



MILLWOOD HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNICATION BULLETIN

October 4, 2026

Dear Millwood Families,

Thank you for your continued support as we move into October. It has been a busy and positive start to the school year, and we appreciate the partnership between home and school as we work together to support student success, well-being, and engagement.

School Photos

Here is the link to the school's gallery: [Millwood High School 26-27 - Order Online - School Photos - Fall - 2026-2027 - nssp.ca](https://www.nssp.ca/school-photos)

The access codes this year are not the student numbers. They are randomized numbers sent to the student's school email address. Calnen can find the access code for anyone who needs it if they provide the student's information, including the 10-digit student ID number for verification.

Photo retakes are on October 16, 2026.

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Truth and Reconciliation and Mi'kmaw History Month Assemblies

Thank you to our Equity Team, guests, student speakers, and community members who helped make Friday's Truth and Reconciliation and Mi'kmaw History Month assemblies meaningful learning opportunities for our students.

These experiences help students deepen their understanding of Indigenous history, culture, and perspectives while supporting our ongoing commitment to truth and reconciliation.

Student Food and Beverage Deliveries

To support the safety and security of our school, delivery drivers are not permitted to enter the building.

Students who order food or beverages during the school day must meet delivery drivers outside the school during their lunch period. Students are not permitted to leave class to receive an order. School staff are unable to accept, store, or deliver food orders on behalf of students.

We appreciate families' support in helping reduce disruptions to learning and maintain a secure school environment.

Student Supports

We know that the high school years can present both opportunities and challenges for young people. Students and families are reminded that school counsellors, administrators, teachers, and support staff are available to help.

If your child requires academic, social-emotional, or school-based support, please reach out. We encourage students to connect with a trusted adult whenever they need assistance.

Important Dates to in October

- October is Mi'kmaq History Month
- October is Canadian Library Month
- Thurs., Oct. 1: Treaty Day
- Mon., Oct. 12: Thanksgiving - No classes PP-12
- Fri., Oct. 23: NSTU Conference Day - No classes PP-12
- October 19-23: School Bus Safety Week

October 1 is Treaty Day

Treaty Day is an opportunity to learn, reflect and deepen our understanding of the historic and ongoing relationships between Mi'kmaq and non-Mi'kmaq people in Nova Scotia.

Treaties are not simply part of our past. They are living agreements that continue to shape our shared responsibilities today. In schools, Treaty Day provides an important opportunity to help students understand Mi'kmaq history, culture, rights and perspectives, while exploring what it means to live together in a spirit of respect, partnership and reciprocity.

By continuing to learn about the Treaties and our responsibilities within them, we help build stronger relationships and contribute to the ongoing work of reconciliation.

October is Mi'kmaq History Month

Each October, Mi'kmaq History Month provides an opportunity to deepen our understanding of Mi'kmaq culture, history, language and traditions, while recognizing the important contributions of Mi'kmaq people past and present.

Across our schools, students and staff may mark the month through learning, storytelling, art, community connections and cultural experiences that bring Mi'kmaq perspectives into the classroom and school community.

As we learn together, Mi'kmaq History Month reminds us of the importance of listening, building relationships and continuing our shared commitment to truth and reconciliation.

Learn more about Mi'kmaq History Month at mikmaqhistorymonth.ca.

Fire Prevention Week: October 4-10

Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency is inviting families to take part in Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10. Visit halifax.ca/fpw to complete an online fire safety quiz. Participants who score 100% will be entered into a draw for prizes in their age category.

This year's theme, "Safe Charging is a Superpower," focuses on the safe use and charging of rechargeable devices powered by lithium-ion batteries.

Visit halifax.ca/fpw for contest details, videos, and fire safety resources, and take a few minutes to test your smoke alarms and review your home fire escape plan.

October is Canadian Library Month

October is a chance to celebrate the important role libraries play in our schools and the Library Support Specialists who bring those spaces to life.

Every day, our school library helps students discover new interests, build literacy skills, access reliable information, and find a welcoming place to learn.

A special thank you to our Library Support Specialist, Ms. Hancott for the work she does to support students, staff, literacy, inquiry, and learning at Millwood High School.

Power Outage Information for Families

As we move into the winter months, we want families to understand how decisions are made when a school experiences a power outage.

A power outage does not automatically mean classes will be cancelled. HRCE works closely with Nova Scotia Power and considers a variety of factors, including

transportation, building conditions, temperature, water and septic systems, and the estimated restoration time.

If schools close:

- HRCE will notify families by email and text.
- Elementary families will also receive a phone call before dismissal.

Safety remains the priority in all decisions regarding school operations.

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance and punctuality are essential to student success. The Nova Scotia Student Attendance and Engagement Policy recognizes that attending school consistently helps students achieve academically, develop responsibility, build positive relationships, and prepare for future opportunities.

Families play an important role in supporting attendance by monitoring absences, communicating with the school when students are away, and encouraging on-time arrival to classes. When attendance concerns begin to emerge, school staff will work collaboratively with students and families to identify barriers and provide support.

For students in Grades 10-12, attendance is directly connected to earning course credit. Students must attend at least 80% of class time to earn credit in a course.

PowerSchool Reminder

We encourage families and students to access PowerSchool regularly to review attendance, achievement, and course information. Monitoring progress throughout the semester helps students stay on track and allows concerns to be addressed early. Parents and guardians who require assistance accessing PowerSchool are encouraged to contact the school.

Cell Phones and Learning

The provincial cell phone directive remains in effect in Nova Scotia schools. We continue to remind students to power off and store phones and wireless headphones during instructional time. Wired headphones are okay to use with teacher permission when connected to a chromebook.

Reducing distractions helps students remain engaged in learning, supports positive classroom environments, and promotes student well-being.

Raising a Concern

We value strong communication between home and school and encourage families to reach out whenever questions or concerns arise.

If you have a concern regarding your child's education or well-being:

1. Contact your child's teacher first.
2. If the concern remains unresolved, contact school administration.
3. Additional support is available through HRCE Family Navigators.
4. A formal review process may be requested if concerns remain unresolved.

Most concerns can be resolved quickly through open communication and collaboration between families and school staff.

Have a great week, Knights!