminder that students may have one alternate bus stop for childcare or other family purposes. Please contact the SRCE Transportation Department at

**902-747-3645**

to further discuss this.

**We no longer issue bus passes.**



## Stand-Up Against Bullying Day

FECCA will be celebrating  
“Stand-Up Against Bullying Day”  
on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023.

We encourage all staff and students to wear pink to mark the day. It is our goal to raise awareness of the importance of being kind and respectful to all.



## Orange Shirt Day: Every Child Matters

On Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, FECCA students and staff will recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. On “Orange Shirt Day”, we will wear our orange to recognize and raise awareness about the history and impacts of the residential school system and show that EVERY CHILD MATTERS!



## Terry Fox Walk

FECCA students and staff will be taking part in our annual Terry Fox Walk on **Thurs., Sept. 21**. We invite family members to join us! More details will be communicated to families as we get closer to the day. We will have a donation jar by our main door for anyone who would like to make a donation. Let’s help keep Terry’s dream alive while raising money for Cancer Research.

## Who Do I Contact with Questions or Concerns?

1. **Start with your child’s teacher.**
2. **Follow-up with the school principal, if required.**
3. **For general inquiries:**
  - Please contact the Strait Regional Centre for Education where we will be happy to connect you with the right member of staff: 902-625-2191/1-800-650-4448  
[srce@srce.ca](mailto:srce@srce.ca)
4. **For questions related to student behaviour and/or discipline:**
  - Please contact Elizabeth Teasdale, Coordinator of Student Discipline at 902-625-7065;  
[elizabeth.teasdale@srce.ca](mailto:elizabeth.teasdale@srce.ca).
5. **For all other matters and media inquiries:**
  - Please contact Deanna Gillis, Coordinator of Communications at 902-625-7065;  
[deanna.gillis@srce.ca](mailto:deanna.gillis@srce.ca).

## Notice to Families Regarding School-Based Communications

As we begin another school year, I would like to share a reminder with our students and families regarding school communications.

As part of efforts to establish and maintain open communication with our students and families, our school uses several communication platforms, including print, online and social media, to regularly share information with our families and school community. These platforms include: monthly school newsletter/calendar, weekly flash, school website, Twitter account and Facebook group; and direct email and text alerts to parents and guardians using SchoolMessenger.

In addition, our practice is to share information on situations that require emergency response from EHS and/or the RCMP, as needed. Currently, there are plans involving individual students who may require a medical response. These specific incidents involving individual students will be addressed directly with the family of the student and no school-wide notification notice will be issued.

When necessary, serious incidents that impact multiple students and the school community broadly, including those that escalate through broad sharing on social media, will continue to be communicated directly to students and families through a notification issued by the school.

If you have any follow-up questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. As always, thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

## Allergy Aware Alerts

The Strait Regional Centre for Education makes every effort to support students and staff with severe allergies and scent sensitivities through staff training, various accommodations and information-sharing within our school communities.

We are asking for your ongoing cooperation to foster a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and staff.

Throughout schools in the Strait Region, there are a number of students and staff who have severe and life-threatening allergies to food and scents. At our school, there are allergies to nuts/peanuts, eggs, shellfish, insect bites/stings and scent sensitivities to scented products. Therefore, we are asking that you avoid sending scented products to school and avoid using scented products including perfumed laundry detergent, fabric softener, deodorant, perfumes/aftershaves, to name a few.



Every eligible child attending public school in Nova Scotia is automatically insured by the School Insurance Program's Basic Plan student accident coverage. This coverage is provided without deductible and at no cost. Basic Plan coverage can cover things such as physiotherapy, dental and medical equipment expenses, up to policy limits. However, if parents/guardians wish to purchase additional coverage, the Gold Plan increases the time that your child is covered to 24/7 including summer vacations. Many of the specific loss accident payments are triple those of the Basic Plan. Please visit [www.sip.ca](http://www.sip.ca) for more information.

## Information Sharing Agreement with Department of Health and Wellness

Annually, students across Nova Scotia are offered services delivered by Public Health including the Grade 7 School Immunization Program, Pre-school Screening, Enhanced Vision Screening Program and the Fluoride Mouthrinse Program. Public Health works with the education system to distribute information about these programs and to obtain consent for student participation.

Occasionally, Public Health practitioners may need to contact parents/guardians of students where consent information is incomplete or unclear, or when a consent form has not been returned. Public Health will not contact you if you have signed a consent form indicating you do not wish to have your child participate in one of these programs. The Strait Regional Centre for Education takes its responsibility for the protection of personal student and family information seriously and will share limited information such as names of parents/guardians and students and parent email addresses with Public Health for the purposes of operating these public health services for students.

All Regional Centres for Education in Nova Scotia share certain personal information about students and parents/guardians with the Department of Health and Wellness, for the purposes of operating these programs. This information sharing is required by the Public Health Protection Act and is permitted by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) Act and an Information Sharing Agreement signed by the Regional Centre.

Please contact your local public health office if you have any questions about these public health programs. If you have any questions about how your information is shared, please feel free to contact your respective school or our Regional Centre's Information Access and Privacy Manager at 902-625-2191.

### All-Gender Care Products in Schools

The Strait Regional Centre for Education provides free all-gender care products in all schools with Grades 5 to 12 students. These products are located in all female and all-gender washrooms.



### School Photographer Services

As part of our contract with LifeTouch, our school will be providing them with student names, grade and provincial student ID # which they require to provide the service. The photographer is required to permanently delete all student information once the contract agreement has been fulfilled.