



NEWBRIDGE ACADEMY

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Academic & Application Information 2012-2013

HEADSTART™ PROGRAM JUNIOR PRIMARY

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER



Welcome to Newbridge Academy. Thank you for your interest in our school. I believe that we offer an educational experience unlike any other in Atlantic Canada, and I am confident that as you read through this information, you will agree.

Our education program engages students to think, create, explore, play, and learn. Blending academic achievement, athletic excellence, top-of-the-line technologies, small class sizes, opportunities for leadership and volunteerism, and, focusing on leading a healthy lifestyle helps students to educate their whole self: mind, body, and spirit. They discover the ease and excitement of learning when there is increased opportunities for teacher-student interaction and hands-on teaching methods; they appreciate the natural flow of daily school routines when academics is combined with physical activity and life leadership skills; they are able to apply their knowledge of technology and build crucial critical thinking skills that will support their goals in the future; and, they gain the comfort and sense of belonging that comes with being a part of a small, community- and family-focused school.

Although the best way to find out who we really are is to visit our school, and meet the outstanding students and faculty who make up our unique and innovative community, I am confident that our Admissions Package will help you to understand our approach and appeal. I urge you read through the following pages of our Admissions Package and to consider the option of continuing your child's education here at Newbridge Academy. You will feel comfort in knowing that by doing so, your child's needs are being met, their interests are being engaged, and their skills are being challenged appropriately. By enrolling your child at Newbridge Academy, you will find comfort in knowing you are creating an educational experience for your child that will open their mind and help them to succeed in all of their endeavors.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 902-252-3339 or by email (see below) as I would love to help making this difficult decision an easy one.

Jason Wolfe
Headmaster, Newbridge Academy
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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Newbridge Academy is committed to the development of the child's mind, body and spirit through the integration of education and sport.

The Headstart™ Program is designed to provide an active, child-centered learning environment for young children between the ages of four to seven years old (Grades Junior Primary to Two). Our mission is to achieve academic excellence in our students, while providing them with the tools to maintain a healthy, active, and balanced lifestyle as they grow up.

Combining an enriched and differentiated academic curriculum with daily physical activity, healthy lifestyle awareness, an appreciation for culture and environment, and creative arts, students are given the Headstart™ they need to becoming critical thinkers, independent learners, and cooperative leaders.

Newbridge Academy is committed to providing a learning environment where all children feel safe. Bullying is not accepted in our school's culture.

Today, and in the future, children need to be critically literate in order to synthesize information, make informed decisions, communicate effectively, and thrive in an ever-changing global community.

It is important that children be connected to the curriculum; that they see themselves in what is taught, how it is taught, and how it applies to the world at large.

-Ontario's Early Learning for Every Child Today

What is differentiated learning?

Differentiation emphasizes the student as an individual learner. Lessons and activities are designed to meet the specific goals, interests, and abilities of each student allowing them to see their potential and reach beyond the limits of a traditional classroom.

What is project-based learning?

When students are challenged to work solving real-life problems, the whole world becomes a classroom. In project-based learning, students work in groups to solve challenging problems that are authentic, curriculum-based, and often cross-curricular. Learners decide how to approach a problem and what actions to pursue. They gather information from a variety of sources and synthesize, analyze, and derive knowledge from it. Their learning is inherently valuable because it's connected to something real and involves skills such as collaboration and reflection. At the end, this teaching method focuses more on the process rather than just the product.



ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

Junior Primary

Combining the key aspects of the *Nova Scotia Department of Education Learning Outcomes for Grade Primary*, *Alberta Education's Elementary Drama Curriculum*, and just recently released, *Ontario's Early Learning for Every Child Today*, students benefit from not only a play-based thematic curriculum, but they are exposed to a much more current and academically enhanced multidimensional program.



- Small class sizes.
- Interactive curriculum is delivered using activities and lessons created specifically with the child in mind.
- Lessons are differentiated to meet the specific goals, interests, and abilities of each child, while instilling skills to care for, respect, and learn about living healthy and active lives.
- To qualify for an entry assessment for Junior Primary, students need to turn four years of age before December 31st.

