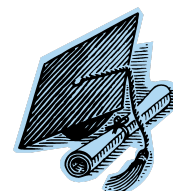


Grad Newsletter



Hello grads of 2018 & Parents/Guardians!

This is our first newsletter of the year and we hope that it finds you all well. In just over six weeks we will find ourselves in June, can you believe it? June will be bustling with grad activities and memories to last a lifetime.

Grad Yard Sale (fundraiser)	May 5	Prom	June 22
Grad fees due	May 25	Grad Family BBQ	June 24
Grad March Practice & Grad Photo @ 12:20	June 7	<u>Mandatory</u> Grad March Practice 12:00	June 26
Michelin Bike Tour (fundraiser)	June 17	Graduation & Safe Grad (6:00 for a 7:00 start)	June 27

SAFE GRAD PARENT MEETING: The next safe grad parent meeting will take place Wednesday, May 16th at 7:00 pm in the biology lab (room 221).

GRAD YARD SALE/SILENT AUCTION/BAKE SALE/BBQ/PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our biggest fundraiser for safe grad is our Yard Sale with a Silent Auction, Bake Sale, BBQ, AND Pancake Breakfast taking place on Saturday, May 5th from 8:00-12:00 here at NKEC.

We are currently looking for:

1. Donations for our yard sale → Yard Sale items can be dropped off at the school any time before Friday, May 4th (ideally after school on the 4th due to limited storage space). Ask friends and neighbours if they have anything they'd like to donate too.
2. Silent Auctions items → gift certificates, evenings out, oil changes, homemade cheesecakes, crafts, jewelry, tools, artwork, and much more. If you are willing to donate, please email Kathy Blackman at gouthro@hotmail.com
3. Bake Sale & BBQ Items → baked goods, hotdogs, buns, water, pop, napkins, condiments.

MICHELIN BIKE TOUR

This year the Grad Committee and Prom Committee have been given the opportunity to help run the Michelin Valley Proud Bike tour. We need volunteers, preferably students, to help the day of the event, which is Sunday, June 17th. We need students to cover 3 hour shifts, throughout the day, starting at 7 am in the morning. We are responsible for helping with registration, prepping food, and manning drink stations at NKEC and the Look Off. Please let us know if your grad (or you), are available to help with this event. We have the potential to make over \$2000 from this one event, but we need Grads to help! See Ms. Allen or Ms. MacLeod to sign-up.

We hope the grads of 2018 take the opportunity to enjoy every event planned for them. Thus, we have included in this letter a brief explanation of the different grad events.

GRAD FAMILY BBQ → June 24th 5:00-7:00

3rd Annual Blessing of the Grads and Family BBQ. This is a free event sponsored by Kentville and Canning Churches. More details to come. Interested in helping? Grads willing to help with music, readings, etc. please contact Mr. Priddle fpriddle@gnspes.ca or drop by room 213.

PROM → Friday, June 22nd

One prom ticket is included in the graduation package (see below) and additional tickets will be on sale in student services for \$20. Students are encouraged to invite guests from other schools, but are required to put their guest's name on the invite list in Student Services. Mr. Veinot will meet with NKEC grads and their guests before the prom. We have booked the Irving Gardens at Acadia for photos before the event from 2-6 pm. Students and guests are asked to arrive at Northeast Kings by 6:30 pm for the parade. We plan to start the announcements immediately afterwards (between 7:30-8 pm). We have arranged for a photographer to take complimentary photos of couples/individuals. The photos will be made available online before graduation. If anyone is interested in helping to set-up and decorate, please contact Patricia MacLeod or Miranda Allen by calling the school or emailing psmacleod@gnspes.ca or miranda.allen@gnspes.ca.

GRADUATION & SAFE GRAD → June 27th, 7:00

Graduation ceremony starts at 7pm, with the doors opening at 6pm. There are no tickets required for graduation, and no limit on the number of members of a grad's family that can attend. If you have any special requests, for instance wheelchair accessibility, please contact the school ahead of time.

Immediately following the graduation reception, all night Safe Grad will begin here at NKEC. Students should bring casual clothes to Graduation to wear at Safe Grad. If a Grad leaves Safe Grad, they are not permitted to return. Students are reminded that Safe Grad is for NKEC Grads only and it is a drug and alcohol free event.

