

Parent Memo – April 11

MSMS Band Pop Coffee House

Hello MSMS families, on April 12th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm, we will be hosting a pop in **Pop Coffee House**. We will be serving food, coffee, tea, and juice. This will run from 6pm to 8pm in the cafeteria. There will be a wide variety of instruments and songs, with the grade 7, 8 and 9 bands, solos, duets, trios and more from teachers and students. There is a \$5.00 admission fee that goes to support the band program. Hope to see students, families, and staff there. Parents, please see the email sent today by Mrs. Kidd.

-Coffee House Committee.

Student Success Survey

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has once again engaged Narrative Research to conduct the online Student Success Survey with all students in grades 4-12 (like previous school years). The **2023 Student Success Survey** will be administered between **April 17th – May 5th, 2023**.

Parents, please see the attached letter that gives the details of this survey. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

School Dance

This dance will be for grade 8 and 9 students only and will be held on Wednesday, April 19 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm.

The cost for the dances is \$5.00 plus a food bank item. Students must pay in advance of the evening of the dance. This dance is open to MSMS students only.

- Cell phones will not be permitted in the dance. Students are encouraged to leave their cell phones at home, or they can check them at the office.
- Students will not have access to their lockers. There will be a supervised room where students can leave their belongings.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

We would like to bring attention to information about our School Advisory Council (SAC).

If you would like to learn more about the MSMS SAC, you can check out the link below. At that link, you will find general information about the SAC, a list of the membership of our SAC, meeting minutes and a way of emailing the SAC chairperson, Stephen Hare.

<https://msm.hrce.ca/msm/school-advisory-council/school-advisory-council>

Grade 8/9 Yearbook

MSMS 8/9 Yearbook orders continue to be accepted.

The cost for the yearbook is \$25 and can be ordered directly through Mrs. Chandler in the Art Room, or they can be ordered on line by following the link below.

JOSTENS E-COMMERCE LINK: <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?ref=A01086438>

News from PP – 8 Broad St. School

I believe that if families live in the catchment area for the new Broad St. School, you would have already received an email from the HRCE.

Please see the attached letter that introduces the administrative team as well as an attachment that addresses frequently asked questions (FAQs).

News from HRCE

Welcome to our new Regional Executive Director

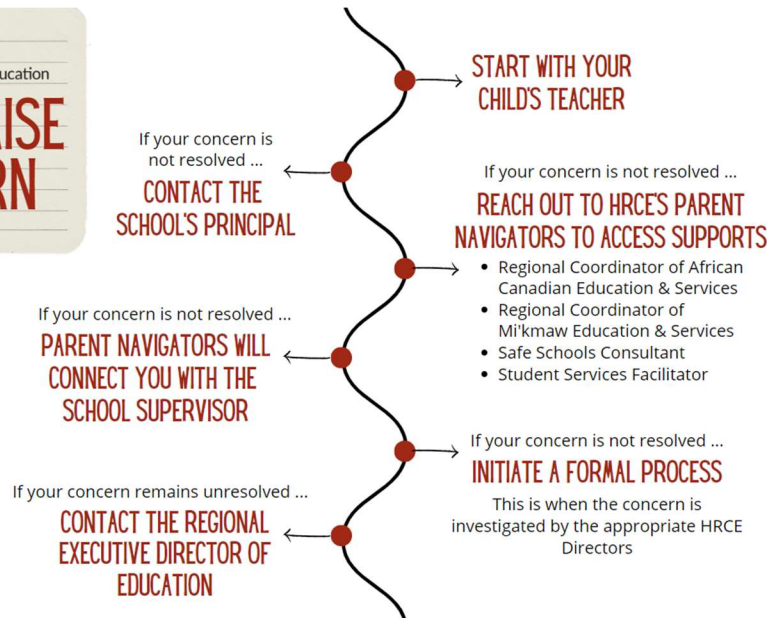
We are pleased to share the appointment of our new Regional Executive Director for HRCE, Steve Gallagher. Steve has been in the role on an acting basis since September and has officially accepted the role permanently. To learn more, [click here](#).

Do you know how to raise a concern?

Did you know that there's a protocol in place to help families contact schools or the HRCE office when you have concerns about your student's education or well-being?

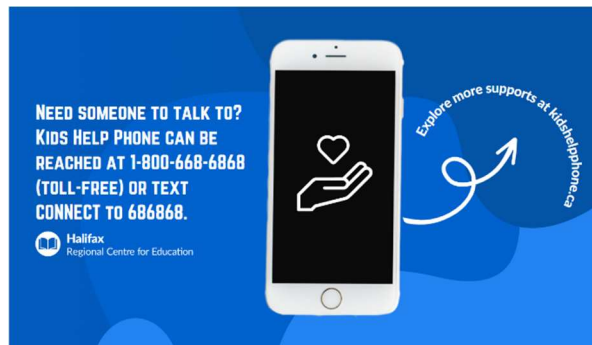
- All concerns should first be shared with your child's teacher.
- If your concern is not resolved, you should then contact the principal.
- If your concern remains unresolved, you can reach out to [HRCE's Parent Navigators](#) who can provide information about a wide range of supports and resources or connect you with the school supervisor.
- If your matter continues to be unresolved, you can then initiate a formal review process in which the matter will be investigated by the appropriate HRCE Directors.
- The final step is for your concern to be passed on to the Regional Executive Director.

Click here to view the [Parent/Guardian Concern Policy](#).



Kids Help Phone

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from talking with someone, please contact the Provincial Mental Health and Addictions Crisis Line 1-888-429-8167 or visit their website. For children and youth, the Kids Help Phone can be reached at 1-800-668-6868 (toll-free) or text CONNECT to 686868.



Meet your Parent Navigators

We know that navigating school system can be overwhelming. The role of the Parent Navigator is to help parents and guardians of HRCE students find and access the right information, resources, tools and services.

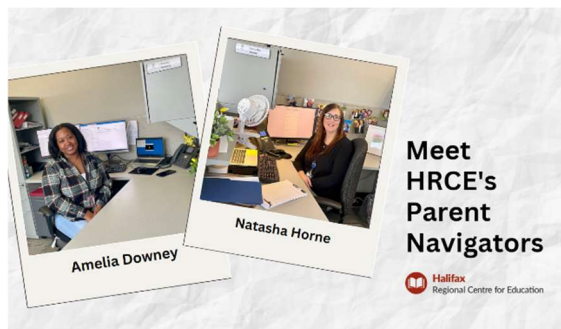
“I would say that I help parents ‘navigate’ the school systems, let them know what resources might be available within HRCE that they may not know about, and actively listen to families who call that may have a situation that needs diffusing, support or problem solving,” says Parent Navigator Natasha Horne.

“I would love for families to know we are here for them, and sometimes that’s just to listen and not solve anything. We are a non-judgemental ear for them. Sometimes just talking through something with someone that’s not involved with your situation is helpful to get some perspective.”

Parent Navigator Amelia Downey says the most common questions she receives include: How do I make a school transfer request? What age can my child attend school with HRCE? How do I speak with a school supervisor? Do I have to visit a school to register my child? How can I obtain my child's school records/diploma/transcripts?

"What I love the most about my role the most is the moment when I know I have made a difference in a person's day through the support I have provided to them during our call," Amelia says.

Learn more and contact our Parent Navigators [here](#).



Important Dates:

- April 12 – MSMS Band – Pop Concert and Coffee House 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- April 17 – Grade 7 Immunizations
- April 17 – SAC Meeting
- April 17 – May 5 – Students will complete the Student Success Survey 2023
- April 19 – Grade 8/9 School Dance
- May 2 – School-wide Mental Health Conference