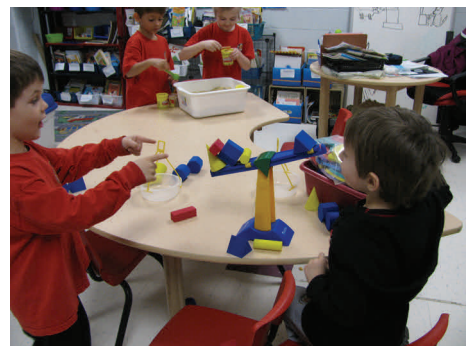
Program Overview: Key components

The Headstart™ Program supports and encourages a play-based and constructive model for learning life-long skills. Students will engage in cooperative play and interactive activities to help provide meaningful learning experiences and help develop their confidence socially, mentally, and physically.

Classroom curriculum is coupled with modern technology such as media-based activities, digital texts and technology-equipped classrooms.

The key components that drive our curriculum, include:

- Culture and Environment
- Academic Education
- Promotion of Active Healthy Lifestyles and Nutrition Awareness
- Parent and Family Involvement
- Creative Expression



As part of their daily Active Living class, our Junior Primary students enjoy weekly swimming and skating lessons, taught by highly-qualified instructors.



THE NEWBRIDGE STUDENT EXPERIENCE



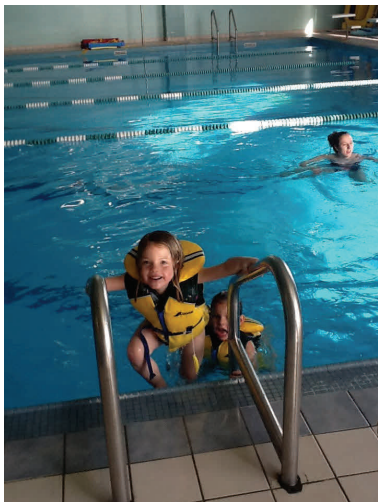
Students at Newbridge Academy experience education unlike any other in Nova Scotia. High-level and hands-on academic learning, combined with daily physical activity and leading technologies make for enjoyable days for every student, at every level.



Our small class sizes and small, family-focused school means that every student has a voice and every family feels part of a community. Students receive increased and individualized attention in the classroom and are known by every teacher and administrator in the school. Teachers are able to provide students with the challenge each of them needs and are able to create a fun and safe learning environment. If you walk by any one of our classrooms, you will often see Newbridge teachers sitting and moving around the room, engaging with students, rather than simply lecturing at the front of the room. We take our classrooms where they need to go, whether it be to a local river to catch specimens, grocery store for nutrition education, or the pool deck to teach aquatic life saving skills.



The technology afforded in our school is well beyond what most Maritime schools can offer. We believe that students need to develop strong critical thinking skills and be skilled users/managers of technology to take their success into their futures. Therefore, every classroom is equipped with top-of-the-line technologies and programs, appropriate to age level. All of our Junior High students have access to their own personal technology, such as iPad2's. Using their vast knowledge and skill with technology, students experience curriculum through media-based activities, digital textbooks, and online curriculum organizers.



Our focus on living a healthy lifestyle goes beyond the academic curriculum in the classroom, as students participate in physical activity programs every day and are offered a hot lunch program that focuses on healthy, homemade, meals using local, organic, and free range products.

Leadership skills become natural for our students as they interact with the Headstart Buddy program every week, volunteer in the community and extra curricular activities, and apply critical thinking skills to the project-based assessments in the classroom.

Newbridge Academy students enjoy coming to school. Every day, we continue to find new, fun, and engaging ways of promoting learning and healthy lifestyles for our students.



SAMPLE HEADSTART™ SCHEDULE*

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00-8:30AM	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival
8:30-9:30AM	Gymnastics & Fitness	Swimming	Skating/ Hockey	Court Sports	Games & Playground
9:30-9:45 AM	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack
9:45-10:45AM	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
10:45-11:30AM	English Language Arts	English Language Arts	English Language Arts	English Language Arts	French Language Arts
11:30AM-12:00PM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00-1:00PM	Theme Studies	Theme Studies	Theme Studies	Theme Studies	Theme Studies
1:00-2:00PM	Art Making	Music & Movement	Music & Art	Performance Rehearsal	Big Buddies
2:00-3:30PM	Study Centres (Tutoring/ Play)	Study Centres (Tutoring/ Play)	Study Centres (Tutoring/ Play)	Study Centres (Tutoring/ Play)	Study Centres (Tutoring/ Play)
3:30-5:30PM	After School Programs & Snack	After School Programs & Snack	After School Programs & Snack	After School Programs & Snack	After School Programs & Snack

*REPRESENTATIVE SCHEDULE ONLY. Actual Daily Schedule may differ.

