

TAMARAC EDUCATION CENTRE

~TOGETHER WE CAN!!!~

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WELCOME STAFF AND STUDENTS

We are excited to get the 2021-2022 school year rolling! We have 550 students enrolled at TEC this year. We come into this year with less Covid -19 restrictions and are looking forward to getting things back to normal. With 23 homerooms and 2 very full pre-primary classes, our building is at full capacity. Let the learning begin for our students!

EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

Stand Up to Bullying Day (Sept. 9)

Student Civic Vote Canada (Sept. 19)

Meet the Teacher Night (Sept. 22)

School Based In-service-No Classes (Sept. 24)

SAC meeting-(Sept. 28)

Orange Shirt Day-Every Student Matter (Sept. 29)

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation- Sept. 30 (No Classes)

Student Council Elections



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Don't forget to visit our school website for the latest information at tec.srce.ca. You can see the school calendar, newsletter, SAC minutes and even Twitter feeds. We also have a Facebook page, so join and like the "TEC Timberwolves" Facebook page for up to date information.

FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN SCHOOL

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

STAFF LIST

TEACHERS	HOMEROOMS		SPECIALIST TEACHER	
Heather Savory	PP		Katrin MacKinnon	Phys. Ed
Sondra Malcolm	PP		Shawn Whitty	Phys. Ed
Phylliss Wyler	P		Lisa Decoste	Music
Ashley MacInnis	P-I		Verla MacNeil	Learning Support
Ruthann Organ	1		Bhreagh Snair/ Jennifer Bennett	Learning Support
Cathy Felix	P-1 I		Angela Britten	Learning Support
Leanne Paon	2I		Melanie Samson	Learning Support
Stephanie Burgoyne	2A		DJ Timmons	Core French and Learning Support
Michelle Kbayer	2B		Amanda Whitty	Learning Support
Sarah Burke	3-4		Solange Landry	Learning Support
Susan Langley	3		Steve Ryan	Learning Support
Marie – Helene Fennell	3-4I		Nicolle MacIntrye	Guidance
Alanna MacLellan – Mansell	4A		Jocelyn Miller	Learning Support
Lindsay Gee	4-5I		Heather Graham	Reading Recovery
Kelly Ritcey	5A		Eryn Sinclair	Reading Recovery
Ashley A MacInnis	5/6		Sabrina Skinner	Student Support
Courtney Ellis	6A			
Marion MacLellan	6B		TEACHER ASSISTANTS	CYCPs
Jillian Richard	6-7I		Amy Leon	Marisa Murphy
Mike Turner	7A		Shannon Walker	Brittany Williams
Nicole Campbell	7B		Tonia Matthews	
Sheldon Beaton	8A		Shannon Walker	
Amanda Decoste	8B		Megan Ryan	
Chris Sturmy	8C		Peggy MacNeil	
Stephanie Samson	8I			

SUPPORT STAFF	
Terry Williamson	Building Operator
Laureen Mooring	Library Tech
Freda MacMillian	Secretary
Debra Chisholm	Secretary
ADMINISTRATORS	
Rick Welton	Principal
Tanya Sampson	Vice Principal



SCHOOL INSURANCE PROGRAM

Every eligible child attending a public school in Nova Scotia is automatically insured by the School Insurance Program's Basic Plan. This coverage is provided without deductible and at no cost. Basic Plan coverage can cover such things 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 accidents payments are triple to those of the Basic Plan.

Please visit www.sip.ca for policy and limit information and for more information on how to purchase the optional Gold Plan.



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our first SAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, at 7:00 PM using Zoom. We are in need of parent members. The make-up of the School Advisory Council include:

- school administrator
- three parents/guardians
- three school staff members (two teachers, one support staff member)
- two students
- two community members

Please email the following address if you can attend this meeting: [rick.welton@srce.ca](mailto:ricker.welton@srce.ca)

CAFETERIA SERVICES

The cafeteria service is back to normal. Parents/students are encouraged to order online at <https://tamaracec-ns-srce.nutrislice.com/m/> or students can order when they arrive in the morning or at recess. Recess snacks are also available.

There were some questions around microwave use. There will be no microwaves available for a variety of reasons (adult supervision, time, cleanliness/sanitizing). We are sorry for this inconvenience.

Please remember that TEC has allergy alerts on Nuts, Scents and Shellfish. Please be mindful of this when packing lunches.



BUS NOTES AND SIGN IN/OUT POLICY

As in the past, students are not permitted to leave the school grounds unless approval is given by the parent. During Covid-19, if you need pick up your son and daughter, please refer to the following steps:

- a.) Phone ahead to inform of the pick up at least 15 minutes before you arrive. Our number here is 902-625-6650.
- b.) If possible, phone once you arrive at the school and someone will take out your son/daughter outside. If you cannot phone, ring the door bell and someone will take your out your son/daughter
- c.) To assist with an easy transitions for all students and street traffic, if you are picking up your child, we ask that you arrive at 2:20 pm

Similar to last year, students will only be able to travel to their regular or one alternate destination. The alternate destination (such as grandparents, parents' workplace, other relative, etc.) will be taken from the registration form that you filled in. Students will not be permitted to use the bus to travel to a friend's place, a birthday party, etc. Thanks for your understanding.



NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS 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, 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.



Who Do I Contact with Questions or Concerns?



Strait
Regional Centre for Education

- 1 Start with your child's teacher.
- 2 Follow up with the school principal, if required.
- 3 For general inquiries, please contact the SRCE where we will be happy to connect you with the right member of staff: 902-625-2191/srce@srce.ca.
- 4 For questions related to student behaviour and/or discipline, please contact Brian van den Heuvel, Coordinator of Student Discipline at 902-625-7065; brian.vandenheuvel@srce.ca.
- 5 For all other matters and media inquiries, please contact Deanna Gillis, Coordinator of Communications at 902-625-7093; deanna.gillis@srce.ca.



CANADA STUDENT CIVIC VOTE

Students in Grades 7 and 8 will have a chance to vote with thousands of other students across Canada for the September 20 Federal Vote. Voting stations will be set up in the cafeteria and the candidates from Cape Breton-Canso will be on the ballots. The idea behind Canada Civic Student Vote is to promote the importance of voting and have students get a better understanding of the voting process.

TEC SOCCER

The TEC Timberwolves Soccer team is back with a vengeance! There were over 40 boys and 16 girls showing off their soccer skills in practices. The schedule will be announced soon. As is the past, volunteer drivers are of utmost importance to transport students to games. In order to drive other students to events, drivers need a criminal record check and their child abuse registry.

