

Northeast Kings Education Centre

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MISSION STATEMENT

Northeast Kings Education Centre believes in developing a learning environment that nurtures academic, physical, social and emotional growth.



Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

September has passed by quickly and if it is any indication of how the school year is going to go then I am very pleased with what the rest of the year brings! The second busiest month of the school year has been completed! We have had a very successful start to the school year in both the High School and the Middle School. We have 878 students enrolled for the 2016-2017 school year which is 14 more students than what we projected last January.

Our students seem to be well settled and are taking pride in our school and their work. We have started meeting with all students that have not given us the effort we expect from them to get them re-focused with their courses. One of the greatest gifts a child can receive is a good education. It's sad to see students and families who lose that perspective. We will continue to do our best to make learning meaningful and to track attendance. We will also notify you when we see a concern. Please be sure that your child is attending school.



We just completed a sensational student organized and led week-long event highlighting social, emotional, physical and spiritual wellness. We had healthy snacks and drinks during lunch time all week long and great events to showcase the wellness focus daily during break times. Thanks to all of our parents and community members who volunteered to make this such a rewarding time!



Our SAGA - Sexuality and Gender Acceptance student and staff team is up and started. Our Mission statement from last year, "We believe in equality" is the foundation for all that our committee works

towards. I am so proud of our students and how accepting they are of our diversity of students in our school. Northeast Kings Education Centre is truly a great place to grow and receive your education.



We have completed three fire drills, one hold and secure and one lockdown already. We can have our entire school population out of the building in 120 seconds and it is amazing that we can take 878 students and almost 100 staff and have them all out of sight in a matter of seconds! These are mandatory events that we must practice in case we ever had to use them in the case of an emergency. We expect that we will never have to use them but we still must be prepared in case of that one exception.



Halloween can be a fun time of year when children get to dress up and visit neighbours looking for treats. It can also be a time of year when accidents happen. I caution you to keep your children safe and to know what they are doing Halloween evening. Unfortunately, there can also be a lot of unnecessary destruction. Please teach your children to be good citizens.

Have fun!



Remembrance Day is just around the corner. Our Remembrance Day Assemblies will be held on Tuesday, November 10th in the school gymnasium: High School – 1:00 pm; Middle School – 2:15pm. Ms. Salmon's Drama 12 class will take full responsibility for the production of these assemblies. We would love to have you attend one of these ceremonies. Please attend your community service on Remembrance Day.

Have a great October. Remain informed by using our website at: <http://www.nkec.ca>

Kevin Veinot
Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

The month of September has gone very quickly at Northeast Kings Education Centre. During the month of September school staff has spent considerable time establishing positive relationships with students. There have been many new experiences for grade six students, while grade seven and eight students have quickly returned to the focused routines and expectations of school life. Middle level Titans have done an exceptional job settling into school routines and demonstrating an awareness of NKEC Expectations for Success.

On September 28th, middle school students participated in the first Positive Participation Presentation (PPP) of the school year. During this time, homeroom 'Student of the Month' recipients were awarded. PPP time is also an opportunity to honor student achievement, share individual talents and celebrate Titan pride.

Recently grade six students completed the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Elementary Literacy & Mathematics Assessment. This assessment measures student aptitude in areas of reading, writing and mathematics. This assessment covers grade three, four and five curriculum. The result of this evaluation provides important information used to guide teacher instruction in grade six, seven and eight. Provincial assessment results are communicated to students, teachers and parents/guardians once assessment data is available.

Your child has likely mentioned the use of Chromebooks (small laptops) at school. We are fortunate to have Chromebooks for student use in our middle school. The use of these personal devices has had a positive impact on student learning and engagement.

On September 29th, middle school students participated in the annual Terry Fox run at our school. Students walked and ran in honor of Terry Fox's legacy and raised over \$300.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

October is Fire Prevention Month. Members of the Canning Fire Department will visit Northeast Kings Education Centre on October 14th to review fire safety information with grade six students. Northeast Kings Education Centre students and staff thank members of the Canning Fire Department for their continued protection and support of the school and community.

The first middle school dance was October 12th from 6:30-8:30pm. All middle school students are welcome to attend dances. They are a social opportunity where students can dance in the cafeteria, spend time talking with friends in the school lobby and play table tennis. All school expectations apply during this social time for students. The cost for admission is \$5.00, or \$4.00 with a food bank item. Students are to be picked up from dances at 8:30pm.

