



Holy Heart of Mary High School

International Baccalaureate

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To: Parents/Guardians of Holy Heart

Re: End of School Year

Date: June 17th, 2021

As the current school year draws to a close, there are several items of importance and dates that parents/guardians will need to be mindful of before heading into the summer holidays.

Return of Student Materials - Chromebooks/Technology and Textbooks:

It is important that we get any items that were issued to students back to the school before leaving for the summer holidays.

Textbooks:

These can be returned to the library at any time. There is a drop off slot at the main distribution desk. As well, there will be a location dedicated for students to leave their assigned textbooks. Each book is bar-coded and when returned, will be scanned accordingly.

Chromebooks:

The chromebooks that were given out during the start of the pandemic closure in February are **due immediately**. Please return them to the office as soon as possible.

The chromebooks that were given out after Easter (the ones specifically assigned to all students who had submitted a loan agreement form) are also due back. If you are in Grade 12/13. They are due back by **the end of this week, June 18th**. You can return them to the office. Please note, If you are in Grade 10/11, you may keep these chromebooks over the summer and we will not ask for them to be returned until the end of your graduating year.

Similarly, any MIFI devices or Turbosticks that were given out during the closure are to be returned as soon as possible.

Last Days of School 2021:

Group A (A-H): The last day of school is on **Wednesday, June 23rd**. The start time remains the same, however students will be dismissed at **12:30pm** (busses will leave). They will be given their report cards prior to leaving.

Group B (I-Z): The last day will be on **Thursday, June 24th**. The start time is also the same, however, buses will leave at **12:45pm**. Report cards will be given prior to leaving.

Parents and students can also check the powerschool portal for grades. The F1 category for the course will be uploaded and updated by Friday, June 25th.

Transcripts in July, 2021:

Paper copies of transcripts will no longer be sent out to families in July. Instead, transcripts are integrated into the PowerSchool platform. Moving forward, students and parents will have access to this by logging into their accounts.

- To access transcripts, parents and students will log into PowerSchool SIS through the “Student and Parent Sign In” page available at: <https://nlsis.powerschool.com/public/home.html>.
- When logging in, the student’s present transcript will be available to view up to June 18th. Grade 11 and 12 students will see their earned credits and course attempts up to June 2020. Grade 10 student transcripts will be blank as they have not earned credits. The ability to view a transcript will be made inactive after June 18th. This is necessary to allow for schools and the Department of Education to complete the mark collection and graduation determination process. Please note that transcripts are only available via the web based browser login (ex. Chrome, Safari, Firefox). The mobile app will not provide transcripts.
- The EECD will issue a press release in early July with the exact transcript release date and time.
- **We will not be sending home letters for each student/family with PowerSchool login information.**
- If you require an official transcript, you can request one here: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/k12/highschool/transcripts>

School Leaving Event:

Our school leaving event will be occurring on Thursday, June 24th, as per the memo sent out mid May. There will be three groupings (students have already signed up for their particular slot). The groupings were also posted outside the office for students to confirm. The times for each group are as follows:

Group A: 1:00PM - 2:30PM (Theatre doors open at 12:50PM/Close at 1:00PM)

Group B: 2:45PM - 4:15PM (Theatre doors open at 2:35PM/Close at 2:45PM)

Group C: 4:30PM - 6:00PM (Theatre doors open at 4:20PM/Close at 4:30PM)

Based on NLESD guidelines, the school leaving event this year will only be for graduating students and staff - there are no parents, family members, guests, photographers or dates permitted in the building. We are also hoping to live stream the theatre portion of the school leaving event. If we are able, we will post a link and information on the school website for parents, friends and relatives to view.

Please note that this is a school sponsored event and school rules around appropriate conduct will be strictly enforced. Any student who is observed/known to have consumed or in possession of alcohol or drugs will be denied entry to the event.

Bussing for 2021:

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is introducing parents to its new Student Transportation Parent Portal. This Parent Portal is the best way to access and review your child's transportation information online. This portal will tell you if your child is eligible for transportation or not based on their civic address. If your child is eligible for transportation, the portal will also provide you with your child's bus stop assignment and the pickup and drop off times in the morning and afternoon. You will also be automatically signed up to receive email notifications about routing changes throughout the school year.

Link: nlesd.mybusplanner.ca

If you have any questions about setting up an account, please contact the administration.

Once the portal is reactivated in mid-August for the 2021-22 school year, you will be able to login to view your child's eligibility and their transportation information for the 1st day of school. In the event you miss the opportunity to create an account (you must do so before June 25, 2021), you will be able to create an account once the Portal reopens in mid-August using your child's Student Number (found in PowerSchool), Birth Date, 2021-22 School Name and Grade.

School Opening - Sept 2021:

The 2021-2022 school year will begin on Wednesday, Sept 8th. Our *tentative* schedule is as follows: September 8th will be the starting day for Grade 10 students (AM) and our Grade 11 students (PM). The following day, Thursday, September 9th, all students, including grade 12's, will attend. We will continue with all students on Friday as well.

We will send out confirmation of this schedule and time-specific correspondence at the end of August, as well as information on bussing, schedules and school start times.

End of Year Message from Staff and Administration:

We wish to take this time to thank you, our parents/guardians and students. Undoubtedly, this has been a year like no other. You have made many sacrifices and pivoted many times alongside us. With many times of uncertainty and massive transitions - in-person learning to online learning to blended learning - you have shown us tremendous support and great adaptability. While many things have not always been perfect, we certainly appreciated it.

We look forward to returning to a more 'normal' school setting next year. We wish to celebrate our school community and build much needed relationships and re-engage students. We have made great strides in adapting our curricular approach and utilizing the many advances in educational technology and we will continue to harness this as we develop and position our school as a leader in student engagement and deep learning practices.

As we say many times, it is our school community that makes Holy Heart a special place. Entrusting us to help your son or daughter succeed academically, mentally and physically, is our number one priority. Our motto is simple - students first.

Take care and have a safe and enjoyable summer season.

Sincerely,

Holy Heart Administration
Sheldon Barry, Fiona Higdon, Robert Brake