



Good Afternoon AJ Families,

We have had a wonderful first two days here at AJ and I am certain it is a sign of the wonderful year to come! There is some important information for all families below:

Required Student Information:

To ensure that we have up to date information for all students, please complete the following form for your child. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our administrative assistant. Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/ruGEiPHGyAPcwcEu7>

Breakfast Program:

We will be starting our breakfast program on Monday, September 8th. We hope that students will take advantage of the opportunity to have a nutritious meal here at school prior to the start of the day.

Nova Scotia School Lunch Program:

We're excited to welcome the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program (SLP) to students at AJ Smelter in mid September to early October. We will be working with the team at the HRCE to ensure a successful and smooth launch of the program. Families are encouraged to register online to ensure that you are able to access the website when the program is launched. More details will be shared with families as they are available. Note, students are encouraged to bring their lunch and cutlery with them to school each day until the program has been launched. Pizza will not be made available for purchase on Friday's this year.

Morning Arrival:

No students may be on school property before 8:10am as we do not have supervision. At 8:10am students are welcomed into the building to the cafeteria for breakfast program, the gym or the library.

HRCE Bus Planner:

Everything you need to know about student transportation including eligibility, stop times and stop locations can be found on BusPlanner. Once you register and subscribe, you can choose to receive email and/or text message notifications on changes to routes, bus delays or cancellations. To sign up, go to BusPlanner at <https://hrce.mybusplanner.ca> and click on Parent Portal. Follow the instructions to create an account. Don't have a BusPlanner Parent Portal account? Need help logging in? Please contact the HRCE Student Transportation Team at transportation@hrce.ca or call 902-431-4723.

Lockers and Locks:

Students were provided a lock and a locker on the first day of school. It is important that students only use the locks provided by the school to secure their belongings in their locker.

Cell phone Reminder

Students adapted well to the Provincial Cell Phone Directive last year, and we appreciate your continued support. Please remember that cell phones, smartwatches, and tablets are not permitted during school hours. You can review the directive here: [Provincial Cell Phone Policy](#)

Fire Drill:

The first fire drill at AJ Smeltzer will take place during the week of September 8th and September 12th. Teachers will review procedures and evacuation routes with students prior to the fire drill.

Upcoming Dates: 2025 / 2026

September 11th: Stand Up Against Bullying Day

September 22nd to 26th: Gender Equity Week

September 26th: Wear orange to acknowledge National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

September 29th: Professional Development Day (No school for students)

September 30th - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. No classes.

Best,

Dean Lee

AJ Smeltzer Principal