Please remember that **October 26th from 6:30-8:00pm is student led conference time** for middle level students. This event allows students an opportunity to demonstrate additional understanding of grade level content. October 26th is an excellent time to review completed assignments, review student understanding of curriculum outcomes, and gather a glimpse of your child's time spent at school. Student appointment times and information regarding October 26th will be distributed to students. If you do not receive a time prior to October 24th, please contact your child's homeroom teacher to reserve a time.

We are very excited about two terrific after school programs. Every Monday and Wednesday a multi-sport program occurs after school from 3:30-4:30pm. Multi-Sports is a girls program offered free of charge. Forms are in the main office for middle school girls that are interested. Our after school program occurs every Friday after school from 3:20-4:45pm. Currently middle school students are playing soccer outside, while another group baked muffins for the breakfast group. This is a terrific opportunity that is free. Transportation via our mini bus is provided free of charge for students requiring a ride home. Please encourage your child to participate in one of the school programs.

Middle school students will have an opportunity to participate in exploratory activities during the month of October. An important part of middle school philosophy, exploratories are a time for students to participate in a variety of artistic, kinesthetic, community minded and academic related activities with their peers. The intent of this programming is to encourage students to explore a new activity or interest.

NKEC's expectations for success are the cornerstone of respectful expectations at school. Please continue to speak with your child at home regarding the importance of being respectful of others, completing school work on time, and maintaining a positive attitude. I encourage parents and guardians to continue conversations with your child regarding their school day experiences. Encourage your child to seek academic support from teachers when needed.

As many of you know, extracurricular programming is an important aspect of school life at Northeast Kings Education Centre. I would like to thank all school staff and community members who continue to volunteer their time supporting students and extracurricular

programming. On behalf of the school, thank you to parents and guardians who volunteer their time chaperoning dances and driving students. Extracurricular programming has a positive impact on student learning and school climate.
As always, please keep in touch.

Greg Fox, Vice Principal Middle School

NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES

September was a very busy month filled with course changes and discussions with many students around post-secondary education. So far, I have visited 4 out of 6 grade 12 classes and hope to meet with the final classes this month to discuss post-secondary options as well as scholarships/bursaries and loans. It has been a pleasure working with the grade 12 students at NKEC. I have been impressed with the high level of respect and positivity demonstrated by the students, even though there is often a lot on their plate! I look forward to another busy, but exciting month. Please encourage your NKEC student to make an appointment or stop by at lunch/recess time if they have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Miss. Emelie Pineo, School Counselor

POST SECONDARY DAY!

On November 17th, our school will have over 40 Atlantic post-secondary institutions visit us so that students can ask questions and learn more about their opportunities that each of these facilities offer. Be sure to come to school that day and check it out.

SAT's

Any student interested in attending a University in the States must register for the SAT test on-line @ www.collegeboard.com before November 1st. The test is written at Kings Edgehill in early December or Dalhousie University in November.

Scholarships

Scholarship information is now available @ Student Services for the National based Loran Scholarship (deadline Oct 19th for sponsored applicants and 26th for the direct pool), the TD Canada Trust (deadline Nov. 18th) and the Terry Fox (Feb 1st). For scholarship information please watch for new applications to arrive! Any student who is eligible to apply and would like to be considered as the Loran's School's Sponsored candidate needs to drop off a completed application form to Miss Pineo by October 7th.

Grade 12 Tour of Saint Mary's University

On November 3rd, 20 grade 12's from Northeast Kings will have an opportunity to travel to Halifax compliments of St. Mary's University. They will be touring the SMU campus and meeting with professors and admissions officers on their tour. A great opportunity to explore a Halifax University! If you are interested in going on this tour, please sign up in student services.

Upcoming Presentations by Post-Secondary Institutes at NKEC

October 11th- UNB will be in before school starts to answer any questions you may have. Saint Mary's will be in at lunch on the 12th and Saint Thomas University will be here on the 19th as well, Mount Saint Vincent University will visit us at lunch on the 27th!

Upcoming Open Houses

Many schools are hosting Open Houses at this time of year. Please check each institution's website for the most update list. There are many schools that don't have official Open Houses but have tours all year long. Contact each school to make arrangements.

Kingstec Campus Open House: Oct 18th from 8:30-7:30. NSCC will wave the 25 dollar application fee so bring your applications with you if interested in applying!

Concerned about what your future career choices are?

The province has purchased license rights for a web based career exploration program called Career Cruising. It is a great tool to explore various career opportunities that match with your interests. You can find out about the educational requirements for each career and what that career entails. It has endless information about careers and schools in Canada and the USA. It can even help you build a resume. Check it out at www.careercruising.com. Our school's username is northeast and the password is kings.

