

GULF SHORE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2023

Dates to Remember:

October 2 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
October 3 – Bantam/Intermediate Cross Country @ Ch'town Rural
October 6 – Terry Fox Walk/Run
October 9 – Thanksgiving – Holiday- NO CLASSES
October 11 – Pre-novice/Novice Cross Country @ Elliot River
October 12 – HPV clinic for Grade 6 & 9
October 16 – 20 – Gulf Shore Food Drive-(donations can be dropped off at school)
October 18 – Home & School Meeting – 7:00 pm
October 26 – Picture Retake Day
October 26 - Halloween Fall Fling dance- one for grades K-6 and another for grades 7-9.
November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly
November 13 – Remembrance Day – NO CLASSES
November 22 – Report cards sent home
November 23 – 24 – Scholastic Book Fair
November 23 & 24 – Student Learning Conferences (23rd –Evening & 24 – Daytime – NO CLASSES

Bus Transfers: A reminder that bus transfers are not permitted at Gulf Shore. We run with five buses and each bus is filled to capacity. Please make alternate transportation plans when necessary that do not include bus transfers.

Terry Fox News: This is the 42nd anniversary for the Annual Terry Fox Run /Walk and our school has raised over \$125 000 in 20 years. That's amazing! Our goal is to participate with heart and soul like we do every year. We will "Try Like Terry!" Our run/walk will take place on **Friday, October 6, 2023**

Pledge sheets have been sent home with students and we will continue with our online fundraising with the following link: <https://terryfoxschoolrun.org/> Just search for Gulf Shore Consolidated to make online pledges.

Sports News:

Fall sports are in full swing and our Sharks have been putting in WORK!

Intramurals are set to begin daily starting on the first week of October.
Intermediate (7-9) students will be welcomed to the gym every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 12:00-12:30PM.
Grades 5&6 - **October** (every Tuesday & Thursday)
Grades 3&4 - **November** (every Tuesday & Thursday)
Grades K-2 - **December** (every Tuesday & Thursday)

The Girls and Boys Int. A Soccer teams have played their first league games and their effort has translated into some success on the field! The girls' record currently sits at 0-2-1 and the boys are 2-0-0. The boys' game vs. Vernon River that was postponed has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 3rd at 5pm at Vernon River Consolidated. Good luck to both of our Sharks Soccer teams as they continue their regular season.

Golf has also kicked off with 4 Int. Boys golfers, Jackson Forrester, Aiden MacLeod, Jake Moore, and Alex Trivers, who are playing in the Zone 3 Provincial Qualifier tournament at Countryview on Wednesday October 4th. They are responsible for their own transportation. Best of luck boys on your road to provincials which will be held at Avondale on Oct 11th!

Finally, we have also started Cross-Country with the Pre-Novice (grade 3 and 4), Novice (grade 5 and 6), and Bantam/Intermediate (grade 7,8 and 9) groups. They have been out with Mrs. MacGillivray and Coach Roche during recess preparing for their upcoming meets. **Pre-Novice and Novice athletes** will be bussed to **Eliot River School** for their meet on **Oct 11th** in the morning (Rain Date - Oct. 12th). Our **Bantam/Intermediate runners** will be going to their

meet at **Charlottetown Rural** for **Tuesday, October 3rd** (Rain Date - Oct 5th). Bantam/Int. Runners will be responsible for finding their own transportation.

The races will begin at:

10:15 – bantam girls

10:35 – bantam boys

10:55 – intermediate girls

11:15 – intermediate boys

Best of luck and hope to hear some of you make it on to Provincials later in the month!

Keep working hard, Sharks!

Music News:

Order forms for grade 7 band shirts will be going home the week of Oct. 2/2023. Please fill them in if you need a band shirt for this year. For students needing replacements or a change in size, please see Ms. Syndi for an order form.

There will be a band parent meeting on Wednesday, Oct 4/2023 at 6:30 p.m. All grade 7,8, and 9 band parents are welcome to attend. We will be discussing fundraising and trip possibilities for this year.

We have had great attendance for early morning band. Thank you and keep it up.

Please send in the 20.00 band fee for all grades 6,7,8, and 9 band students. It helps pay for our consumables such as reeds, valve oil, cleaning cloths, and instrument repairs.

Gulf Shore Home and School News:

We are once again offering pizza from By the Bay on Fridays. Please note - this is part of the Gulf Shore Hot lunch program and is not affiliated with the provinces Healthy Food Program. The pizza will be available for purchase via our hotlunches.net program. If you are new to the program, you can register your child (info on school website). Milk is available 5 days a week in addition to the pizza on Fridays. Ordering is now open.

The Terry Fox Run and BBQ lunch has been scheduled for Oct 6th. We will be offering gluten free hotdogs again however we will try to have gluten free buns. If your child wishes to take a bun along with them feel free. If anybody wishes to volunteer with the BBQ feel free to reach out to any of the members or staff.

SAVE THE DATE – October 26th Gulf Shore Home and School will be hosting a Halloween Fall Fling dance one for grades K-6 and another for grades 7-9. More details to follow.

We would also like to introduce the executives and volunteers of our Gulf Shore Home and School Association for the 2023/24 school year.

