



Les nouvelles de septembre 2026

September 2026 News



Welcome/Bienvenue to the 2026-27 school year!

Our theme for the month of September is **Friendship/Friendliness**. Staff will be discussing the importance of being open to new friendships and the qualities that make a good friend.

The staff at LeMarchant-St. Thomas (LMST) is looking forward to a wonderful year of collaboration and learning. **Homeroom teachers will be contacting families via email or phone call between September 1st and 2nd to introduce themselves and welcome you.**

QUICK DATES: Sept. 2 Curriculum Night 5:30-6:30 • Sept. 3 First day • Sept. 8 Lunch program begins • Sept. 25 No school • Sept. 30 No school

Curriculum Night/Ice Cream social

Please join us (parents/guardians and children) on **September 2** from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm here at the school. You will get a chance to see your child's classroom, meet the teacher and learn about the curriculum and then enjoy a cold treat outdoors compliments of our Home & School association the night before the first day of school.

Communication

Although it is a very busy time of year for parents and teachers alike, returning to school is always an exciting time of year - full of promise and new beginnings. Mme Gallivan and I, along with the teaching staff, believe in keeping the lines of communication open. Please feel free to give us a call if you have any questions, concerns, or compliments. We look forward to working with all of you as partners to provide the best educational opportunities for all our students.

Some of the many ways we will communicate with you this year is through **school newsletters, email, the LMST parent/guardian handbook, email through School Messenger technology,**



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phone calls, student agenda, Instagram (@lmstsnews), and the school [website](#). We work diligently to keep our website as up to date as possible. Please check it regularly at <https://lmt.hrce.ca/> If you have not received or had a chance to look at our parent/guardian handbook please do so.

It is very important that we have the most up to date information for you in case of an emergency as well as facilitating ongoing communication. If your contact information needs updating, please refer to hrce.ca and search student updates or click [here](#).

Arrival and Dismissal

****Primary, Grade 1 and Grade 2 teachers have a colour associated with each classroom to help our young students navigate the school.**

Main Entrance doors	Side door (playground side)/ Southwest door/ Watt Street entrance	Side door (playground side) closest to the field/ Northwest door/Field entrance
Primary/1 Rhynold (pink)	3/4 Boyle	1 Roberge (red)
Primary Lacroix (blue)	3 LeDuc	1/2 Larocque (gold)
Primary DePalma (green)	4 Smith	2/3 Morrissey (brown)
Primary/1 Drapeau (purple)	5 Duguay- Myatt	2 Chisholm (light green)
Primary Zelios (yellow)	5/6 Ellis	3 Collinson
1 Abi Daoud (orange)	5/6 Cunningham	3/4 Ottosen
2 Jordan (silver)	6 Chiasson	4 Beaton
	6 Trach	4/5 Michelin
		5 Moulard

2 Englehutt & 2/3 Fennell – students proceed to portable via the playground.

Please help us by:

- Dropping off your child from anytime between 8:35 am-8:45 am. Students enter the building upon arrival.
- Pick up- 2:55 pm Students will be dismissed from the same doors they entered in the morning. **There is no supervision after school.**



Nova Scotia School Lunch Program: Ordering is Now Open!

We're looking forward to the 2026-27 launch of the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program! Beginning this school year, the program will be available in all public schools across the province.

Start date

Lunches at your school will begin on Tuesday, September 8.

Key dates for the first ordering cycle:

Ordering opens: Friday, August 28

Ordering closes: Wednesday, September 2, at noon

Registering and ordering

All lunches must be ordered through the online ordering system. To get started, visit www.NSLunch.ca and click "Order Now." Returning users can sign in using their existing account.

More information, including instructions on how to create a diner account, is available at www.NSLunch.ca.

TECHNOLOGY

While at school students are not permitted to use personal technology devices.

No **cell phones** or **smart watches** are permitted during the school day. Students may have these

items in their backpacks but they must be turned off during the school day and while on school property. Students may use the school phones to call home in case of emergency or illness with the support/ approval of school staff.



PEANUT SMART AND “SCENT”SITIVE SCHOOL



We have several students who have life threatening allergies to peanuts and nut products. Please respect their health and well-being by sending your child with snacks and lunches that are nut-free. Additionally, many of our students have medical conditions that can be triggered by scented products. When visiting the school please refrain from wearing products containing perfumes.

Volunteers

A strong relationship between home and school is important to student well-being and success. In order to volunteer you must have an up to date a completed [criminal record check](#) **AND** [child abuse registry check](#) When submitting your criminal record check be sure to link and share your application with LMST elementary. The criminal record check (police) and the child abuse registry check (community services) are two separate processes.