GRADUATION PHOTOS

Please note that Grad Photos will be taken from November 21st to November 25th the library at NKEC. Listen to announcements to find out when booking information becomes available. A representative from Lifetouch Photography will be at NKEC on Tues., Nov. 8th at 11:15 to present information regarding the Grad Photo sessions. She will discuss sitting fees, how to book your appointment, and tips on how to get the most out of your sitting. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Zwicker in the Student Services office at [902-582-2050](tel:902-582-2050).

NKEC ATHLETICS REPORT

Our football team, 4 soccer teams, cross country and 2 volleyball teams are all running at this time. Our baseball team failed to qualify for regionals and our boy's golf team did not qualify for provincials. Regardless, congratulations to all of those gentlemen for representing our school with class.

The football team is 3-2 in league play, as they defeated JH Gillis in back to back games over the last two weeks. The team travels to Millwood in their next league match. Both of our middle school soccer teams have had outstanding results in exhibition play as they

gear up to participate in district play at the tier one level. Good luck to both teams. The senior boy's team is 2-1 in league play, with some obvious growth and development occurring. Their league is very tight with most games finishing with a one or two goal differential. The senior girl's team finished league play 6-0 and have been dominant in most of their matches. They are hosting an 8 team regional next weekend with serious competition coming from New Germany, CK and Bridgewater.

Our cross country team just hosted a successful district meet, organized by Mrs. Baldwin and some students from the school. The team has regionals Monday, October 17th in Bridgewater, where we will be sending many outstanding runners and a very strong intermediate boy's team. Our volleyball teams are in their early stages, with much more to come from them in the next newsletter.

A reminder to all coaches, spectators, and student athletes to continue to represent our school with class, sportsmanship and pride. We are very proud of our athletics and we need to work hard to keep it this way. Congratulations to all the student athletes who have represented our school so far this fall, as you have consistently shown what it means to be a Titan.

Dale Sanford, Athletic Director/Assistant Regional Director Western

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT:

The students of the Music Department have had a great start to the school year! The Sr. Concert Band played O Canada for the school already and we will do this throughout the year.

Thank you to all who attended the NKEC Music Craft Show at the beginning of the month! We had more than twice the number of attendees and the profits from this show will help with expenses for the Music Department.

There is a new opportunity for you – the parents and community members – to be a part of the North Mountain Concert Band! If you've never played a band instrument, but would like to learn to play an instrument, we will have a "Beginning Seasoned Band" from 6:30 – 7:30 pm on Thursday evenings. Come out and learn to play and enjoy what music has to offer you! If you've previously participated in band, but haven't been playing, then come out and rehearse with like-minded individuals from 7:30 – 9:00 pm on Thursday evenings. All rehearsals will take place in the NKEC Music Room and we will have several playing opportunities for you! Come out and see what it's all about – there is NO COST!!

2016-2017 YEARBOOKS

Pre-order yearbooks by Oct. 28. There is a minimum \$20 deposit. See Mr. Priddle or Mrs. MacMillan to pre-order.

TRAVEL CLUB:

The deadline to sign up to go is Nov 1. We are touring England, Ireland, and Wales March Break 2017 eftours.ca tour #1725248RT. See Mr. Priddle or email fpriddle@gnspecs.ca for details.

GRAD NEWS

The grad committee will be hosting a luncheon fundraiser on October 19th (1/2 day). This is an opportunity to raise money for our safe grad event in June. We are looking for grade 12's and/or their parents to help by making a hot dish (casserole, meatballs, rice), salad, or dessert. We will be having six of these through the year so if you aren't able to contribute for this one, it would be great if you could consider one of the following luncheons! We will be sending an email out to get grads to sign up.

If you haven't signed up to be on our grad newsletter email list and would like to, please email jennosmond@gnspecs.ca and we will add you!

COMMUNITY NEWS

We would like to thank Willowbank Farms in Port Williams for graciously donating apples to our school's breakfast and lunch programs. They took our middle school exploratory group on a hayride allowing each student to pick their own bag of apples with a few tasty samples. It is a beautiful spot with many things to do (apple picking, corn maze, petting zoo and more!). What a great way to spend a fall family afternoon!

<i>Important DATE!</i>	
October	
18	Middle School Exploratory
19	Early Dismissal – 12:05 pm
25	Middle School Exploratory
26	Middle School Student Led 6:30 – 8:00 pm
28	Provincial In-service – No School
November	
2	Take Your Child to Work Day – Grade 9
10	Remembrance Day Assembly – 1:00pm HS 2:15 MS
11	Remembrance Day – No School
15	Early Dismissal – 12:05 pm
18	Middle School Reports Go Home
21-24	Grad Photos