President – Marsha LeBlanc
Past President – Jen Covello
Vice President – Dorothy Wakelin
Treasurer – Lindsay Gallant
Secretary – Martina Cole-Gallant
Milk/School Food Program – Kristin LeClair
Food for Thought Cupboard – Heather Doucette

Our next meeting is happening on Wednesday, October 18th at 7pm – all are welcome to attend.

BAD WEATHER

School Cancellation-All school cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the Public Schools Branch website by 7:00 A.M. If all schools are closed, it will be announced that all Public Schools Branch schools in the province are closed for the day. In some instances, it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a “family of schools”. Please

remember that Gulf Shore is part of the Bluefield Family of Schools.

One Hour Delay - If a decision on cancellation cannot be made by 7:00 A.M., a one hour delay will be announced whereby all schools and buses will operate one hour later than usual. A further announcement will be broadcast by 8:00 A.M. Partial school closures or delays will be announced by family of schools. **Gulf Shore is part of the Bluefield Family.**

Late Buses -In some instances, even in fine weather, buses may be delayed. Parents will be notified via radio broadcast and by SAS email that a bus will be delayed (i.e. Bus #97 is running 30 minutes later).

School Closures during the day - It may be necessary to close a school or a family of schools part way through a school day. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and school board websites. Please ensure that your child's homeroom teacher knows what your **Early Closure Plan** is for your child. If there is an early closure, please stick with your child's early closure plan.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS

1. **The final decision** to attend school or to travel to school via school bus always rests with the parent.
2. **Please do not drop children off at school** unless you are certain that school is operating that day and that staff are present to supervise the children.
3. **Please listen** to the radio and check school board websites frequently between 6:30 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. daily to determine if schools are operating. Every effort will be made to have announcements broadcast by 7:00 A.M.
4. **Please do not call** the school, school board office, or the radio stations for information on cancellations or delays. Such calls tie up the telephone lines which may be needed for emergency use.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Provincial Home & School News, October 2023

Semi-Meeting

The PEI Home and School Federation's **Semi-Annual Meeting** will be held on **Monday, October 23, 2023, 6:00-8:00 PM** at **Central Queens Elementary School, 19821 2 Rte, Hunter River, PE COA 1N0**. Light refreshments provided.

"HELP MY CHILD" Panel Discussion topics/speakers will include:

1. **What is Home & School? David Schult**, Former international school teacher and administrator having worked overseas for over 24 years, in seven countries before returning to Canada in 2021, will provide background and context to what Home and School is and does.
2. **COMPASS Student Health Survey! Cody Davenport**, PEI COMPASS Research Project Lead, PEI Chief Public Health Officer, will present student health survey results about their health and health behaviours including sedentary behaviours, physical activity, mental health, healthy eating, substance use, bullying, academic outcomes, and sleep.
3. **Screens in schools: simple ways to maximize the benefits and minimize the harms! Dr. Travis Saunders**, PhD, CSEP CEP, Professional Kinesiologist (he/him), UPEI Associate Professor, Dept. Applied Human Sciences. Screens are an increasingly regular part of the school day bringing both opportunities and challenges for student learning and health. Dr. Saunders will give an overview of research on the ways that schools can maximize the benefits and minimize the harms of screen use in schools.

REGISTER by Oct. 18/23 using the [Online Registration Form](#) linked here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jqKPoXSDO1MH9GulZ9Hp3xqXJbtNXtr1dENvPmPmqEM/edit>

 What's on your Home and School agenda? Home and School = TEAMWORK

Meet with the principal/other school staff in Sept./Oct. to set goals for the 2023-2024 school year.

- Add discussion about collaborative ways to support the school to your agenda
- Add activities and educational topics (e.g., COMPASS Student Health Survey)
- Add Federation monthly news (e.g., Semi-Annual, Oct. 23; Training Wksps, Nov. 6&7)
- Add gov announcements applicable to student learning and supports
- Add fundraising initiatives discussion and determine the purpose

REMEMBER: Everything we (parents and teachers) do is for students' benefit!

Training Workshops for Volunteers

Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould will lead Home and School Training Workshops as follows:

Nov. 6 - Miscouche Consolidated School, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Nov. 7 - West Royalty Elementary School, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

All school volunteers are welcome! No cost.

Register by emailing peihsf@gov.pe.ca or call 902-620-3186 by Nov. 1st.

Parent Leadership Grants

Funds are available for up to \$500 per Home and School Association to organize **parent educational, leadership** initiatives in your school community. For more information, go to:

<https://peihsf.ca/grants/>

Questions? Contact the Federation office at: 902-620-3186 / 1-800-916-0664 /

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REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

St. John Paul II Pastoral Unit, which is comprised of three parishes, St. Augustine's, Stella Maris and St. Anne's, is currently accepting registrations for our faith formation program. Please visit jp2pastoralunit.com for detailed information and to register. We gather once a month, usually the first Sunday at St. Anne's Church in Hope River from 10am -11:30am. This is a family program. Typically students in grade 2 make their first Holy Communion(special preparation for this group begins in February) and students in Grade 9 (they gather for 12 meetings to prepare) receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Please email me, Anne-Marie Vessey, at amvessey@gmail.com for more information. We pray you have a wonderful school year.

Anne-Marie Vessey

Religion Coordinator for St. John Paul II Pastoral Unit