

Bedford Forsyth Education Centres

2018 MAY NEWSLETTER



VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION ENCLOSED

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BFEC High School

Building Skills for Life

GRADUATION AND REGISTRATION!

Dear Students and Parents:

Where does the time go? It is hard to believe that the school year is winding down. Attendance is extremely important over these last few weeks! Expectations for students are for regular school attendance, being on time for classes, completing assigned course work and maintaining a positive and safe school environment.

All current returning students have completed course selection for next year. We are registering new students on four dates between now and the end of the school year. If you know a student who would benefit from attending BFEC, please pass along that information can be found on our website or by calling the school.

The staff of BFEC is here to support the learning and development of our students and to liaise and communicate with parent/guardians about learning. Please, do not hesitate to contact your teachers when you need extra help or support. Our social worker and guidance counsellors are available to support students and families.

On Thursday, May 10th we will hold a Mental Wellness day for both campuses at our Bedford location. Students will have the opportunity to sign up for different sessions and then we will have a BBQ lunch. All activities are free of charge, including lunch and there will be draws for prizes for attendance and participation at the event!

If you are graduating this June, please pay close attention to emails and phone calls that will be sent to grade 12 students over the next few weeks. We are planning a Grad Breakfast and rehearsal for after exams in June.

Our Graduation Ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 28th at 11am at the Bedford campus. We look forward to recognizing our graduates! There is no charge for any graduation activity at BFEC.

Thank you for supporting BFEC and our students.

Jenny-Kate Hadley
Principal

SCHOOL HOURS

The school doors are open at 9:00 am each morning and there is limited student supervision at this time. Students who arrive to school in the morning are to be in the cafeteria or foyer (Bedford) or in the student lounge (Dartmouth) under teacher supervision.

There is no supervision after 3:30 pm each afternoon. All students must be off school premises unless in a school supported extra curricular activity.

What's after graduation?

As you make your way through high school, it's important to plan what you are going to do after graduation! There are many options available to you including: heading straight to the work force, attending trades programs, colleges or university. Guidance counsellors Ms. Ritcey and Mr. Mantley can help you with that!

If you have no idea what you would like to do, we can complete some simple assessments of your interests, abilities and skills together that might give you some ideas about suitable career options. If you know what you want to do and where you want to go, we can help with applications, references and looking at funding options.

Important Dates

May 10th	BFEC Wellness Day
May 18th	PD Day. No classes.
May 21st	Holiday. No classes.
June 19th	Exams
June 20th	Exams
June 21st	Exams
June 27th	11am Grad Brunch and Rehearsal
June 28th	11am Graduation for both campuses at Bedford location
June 29th	Grade 10 and 11 student report card pick up 9:30—10:00am



STUDENT FEES

(Due on registration)

Includes Student Assemblies and Student recognition, Field trips, Student ID Card, Student events.
Student Fees \$20.00

BUS SCHEDULE

BFEC has a complimentary shuttle service that runs throughout the day to our Bedford site. Please see the schedule posted on our school website. There is no bussing at our Dartmouth location.



Health Centre

BFEC Bedford students should feel free to stop in and meet Sheila in our HC. Sheila is always looking for student members to join the Health Centre Advisory, the Breakfast program leadership group and the GSA.

Sheila can provide support to students in areas like stress and relaxation, addictions, and mental health. She has excellent community connections that she would love to help our students access.



Graduation Ceremony

All Grads will need to arrive at the Bedford campus at **10am** on Thursday, June 28th for the ceremony. We need students there an hour before the ceremony starts (11am) so we can get you gowned and lined up appropriately. There is no maximum number of guests that can come to the ceremony! Bring whoever has supported you in your journey.

Students will be able to take photos in their grad gowns on the day of the ceremony, but gowns must be returned before you leave. Stay tuned for more information!



News from Guidance

May and June are busy times for the Guidance department! Students should now have their courses selected for next year, and potential graduates should be completing their Intent to Graduate forms.

Any students who are interested in post-secondary education, whether it is community college, university or one of the private colleges should see Guidance for more information. Remember that you do not have to be graduated or even in grade 12 to apply for some of these programs! NSCC for example will let you apply in what is considered your grade 11 year so that your seat is there waiting for you when you graduate! If you are unsure about what it is you want to do we can help with that too.

The guidance counsellors also have information about student loans, scholarships and bursaries to help you to pay for your education. We have already had students at our school receive some great scholarships!

A reminder to students that all credit recoveries must be completed by June 11th. If you are unsure about whether you require credit recovery, please make sure to ask.

Your guidance counsellors are always here to support you with academic, career and personal counselling.

BFEC SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

BFEC students and families are reminded that our school is extremely lucky to have their own school social worker. Carol Boyd works closely with BFEC staff, students, families and outside agencies around a variety of mental health and psycho/social issues that impact on the student's ability to succeed in school. Carol sees students, and often their parents/guardians, on an individual basis and connects them with appropriate community supports ranging from mental health, income assistance, accessing the food bank, acquiring appropriate identification, and a variety of other services. Carol also assists students in connecting with provincial and federal employment programs, when their circumstances have made it necessary for them to choose this route.



Important Information for BFEC Potential Graduates

If you have not completed the **Intent to Graduate form** yet, please contact your guidance counsellor: Mr. Mantley in Dartmouth (902-832-8630 Extension 7573) or smantley@hrsb.ca or Ms. Ritcey in Bedford (902-832-8630 Extension 7554) or lritcey@hrsb.ca.

Please let your Guidance Counsellor know if you have received **Scholarship** offers or **Financial Awards** so we can include this in our Graduation Program. Proof of award is required (a photocopy of the official letter).

Graduation Brunch and Rehearsal

Wednesday, June 27th at Bedford Campus

11am Rehearsal

All students who are attending the ceremony are expected to attend the rehearsal.

11:30am Brunch – Free to Graduates and 2 Guests

Students are welcome / encouraged to bring 2 guests to brunch. There will be an opportunity to take photos in our Grad Photo Booth.

Graduation Ceremony

Thursday, June 28th at Bedford Campus Gym

Graduates must arrive at 10am to get their gowns etc.

Ceremony begins at 11am

Reception to follow

Graduates are welcome to bring as many guests as they like to the ceremony!

All BFEC Graduation Events are free of charge. Please visit our website www.bfec.hrsb.ca for up-to date information. We hope to see you at all of our graduation events. Please, do not hesitate to call or email Mrs. Hadley at the school if you need more information.