**Students will receive their class schedules on the first day of classes.



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NEWBRIDGE ACADEMY 2012/2013 CALENDAR—TENTATIVE

AUGUST

Monday, August 27th Teachers return to school
 Tuesday, August 28th Orientation Night for Parents

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 3 Labor Day
 Tuesday, September 4 First day of classes
 Thursday, September 20 Technology Night for Parents
 Friday, September 28 Professional Development Day—all staff (no classes)

OCTOBER

Monday, October 8 Thanksgiving (no classes)
 Friday, October 26 Professional Development Day (no classes)

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 6 Parent Teacher Meetings (early dismissal)
 Monday, November 12 In Honour of Remembrance Day (no classes)
 Thursday, November 22 Assessment Day (no classes)
 Friday, November 23 First Semester Report Cards
 Monday, November 26 Second Semester Begins

DECEMBER

Friday, December 14 Last Day of Classes—Christmas Break

JANUARY 2013

Monday, January 7 Classes Resume

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 1 Professional Development Day—all staff (no classes)
 Tuesday, February 12 Parent Teacher Meetings (early dismissal)
 Thursday, February 28 Assessment Day (no classes)

MARCH

Friday, March 1 Second Semester Report Cards
 Monday, March 4-15 March Break (no classes)
 Monday, March 18 Third Semester Begins
 Friday, March 29 Good Friday (no classes)

APRIL

Monday, April 1 Easter Monday (no classes)
 Friday, April 26 Professional Development Day—all staff (no classes)

MAY

Friday, May 3 Last Day of Ice
 Monday, May 20 Victoria Day
 Tuesday, May 28 Parent Teacher Meetings (early dismissal)

JUNE

Monday, June 3-7 Jr. High Final Exams
 Monday, June 10 Last Day of Classes
 Tuesday, June 11 Olympiad & Grad Rehearsal
 Wednesday, June 12 & 13 Assessment Days (no classes)
 Friday, June 14 Closing Ceremonies – Final Reports
 Monday, June 17-21 Curriculum Development (Teachers)

JULY

Tuesday, July 2 Summer Programs begin

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SCHOOL FEES

Junior Primary

Tuition **\$5,800**

- Headstart™ Program (September - June, Monday-Friday, 8:30-3:30)
- Healthy morning snack
- Student and classroom supplies
- Capital Fund

Tuition for a sibling in Junior Primary : \$4,600

All Students

Commitment Bond **\$500**

- Paid in full upon Enrollment
- Non-Refundable for Junior Primary year but can be converted into part of a refundable bond if enrollment continues into Grades Senior Primary and up.

Miscellaneous Financial Obligations

Most activities at the school are without additional costs, but special outings such as field trips, carnival weeks, and guest presentations may require parents to pay directly. Permission slips are sent home that include the information for these events.

Students at Newbridge Academy are also required to wear uniforms. Newbridge Academy school uniforms are comprised of a variety of athletic wear that allow students to transition quickly from activity to academics. Newbridge Academy uniform information is contained in the Parent-Student Handbook.

Parents are also expected to support miscellaneous fundraising initiatives throughout the school year to address special functions and any budget shortfalls.

OPTIONAL FEES—Paid throughout the year as needed.

After School \$ Snack Program **\$10/day (Optional)**

- After-School Program 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- Healthy afternoon snack

Lunch Program **\$5/day (Optional)**

- Pre-ordered and paid on a monthly basis



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OPTIONAL: FUNDRAISING TUITION

Approved Fundraising Programs for Tuition Reduction

The school has authorized the following fundraising programs to support and aid parents in reducing the cost of their child's tuition costs:

Fundscrip This program involves parents purchasing gift or "debit" cards in advance through the school for a variety of everyday products and services from a series of popular retailers of their choice. A percentage of the total amount used on the gift card will be put directly onto the child's tuition costs. Please inquire if interested.

Sponsor/Donation Board Newbridge Academy maintains an annual sponsor/donation board. Parents may solicit donations from businesses of their choice for which they receive a dollar for dollar credit toward their child's tuition costs. Any amount exceeding \$350 qualifies the donor to receive recognition on the sponsor board in the form of a sign space (to the donor's specifications).

