



Halifax City Local NSTU Weekly Newsletter ISSUE 3 • September 14, 2026

City Shout-out Mark Chiasson

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe we're already in Week 3 of the school year. This week marks the opening of the portal for the NSTU Professional Associations Conference. Our first general meeting is next week, and I look forward to connecting with many of you then. The Tide context closes September 15th so submit your names!

If you need anything in the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Nancie de la Chevotière

**BOOK A
SCHOOL VISIT**

President Halifax City Local NSTU
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LOCAL WEBSITE

Halifax West's **Mark Chiasson** is a physics teacher who puts students at the center of everything he does. He teaches the person first—supporting learners with anxiety, regulation, and confidence—while making physics accessible and engaging for all. Mark actively seeks out new ways to help students understand complex ideas, including his summer work with **CISE Atlantic**, where he teaches physics to Black and African Nova Scotian high school students through culturally responsive, hands-on learning. Mark is the **2026 Perimeter Institute Physics Education Scholarship Recipient**, which includes teacher training at **CERN in Switzerland**, and the **2025 CAP Award for Excellence in Teaching High School/CEGEP Physics (Atlantic)**—one of the highest honours in Canadian physics education. His accolades are impressive, but his greatest impact is the care, creativity, and humanity he brings to his classroom every day.



Mark has been teaching in HRCE since 2002

Enter by September 15th for free Tides ticket (October 3rd game). Additional discounted tickets available [here](#)

KNOW YOUR AGREEMENT: **TPA**

ARTICLE 5 EMPLOYER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Employer and/or the Education Entity(s) is/are vested with the responsibility of managing the Public School System and of operating its services...

5.01 ii enforcing safety, health, and fire regulations; ...

Upcoming dates

September 17: 7 a.m. Registration Opens for 2026 Annual NSTU Professional Associations Conferences ([you need your NSTU login](#))

September 23: Halifax City Local Meeting 4: 30 p.m. NSTU Building, Joseph Howe (All Halifax City Local NSTU members welcome)

September 25: PD day

September 29: Local President's Reception (All Halifax City Local NSTU members welcome) at Station Six (247 Herring Cove Road) 4 p.m.

September 30th: Truth and Reconciliation day (Local T&R grant applications due)

[Registration for yoga](#) with Amanda closes

Stay familiar with key **EECD** policies

(homework, class caps, Inclusion...)

Provincial Education Policies | Education and Early Childhood Development

JOIN YOUR LOCAL EXECUTIVE or a local committee (Equity, PD, Social/Wellness etc.)

VP OF NEW MEMBERS & SUBSTITUTES

Two-year term: Sept. 23, 2026–July 31, 2028. Election at the Sept. 23 General Meeting. * Another executive position may become available after the vote

NOMINATION FORM

Halifax City Local President's Reception

Join on Tuesday
September 29th from
4-6:30 p.m. Drop in to
Station Six to meet your
local president and local
executive members.

CITY SHOUT-OUT

Know a Halifax City Local member who deserves recognition?

Help us celebrate the great work happening across our Local.

NOMINATE

JOIN a LOCAL COMMITTEE. You don't have to be a rep to participate. Economic Welfare, Social, New member, Equity, Communications, Professional Development...lots of options!

**JOIN
HERE**

NEED HELP?

CONTACT NANCIE

If you're unsure about anything, reach out.