



Inverness Education Centre/Academy

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General Information

Important Dates in November:

Dec. 6 Cabot Links Job Fair, Presentation for Coop and O2 Students

Dec. 7 ECRL 1:30-7 p.m. Gr. 10 WE Day Concert 7 pm featuring local talent. All proceeds will go to our WE day Project.

Dec. 12 Christmas Concert for P-6 at 6:30 p.m. weather permitting. In the event of a storm the concert will take place the following evening **December 13th**

Dec. 13 Christmas Turkey Dinner will be available to all our students at **no charge**.

Dec 21 Last day of scheduled classes before the Christmas Holidays. Classes resume Wednesday January 3rd, 2018

Provincial Attendance Policy

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development have implemented a provincial student attendance and engagement policy effective October 1st. A copy of the plan is available at www.ednet.ns.ca/student-attendance-and-engagement-policy

What's Happening

On March 24, 2017, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development created the Commission on Inclusive Education as an arms-length body under the provisions of the *Teachers' Professional Agreement and Classroom Improvements (2017) Act* to examine the model of inclusive education in Nova Scotia.

The Commission is tasked to

- complete a literature review of national and international research
- identify best practices from across Canada
- consult broadly with the many partners in inclusive education
- reform inclusive education in Nova Scotia
- develop a strategic plan that includes recommended changes to:
 - policy
 - funding
 - resources
 - teacher training (initial preparation and ongoing professional development)
 - coordination and alignment of programs and services
 - monitoring of inclusive education
 - accountability
- Submit a final report by March 20, 2018

Consulting extensively with front-line teachers, parents, students, associations and seeking feedback from Nova Scotian's is a priority for the Commission.

We need to hear your voice. Here's how you can participate.

- Fill in our [online survey](https://inclusiveedns.ca/take-survey/). Information on the survey (and to complete the online survey) may be accessed at <https://inclusiveedns.ca/take-survey/>



NOT TOO LATE TO ORDER SCHOOL PHOTOS FOR CHRISTMAS

As **Christmas** quickly approaches, many of you have probably **forgotten** to order your child's school portraits. Some of you may have **misplaced your proof sheet** or just thought that maybe it is too late to order. It is **not too late** and you do not need your proof sheet.

Please call 1-800-473-5090 and one of our professional sales team members will help you with the ordering process. All orders received by December 7th will be delivered in time for Christmas.

If you have your proof sheets just go to **MYLIFETOUCH.CA** to order your portraits and take advantage of our wide variety of background selections.

Thank you and Merry Christmas from Lifetouch!



IECA will be hosting a Toy Bingo on **Sunday December 10th at 2:30- 4 p.m.**, there will be 10 games, 50-50 Bingo, 50-50 cash draw, on site Christmas crafts & activities during bingo for children ages 2-12. To help support this fundraiser please donate a toy or gift certificate (in the \$15-\$20 range). All donations are greatly appreciated, and will be accepted at the school up to and including Wednesday December 6th, 2017.



Grade 10 WE Day committee will be hosting a music concert in support of WE Day initiatives on December 7th at 7 p.m. The concert will feature local talent. All proceeds will go to the WE Day project. *"WE is a movement that believes when we come together we can create an even better world. WE makes it easy for you to get involved—whether at home, school or work—by offering resources to help create positive social change in your community and around the world."* <https://www.we.org/we-day/what-is-we-day/>



Winter Clothing: Please remind your child(ren) to dress appropriately for the winter weather (i.e. hats, mittens, boots, slush/snow pants). We encourage all students to go outside and play.

Outdoor play increases fitness levels and builds active, healthy bodies!



Christmas Dinner - Christmas Turkey Dinner will be available to all our students at **no charge December 13th**. Please confirm with your child's classroom teacher that he/she will be attending by **December 6th**.