GRAD GOWNS:

Students that haven't submitted their height to Google Grad Classroom need to do so by May 11th. If you don't know your height, there is a sizer in Student Services. Graduates are being asked to arrive at Northeast Kings Education Centre at 6:00pm in order to get their Grad Gown and boutonniere. These items will be located in Mrs. Salmon's room (room 120- drama room by the gym). Graduates are not permitted to smoke while wearing their grad gown or leave the building with it. As well, Graduates are expected to return their gowns immediately following the Graduation ceremony. Please make sure that your family gets your picture, if they wish (at school), before the gown is taken off. Once you return the gown, you will not be using any other gown for pictures. Each gown is named and numbered and you will be responsible for the cost of replacing missing gowns. The cap and tassel are yours to keep.

VALEDICTORIAN:

In order to be considered for Valedictorian a student must meet the following criteria:

- must have maintained a solid academic standing in their three years of high school
- must have been involved in school related activities in their three years of high school
- should best represent the student body of the graduating class

If you would like to be considered for valedictorian, or if you would like to nominate someone to be valedictorian, you must register the name in Student Services from May 21st to May 25th . Students will vote at the Grad March Practice on June 7th. The two students with the highest votes will be the valedictorians.

GRAD GROUP PHOTO:

A group photo of the Grads will be taken at the first Grad March practice on June 7th at 12:20. A copy of this photo will be available for all Grads to download from the 'Potential Grads of 2018' google class. It will also be sent out to parents who are on the Grad Parent email list (contact jennosmond@gnspe.ca if you are not on the list) electronically.

SCHOLARSHIPS/BURSARIES:

Grads are reminded to keep a close eye on scholarship and bursary information and application deadlines. You can find application forms and/or information in either the Student Services office or on the NKEC web-site under the Student Services tab. The Staff Selected bursary, aka the Common Application for Scholarships and Bursaries is now available. All grads who are pursuing a post-secondary education should fill out this short application as it can put you in the running for many different bursaries! The application is due Friday May 25, 2018. Also the Wilf Carter and Bill Wade applications are ready to be completed by you as well. Also due Friday May 25, 2018. See Miss Pineo if you have any questions. If you have received an entrance or post-secondary scholarship and would like it announced at graduation, please bring your letter to Student Services by Wed. June 15, 2018. If you receive any other scholarship or bursary, and would like it announced at the graduation ceremonies, you must submit a copy of the award notification to Student Services as soon as possible.

YEARBOOK:

Yearbooks will arrive in mid June. Any balance remaining after your deposit in the fall is due on pick up. Only pre ordered books have been printed.

NKEC Graduation Fee → Due by Friday, May 25th

Basic Graduation Fee: \$45

The Basic Graduation Fee must be paid by **all graduates**. This fee covers all expenses required for the graduation ceremony as well as contributions to the Grad Reception and Safe Grad. You can also buy additional individual items from the full package if interested. (ie: prom ticket...)

Graduation Package: \$65

The Graduation Package includes the **Basic Graduation Fee** as well as the fee for the following items:

Basic Graduation Fee:	\$45
1 Prom Ticket:	\$20

Payment →

The payment of Grad Fees should be made to Student Services by Friday, May 25th. Cheques can be made payable to NKEC. Please include your Grad's name on the subject line.

Wow! Your public school education is almost finished grads! These next couple of months will be your last at Northeast Kings Education Centre so let's finish with a positive effort and result. We really appreciate your leadership as a class. This year has been a great experience due to your presence and the sensational leadership from your grad class peers. Our staff team is well into the planning and preparation for this year's events. Thank these teachers when you get the chance for giving back to you in the form of their volunteer time and energy used to make your year end events a success.

Enjoy these last months and take full advantage of every opportunity to create those positive memories that will last a lifetime. Please make sure that you do not let any of your coursework slip to the point that it will prevent you from doing what you expect next year. There are approximately 45 more days of school before you will receive your diploma and walk out of our school for the last time as a graduate. Make sure you attend all classes and don't get distracted by the warm weather and the sunshine of spring. This is your last opportunity to make a final impression. Good luck.

Mr. Veinot