Upon enrollment, parents will receive a package of information in support of these and any other fundraising programs the school approves.

Additional Fundraising Programs

Parents are not authorized to fundraise on behalf of the school in any way that is not authorized in writing by the school. Parents interested in obtaining the school's approval for alternative fundraising programs are to submit their ideas to the Newbridge Foundation for approval prior to implementation. This approval process is strictly for solicitations on behalf of, or for the school. It does not restrict parents from, using direct solicitation of financial support or sponsorship for their student or students from any source they wish.



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FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Payment of Fees

There are several options to pay Headstart (Junior Primary) tuition fees. To arrange your payment option, please inquire upon Enrollment.

- One full payment (September 1st)
- Two equal payments (September 1st and January 1st)
- Ten (10) Equal monthly payments (September to June)

Newbridge Academy has partnered with TD Canada Trust, who will be providing options for Newbridge families to borrow money to pay the fees up front. Families are encouraged to meet with TD officials to discuss the options that are available to them.

Notice to Withdraw

At Newbridge Academy, we recognize that every family has situations that can change future plans. For school planning and recruiting purposes, it is imperative that the school has as much advance notice as possible for vacant seats in upcoming school years. If a student is not returning for the subsequent school year, we would ask that you submit written notice of your intent to withdraw from the school in the upcoming year by March 31st.

Financial Obligations

Upon acceptance of a seat at the school offered to their child, parents have an obligation to pay the fees outlined above according to the due dates identified. No portion of the fees, paid or due, will be refunded or cancelled in the event of the students' absence, withdrawal or dismissal from Newbridge Academy after August 1st of the calendar year school is to commence. In the unfortunate event that a student is suspended or expelled, fees will not be refunded by Newbridge Academy. This is necessary to protect the school from financial loss resulting from unexpected withdrawals.

Newbridge Academy warrants that the Commitment Bond Terms and Conditions, the Enrollment Contract, and the 2012-2013 Commitments, and Fees are not severable. Any change to, or additional parental financial obligation, other than those specified in these documents, must be approved by mutual agreement and require amendment and signature to the documents.



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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

STEP 1: Pre-Admission Application Forms

Complete all applicable Application Forms and submit to Newbridge Academy.

STEP 2: Assessment Interview

Upon receipt of the completed application package, Newbridge Academy may contact you to arrange an assessment interview. The assessment interview takes about 45 minutes to one hour and includes observing student interactions among classmates and teachers, a focused time on fine and gross motor skill development, as well as academic skills and knowledge. A small student/parent interview will be included to indicate life skills and interests. There is a non-refundable charge of \$75 for the Assessment Interview. This is to be paid upon date of Assessment Interview.

STEP 3: Enrollment Offer and Acceptance Letter

Depending on the time of year, and the number of available seats within each class, Newbridge Academy will notify parents of their initial acceptance offer in writing that will include a specific time limit to complete enrollment documentation (typically 15 days).

At the time of enrollment, parents are required to pay a \$500 deposit to secure a spot in the their class. This deposit is carried over as part of the Commitment Bond fee. Without this deposit, class sizes may fill and parents may lose their spot and be put on a waiting list.

Parents should understand that once a student starts a program, all program financial commitments and school fees are non-refundable regardless of the reason for withdrawal.

Newbridge Academy's policy is to require an enrollment contract to be signed prior to the start of a program, stating refundable and non-refundable fees. Please note that if fees and contracts are not paid and signed, Newbridge Academy reserves the right to withhold student grades or dismiss enrollment.



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Application Form 2012-2013

New Student Profile

To be completed by parent/guardian

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name of Student in full: _____
Surname First Name Middle Name

Gender: Male Female Date of Birth: _____ | _____ | _____
Day Month Year

Present Age: _____ Grade Level applying for: _____

School (s) previously attended within the last three years:

Students first language: _____ Other languages: _____

PARENT INFORMATION

Father/Guardian

Mr. Dr. Other

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Mother/Guardian

Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Telephone: _____

Email: _____



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Authorized Pick-Up Persons & Emergency Contacts

Person(s) authorized to pick up the student and be contacted in case of emergency if parent/guardian cannot be reached. These people should be available during hours of care.