Please note- this process can take weeks. To volunteer both checks must be complete and submitted to the office.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The [School Advisory Council](#) consists of parents, staff, and community members who provide input to the principal, the Regional Centre for Education (HRCE), and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) on a range of issues related to LMST and the school system in general.

Some of the functions we serve are:

- Collaborating to improve student achievement and well-being.
- Providing feedback on provincial policies
- Oversight for SAC grant spending decisions
- Providing feedback on school practices and initiatives



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LMST SAC membership Contact: (email hrce-sac-lmt@gnspe.ca)

Administration	Parent/guardian	Community	Staff
Moira Cavanaugh	Zeeshan Sheikh	Pearl Matheson	Damon Cunningham
Kim Gallivan	Karen Masry	Maureen Mitchell	Adele Pellerin
	TBA French Immersion parent/guardian	Kim Healy	Erin Collinson
	TBA English program parent/guardian	Jen LeBlanc	TBA

Parent/Guardian SAC Representatives Needed

We are looking for a parent/guardian representative from our ***French Immersion program*** and a parent/guardian representative from our English program to each fill a vacancy. If you are interested in this opportunity- please email Moira Cavanaugh by **September 11** at mcavanaugh@hrce.ca If more than one parent/guardian is interested, we will have an election early in the 26-27 school year. Please click on the link above for more information on the role of our School Advisory Council.

Our first meeting is September 15 at 4:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Home & School -JOIN the FUN!

Greetings from the LMST Home & School Association!

LMST H&S is a society organized by LMST parents and guardians that provides fundraising support for LMST and acts as a vehicle to **promote school spirit and community**.

This year's H&S Team includes:

Co-Chairs: Yiyu Tu & Sarah McMullen

Co-Secretaries: Katie McIsaac & Carly Buchwald

Treasurer: Vanessa Bruce Little

Co-Communications: Jaclyn Tran & Lindsay Page



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Our list of exciting fundraising and community events this school year include:

Welcome Back! Curriculum night/ FREE Ice Cream/Popsicle Social- (Sep 2, 5:30pm-6:30pm)	Family Skate & Grade 6 Bake sale – (Feb 15)
LMST Clothing Order (Fall)	Bingo Night (April 8)
Fall Garden Clean-up (Oct)	Morris East Pizza Contest (Spring)
Family Skate & Grade 6 Bake Sale (Nov 11 1:00-3:00pm)	Spring Garden Clean-up (May)
Woozles Shopping Night (Nov 4)	Spring Fair (May 29)
Holiday wreath sale (Nov/Dec)	Year-end Ice Cream/Popsicle Social (June)
Adult social fundraiser – (January 29)	

*NB: Dates & events subject to change. Consult school website for updates.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! - LMST has amazing parent/guardian volunteers who help make our events a huge success. Some of our regular event leads have or will transition out of their roles within the next couple of years as students move on to junior high. If you are a parent/guardian who may be interested in learning more about leading or volunteering at one of our events (including working with current leads) for one or many years, please contact LMST H&S via email (homeschoollmst@gmail.com) or speak with our Co-Chairs, Yiyu Tu and Sarah McMullen, at our next H&S meeting (September 15, 6pm @ LMST Cafeteria). Please note, depending on the event, required volunteer time varies widely from one to several hours.

OPTIONAL H&S DONATION

In response to inquiries on how to make direct donations to LMST H&S, the H&S welcomes cash or cheque donations delivered to the school office (cheques made payable to “LMST”). Tax receipts are available upon request. **This is entirely voluntary.**

SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING, SEPT. 15 @ 6pm!

Please join us at our next H&S meeting, **September 15 at 6pm** in the school cafeteria. **ALL are welcome!** H&S meetings provide a great opportunity to **learn about the exciting experiences** our students and faculty are having at school, **learn about upcoming events, learn how you can possibly get involved** to help enrich our community (and your family), and **participate in our spending decisions.**



Email: homeschoollmst@gmail.com

Facebook: Check out “**LMST Home & School Association**” (announcements) & “**LMST Buy, Sell, Swap, Save!!**” (community marketplace)

LMST Green Space Committee and Garden Committee

For those who may be new to LMST, the Green Space Committee was created in September 2016 under the authority of the LMST Home and School Association when discussions around the new school design began. The committee is an ad hoc group of parent/guardian volunteers tasked to work with the province and school community to plan and fund the outdoor playground and garden space for the new LMST school. Over the years we have created a Garden Committee that helps facilitate activities within the school and garden. Each year we do a variety of events including LMST Fall Clean Up Day, Harvest Snack, Seed fundraiser, Garden Week, and the school-wide Planting Day.

We are happily in the midst of another growing season at the LMST Garden. Volunteers had fun watching incredible things grow and harvesting delicious veggies this summer. Lots of things are still growing so please take a look next time you are visiting the school. Thank you to all the families who helped plant, water and weed this summer. It truly takes so many people to help make it all work and thank you so much.

