

NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES

Scholarship Announcement

Just a reminder, if you are receiving a scholarship or bursary and **would like it announced at the graduation ceremony** you **MUST** submit a copy of the award notification **as soon as possible and no later than FRIDAY June 17** to Student Services. Unfortunately after this date it is not possible to announce at the graduation ceremonies due to a publishing deadline.

Summer Office hours

Students will be receiving their tentative 2016-2017 schedules along with their report cards. If students are interested in making changes they may come into Student Services on July 4 or 5, or August 31 and Sept 1, or 2 for new registration and course changes. The office will be open each day from 10 am – 2 pm. This will be on a first come, first serve basis. Course changes cannot be dealt with in June as many preparations are underway for year end, and graduation ceremonies.

Highbury Education Centre

Highbury Education Centre is an alternative high school that provides an opportunity for students who for a variety of reasons are unable to achieve success in the traditional school environment. Highbury Education Centre focuses on experiential and outdoor based education so as to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of students. The school provides students a more individualized, flexible and non-threatening learning environment. For any further information visit the website at www.hec.ednet.ns.ca or calling the office at (902)681-4930.

Grad Reception

It is a Northeast Kings Education Centre tradition that the Grade 11 parents host a reception for the graduates and their families after the graduation ceremony. This year the graduation is being held on **Monday, June 27th**. Later in June we will be contacting grade 11 parents with a request for sandwiches, sweets, fruit and vegetable trays, cheese plates or a monetary donation. We will also need Grade 11 parents to come in to help set up the reception area, and do any necessary food preparation in the kitchen on June 27th. As well, on the night of graduation, we will need parents to set up and host the reception and do any necessary clean-up. Feel free to bring your grade 11 child to help with this event. It is a great way to help out and get a glimpse of what you will be enjoying next year.

YEARBOOK

The yearbook has arrived! HS Yearbooks can be picked up in room 213. MS Yearbooks can be picked up from Mrs. McMillan's room. Some students still owe a balance on their pre-ordered book - the remaining balance is due on arrival. Congratulations to the editors and Yearbook committee on an amazing product.

Why Not You! Web series is a Department of Education website which helps parents/students navigate through the process of accessing Post-Secondary institutions and how Student Assistance works today. <http://www.novascotia.ca/whynotyou/>

June Report Cards

Dates and times for specific grade level end-of-year activities are listed below. You are cordially invited to attend any and all grade level closing ceremonies. They will be held in the school gymnasium.

Grade 6

Closing ceremony June 28, 11:00 am
Report Cards - from Homeroom teacher June 29, 9:00 am

Grade 7

Closing ceremony June 28, 11:00 am
Report Cards -from Homeroom teacher June 29, 9:00 am

Grade 8

Closing ceremony & Report Cards (during Closing ceremony) June 28, 11:00 am

Grade 9

Closing ceremony & Report Cards (immediately following Closing ceremony) June 29, 10:30 am

Grade 10 and 11

Closing ceremony & Report Cards (immediately following Closing ceremony) June 29, 9:00 am

Grade 12

Graduation (followed by Safe Grad) June 27, 7:00 pm

If students are not present when report cards are distributed at the times noted above, they may be picked up in Student Services June 30th or July 4th to 7th between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm or starting August 29th between 8:00 and 3:00 pm. Please note Report Cards will not be mailed out unless students have moved and are no longer attending NKEC. Please contact Student Services if your child will no longer be attending NKEC in Sept. 2016.

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

June has become a very busy month for the NKEC Music Department this year. On Monday, June 13th, we will have our Spring Concert and have the opportunity to honor our grade 8 and grade 12 students. We will also be recognizing the hard work of the NKEC Tech/Stage Crew at this final concert. The concert is a free-will offering and will begin at

7:00 pm in the gymnasium. At intermission, the Sr. Jazz Band will be playing and there will be items available to eat at this time.

On Saturday, June 18th, the Music Department will be conducting one final bottle drive throughout the area. If you have bottles and cans that you would like to donate to the cause, please leave them on your front or side step and we'll pick them up for you! Thanks in advance for your support of the NKEC Music Department. After the bottle drive, Ms. Helms is hosting a Music Department Party from 3-6:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the Music Room for those wanting to attend the party.

Finally, the Music Department is in the final preparations for supporting the Grade 12's as they march in graduation ceremonies. There will be a Graduation Band practice on Friday, June 24th from 12:15-1:30 pm.

All students who have been in the Sr. Concert or Jazz Bands this year (and are NOT Grade 12), are expected to be a part of the Graduation Band. If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Helms at:

mhelms@gnsps.ca. After the graduation practice, the Student Music Executive has reserved 8 lanes at Fairlanes Bowling for any music student in grades 7-12. There is a sign-up sheet in the Music Room to help give us numbers for the bowling alley.

Thank you to all who have supported our students in their fundraising efforts for their trips and to the parents/guardians who continually bring their son/daughter to extra rehearsals!

NKEC ATHLETICS REPORT

It has been a very good year in Athletics at Northeast Kings Education Center. As Athletic Director, I would like to thank the staff and administration at Northeast Kings for their support of our sports' teams this year. Support comes in the form of covering classes for teachers, motivating students to do well in the classroom so they can continue to play their sport, and eagerly asking coaches after the weekend "How was the game"?