First Contact

Emergency contact name: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Home phone number: _____ Cell phone number: _____

Second Contact

Emergency contact name: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Home phone number: _____ Cell phone number: _____

Third Contact

Emergency contact name: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Home phone number: _____ Cell phone number: _____

*Please note: If someone is picking up your child that is not on this list, we require written notification prior to pick-up and photo ID.

People not authorized to pick child up from Newbridge Academy: (please note that in order to enforce any custody orders, the school must be provided with court documentation and any other legal arrangements). _____



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Are there any special or unusual circumstances, background information, medical history or other factors (positive or negative) that may be relevant to this application or the applicant's subsequent performance in school?

Yes No If yes, please explain:

Please indicate special interests, activities, awards, favourite books:

Please list names/genders/dates of birth for ALL of your children

(both Newbridge and non-Newbridge students)

Name: _____ M / F Date of Birth: _____

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How did you hear about Newbridge Academy?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A Newbridge parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Newbridge Hockey Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A Newbridge student | <input type="checkbox"/> Flyers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A Newbridge staff member | <input type="checkbox"/> Newbridge outdoor sign |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Ad in local paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Day Camp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |



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Student Medical Form

To be completed by parent/guardian

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____
 Health Card # _____ Expiry Date: _____
 Family Physician's name: _____ Contact phone number: _____
 Address: _____

Medical History:

Previous surgery and serious illness (with dates) yes no
 If yes, please provide details _____

Fractures sustained (with dates) yes no
 If yes, please provide details _____

Drug allergies yes no
 If yes, please provide details _____

Other allergies yes no
 If yes, please provide details _____

Regular medication yes no
 If yes, please provide details _____

Does the student wear glasses? yes no

Does the student require regular injections? yes no
 If yes, please provide details _____

Family medical history to be aware of? yes no
 If yes, please provide details: _____

Psychiatric/emotional illness history? yes no
 If yes, please provide details: _____

Details of any medication: _____

Psychiatrist/psychologist name: _____ Telephone number: _____

Physical Health:

Height _____ General health: fair normal rarely ever sick
 Weight _____

Is there any reason why this student should not be able to participate in the school sports programming?

Parent Signature(s): _____ / _____

Date: _____



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Permission to Request School/Pre-School Report (Not-Required for Jr./Sr. Primary)

To be completed by parent(s)/guardian(s)

It is important that we receive your child's up-to-date, official Student Record issued by the last school attended. As required by law, written permission must be granted by the parent or guardian in order to obtain a student's academic record.

Please complete this form and return it to **Newbridge Academy**.

Student's Name: _____ Present Grade/Age Program: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Present School: _____

School Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Teacher/Guidance Contact Person(s): _____

Email address: _____

Please sign below giving your permission to the Principal/Teacher of the applicant's present school to release information contained in the Confidential School Report.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Please complete and return to:
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Photo/Video/Image Release Form

To be completed by parent(s)/guardian(s)

Newbridge Academy staff and persons contracted by Newbridge frequently take pictures and video footage of the students and their families, as well as staff and faculty. These images are then used in many different communications vehicles including, but not limited to: advertisements, publications, slide shows, promotional literature and Web sites (including social media sites such as YouTube.) Photographs may also appear in newspapers or magazines, locally, nationally or internationally. Using the faces of our students and their families is the best way to market our School, and also provides Newbridge Academy families with a record of their child's time at the School.

This form serves as a release for the School to use all of the images it obtains without time constraints. Newbridge Academy reserves the right to use the images in perpetuity until a formal written request is tendered to the school.

Please read carefully and sign below.

I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finished photograph, advertising copy, printed matter, edited or unedited video footage that may be used in conjunction therewith or to the eventual use that it might be applied.

I hereby release and discharge Newbridge Academy and any persons working on behalf of it from and against any liability as a result of any distortion, blurring, or alteration, optical illusion, or use in composite form, either intentionally or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking, processing or reproduction of the finished product, its publication or distribution of the same.

I hereby certify that I am the parent and/or guardian of _____, (student name – please print) a person under the age of 18 years. I have read the above release and I fully understand the contents. I hereby consent that any photographs or videos which have been, or will be taken by any Newbridge Academy sanctioned photographer or videographer may be used, without remuneration, for the purposes explained above.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Parent/guardian name (please print): _____

Date: _____

For questions regarding Newbridge Academy the use of photographs or videos, please contact the Administration Office at 902-252-3339, or e-mail info@newbridgeacademy.ca