We will be having a garden committee meeting in September - stay tuned for details. No garden experience is necessary - we just love having new faces and past volunteers too.

Thank you to all the parents, teachers and neighbours who have helped over the years!!!

Upcoming Garden events

- LMST Harvest Snack October TBD
- LMST Fall Clean up
- LMST Garden Week in April
- LMST Spring Clean-up in May
- School Wide Planting Day in June



PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

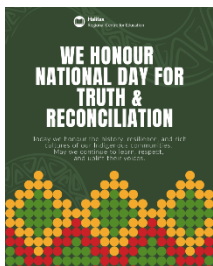
The LMST Playground Committee is in the midst of a large fundraising campaign to replace our deteriorating playground structures before they need to be removed permanently. Over the past few years, the LMST community has raised over \$100,000 towards our \$600,000 goal. Late last spring the committee started by reaching out to target donors within our greater community and plan to continue those conversations this fall. As the committee expands its campaign, we welcome help from our LMST family. If you are interested in learning more, donating, or helping with the campaign, we welcome you to reach out to Christine Eisenhauer, christine@eisenhauer.ca.



Stand Up Against Bullying Day

On the second Thursday of September, we recognize *Stand Up Against Bullying Day*. This day, happening on September 10 this year, is an opportunity for us to start the school year off right – by celebrating inclusivity, kindness and friendship.

All schools in HRCE are focused on ensuring all students have a safe and welcoming environment in which to learn and thrive. Please join us and wear pink if you're able on September 10 to take a stand against bullying.



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Each year on September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation honours the children who didn't return from residential schools, as well as survivors, their families, and communities. **Orange Shirt Day**, led by Indigenous communities, aims to raise awareness about the inter-generational impacts of residential schools and allows us all to show our support for **Every Child Matters** movement.

There are no classes on Wednesday, September 30, therefore we welcome staff and students to wear orange on Tuesday, September 29.



Employment Opportunities at LMST

Outdoor Lunch Monitors

LMST is looking for outdoor lunch monitors for the 2026-27 school year. Please contact Kim Gallivan at kgallivan@hrce.ca

SchoolCash Setup

SchoolCash Online is an easy-to-use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. You can pay for items sold by school fundraisers, class trips and so much more, quickly and conveniently. Simply register an account to be able to pay in several different payment forms. Click [here](#) for more information.



Bus Planner

Everything you need to know about student transportation, including eligibility, stop times and stop locations can be found on BusPlanner. Once you register and subscribe, you may also receive email notifications on changes to routes, bus delays or cancellations.

To sign up, go to BusPlanner at hrce.mybusplanner.ca and click on Parent Portal. Follow the instructions to create an account.

Don't have a BusPlanner Parent Portal account? Need help logging in? Please contact the HRCE Student Transportation Team at transportation@hrce.ca or call 902-431-4723.

PARKING

It is important that we work together to ensure student safety in the parking lot of our school. Please remember that the parking lot of the school **is for staff only**. Please take note of the many no parking signs, as parking this year will be closely monitored and tickets will be issued by police or by parking enforcement. If possible, walking your child to school or parking a few blocks away and walking is appreciated.



Broadway is Back with *Shrek JR*

We are excited to announce that this year's school musical on April 28 & 29 will be ***Shrek Jr.***!

After the wonderful success of past productions such as *Annie Jr.*, *Frozen Jr.*, and *The Lion King Jr.*, we're thrilled to provide another opportunity for students to shine on stage.

All students in Grades 4, 5, and 6 will be participating in the production under the direction of our music teacher, Mr. Cochrane. As a result of this full participation, please note that students in Grades 4–6 will not be taking part in the December concerts this year apart from our grades 4-6 choir.

More information about the ***Shrek Jr.*** production will be shared in December/January. We can't wait to showcase our students' talents once again!

Important Dates



- **September 2**- Access for parents/students will be enabled
- **September 2** - Curriculum night/Ice cream/popsicle social 5:30-6:30 pm
- **September 3** -First day of school for students
- **September 8**- Nova Scotia hot lunch program begins for those who ordered
- **September 10** - Stand Up Against Bullying Day- students are invited to wear pink or a light-coloured t-shirt to school in support of anti- bullying
- **September 15**- School Advisory Council (SAC) 4:30 pm- All welcome
- **September 15**- Home & School meeting (H &S) 6:00 pm- All welcome
- **September 17 & 18** – Picture Day (schedule will be sent closer to date)
- **September 25**- Professional Learning Day- no school for students
- **September 29**- Orange Shirt Day
- **September 30**- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day – no school