Thank you to the coaches for all that they have done this year for our student athletes and for making my job so much easier. We have wonderful coaches who are leading our teams for the right reasons. Continue to remember that it is not about the banner, but a lot more about developing our student athletes in becoming better students, athletes and people.

Thank you to the student athletes for representing our school with strong effort, class and pride. We thank all the graduating students for their many years of commitment, effort and skill. To all returning student athletes, a strong reminder to continue this tradition and to remember that you need to be a good student before you can become a good student athlete. The school would also like to see even more participation from our student athletes next year. We would like to see 40 more students be involved in athletics in 2016/17, raising the bar for our school.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who helped to make the Athletic Banquet a success. I appreciate everyone's efforts, making the event a total team effort. Best wishes to everyone for a healthy and happy summer! Make it a personal goal to be active and prepare yourself for an even better 2016/2017.

Dale Sanford

NKEC Athletic Director

Western Region Assistant Regional Director

Other School news

Congratulations to our NKEC cheerleading team who took home the first place trophy from every Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation that they competed in throughout the competition season. They also received an invitation to compete at THE ONE Cheerleading and Dance Competition in Orlando, Florida next year.

Summer School 2016

Summer School will be held at Central Kings High School from Mon., July 4th to Fri., July 15 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm daily. Summer School courses will be offered in Grade 9 to 12 English (Academic & Communications) and Math (Academic, Math at Work and Essentials). The course fee of \$300 (\$350 if using the bus) is to be paid on the first morning of classes at Central Kings. Only cash and money orders will be accepted for payment. Personal cheques will not be accepted. Potential Summer School students can register in one of the following ways:

- Through NKEC Student Services before noon Wed., June 29th
- By contacting the Summer School coordinator, Stan MacVicar at stan.macvicar@avrsb.ca
- Central Kings cafeteria between 8:20 and 9:00 am on Mon., July 4th

For more information and registration forms, please contact NKEC Student Services at 902-582-2050.

Shifting the Culture of Alcohol

Parents can be relieved by the knowledge that what they say to their child about drinking does matter. All children benefit from parents sharing sound alcohol knowledge and hearing about alcohol harms and myths in an open and on-going age-appropriate basis. As a parent/guardian you are allowed to disapprove of drinking. Research has shown that parents/guardians who share their firm expectations and clear boundaries around alcohol are much less likely to have children who drink excessively. It is important to engage in conversations before your child makes decisions. However, it is never too late to have an honest conversation about alcohol. Most students do not drink regularly or excessively. The idea that 'everyone drinks all the time' is simply false.

Retirement

'I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff, parents/guardians and community members who shared their stories with me, worked with me and supported me in my career. It was a privilege to work at NKEC; it is a very caring environment that is supported by a strong, amazing administrative team. Wishing you all a healthy and happy summer.' Betty (Nicholson) Hughes.

News from the community

Quick As A Wink Theatre Society presents *The Little Mermaid* featuring local talent such as Maya Read, Greg Palmer, Steve Roe, Ray Baltzer, Ben Nickerson and Mark Wainman. Shows will take place at the Fountain Performing Arts Centre of King's Edgehill School in Windsor on June 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7 pm. Matinees on June 4, 5 and 11 at 2 pm. Tickets can be purchased online through the theatre's website at www.quickasawinktheatre.ca or by calling 902-798-5565.

England Trip

Do you want to tour England for 10 days over the March break in 2017? See eftours.ca and tour number: 1725248RT to register. You must be in Grade 11 or 12 in the school year 2016/17. Contact fpriddle@gnsps.ca for more information. Sign up ASAP to confirm numbers and to secure your place on the tour.

International student program

Have you ever thought of hosting a student from another country??? We are currently looking for Homestay families for the NKEC area to host students. If this is something that you think you might be interested in please give me a call or send me an e-mail and I can answer any questions you might have!!

Below you will find some general information about the program:

Length of stay- usually 5 months or 10 months

Students- all grades 9-12 and sometimes younger

Family- you don't have to have children in order to be a host family, but if you do that is great!!) - you could be retired or even single... (we try to match you with a student who best fits your home situation)

Host Family Pay- you receive \$550 each month to host the student to help with the costs involved. **The Home-** an international student must have their own bedroom in the house. For information please contact.

Ian Campbell,
AVRSB Homestay Coordinator, campbeli@gnsps.ca, 902-582-2040.

Dates to Remember

Important DATE!

June	
13	School Concert at 7 pm
14	MS Marking Day – no school for Grade 6-8 students
16	MS Dance 6:30-8:30 pm
17-22	HS Exams
23	HS Marking Day – no school for Grade 9-12
24	Marking Day – no school
24	Grad Practice (Mandatory!) 12 pm
26	Free BBQ for Grads & Families 7-8:30 pm, at First Cornwallis Baptist Church in Canard
27	Marking Day – no school
27	Graduation ceremonies @ 7 pm
27	Safe Grad immediately following Grad ceremonies
28	MS Closing ceremony 11 am; Gr 6-8 report cards go home
29	Grade 10/11 closing ceremony 9 am; Grade 9 at 10:30 am; Report cards Gr 9-11 go home
29	Early dismissal; Last day school before Summer break
July	
4-5	Course changes Gr 10 to 12
August	
31	Registration new students; Course changes Gr 10 to 12
September	
1-2	Registration new students; Course changes Gr 10 to 12
5	Labour Day
7	Start of school year 2016-2017 – First day for students

Graduation 7 pm