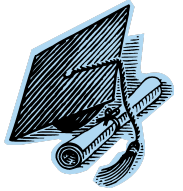


Grad Newsletter



Hello grads of 2017 & Parents/Guardians!

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

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| Grad Yard Sale | May 6 | Prom | June 23 |
| Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser | May 12 | Mandatory Grad March Practice (noon) | |
| Grad fees due | May 26 | & Grad Group Photo | June 27 |
| Grad March Practice & Grad Photo @ 12:20 | June 1 | Graduation & Safe Grad | June 28 |
| Grad & Family BBQ | TBD | | |

SAFE GRAD PARENT MEETING: The next safe grad parent meeting will take place Wed. May 24th at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria.

Our biggest fundraiser for safe grad is our Yard Sale with a Silent Auction, Bake Sale, and BBQ, taking place on Saturday, May 6th from 8:00-12:00 here at NKEC. We are currently looking for donations for our yard sale, bake sale, or silent auction. Yard Sale items can be dropped off at the school any time before Friday, May 5th (ideally after school on the 5th due to limited storage space). Ask friends and neighbours if they have anything they'd like to donate too. In the past, we've had a variety of things in our silent auction ranging from gift certificates, evenings out, oil changes, homemade cheesecakes, crafts, jewelry, tools, and much more. If you are willing to donate, please email Anne Marie Stigter (annemarie.stigter@gnspe.ca).

SPAGHETTI SUPPER:

NKEC Safe Grad Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, organized by parents, students and staff will be held Friday, May 12, 2017 at PeopleWorx, 11 Opportunity Lane, Coldbrook. Two sittings 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm.

Gluten free and Vegetarian options available.

Advance Tickets Only. \$15.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children under 12.

Start Mother's Day Weekend off by treating the special Moms and Grandmothers in your life to a dinner out while supporting a great cause. Raffle on lottery tickets will be held.

Dinner Tickets available at the NKEC Yard Sale on May 6, from any NKEC grad or by emailing:

Spaghettiforsafegrad@gmail.com or telephoning 902.681.0821. Tickets must be purchased on or before May 6th.

Thank you to PeopleWorx Society for the use of their facilities.

We hope the grads of 2017 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 7th or June 25th

Details to Come.

PROM → Friday, June 23rd.

One prom ticket is included in the graduation package (see below) and additional tickets will be on sale in student services for \$15. 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 6:30pm for the parade. We plan to start the announcements immediately afterwards (between 7:30-8pm). 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 Anne Merkley by calling the school or emailing amerkley@gnspe.ca.

GRADUATION & SAFE GRAD → June 28th, 7:00

Graduation ceremony starts at 7pm, with the doors opening at 6pm. Immediately following the graduation reception, the all night Safe Grad Party 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 already put their name on the sizer that was in the foyer can place their name on the sizer located in Student Services or in Mr. Priddle's room. They can also email their height to patty.parker@staff.ednet.ns.ca.

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. As well, Graduates are expected to return their gowns immediately following the Graduation ceremony (or after their pictures are taken at NKEC with their family and friends). **Upon returning your grad gown, Graduates are asked to verify that their name has been checked off the grad gown list by the teacher they returned it to before leaving. Any students with missing grad gowns will be held responsible for them.**

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 23rd to May 25th. Students will vote at the Grad March Practice on June 1st. The two students with the highest votes will be the valedictorians.

GRAD VIDEO & GROUP PHOTO:

This year a digital copy of the video will be available to all grads on the 'NKEC Potential Grads of 2017' google classroom.

A group photo of the Grads will be taken at the first Grad March practice on June 1st at 12:20. A copy of this photo will be available for all Grads to download from the 'NKEC Potential Grads of 2017' google class. It will also be sent out to parents who are on the Grad Parent email list (contact jfaber@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 26, 2017. Also the Wilf Carter and Bill Wade applications are ready to be completed by you as well. Also due Friday May 26, 2017. 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 21, 2017. 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 preordered books have been printed.

NKEC Graduation Fee → Due by Friday, May 26

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: \$60 + BBQ

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

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| Basic Graduation Fee: | \$45 |
| 1 Prom Ticket: | \$15 |
| Grad Family BBQ | \$2 each or \$5/family of 4, \$2 for each additional family member |

Payment →

The payment of Grad Fees should be made to Student Services by Friday, May 26th. Cheques can be made payable to NKEC. Please include your Grad's name on the subject line.

Wow! It is almost over grads! Countdown at two months now! 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 very difficult due to the teacher conflict with government and you and our staff has missed extra-curricular times with you due to this action. We are not forgetting this and have great plans for your year-end celebrations. Your teachers have stepped up to make sure your end of the year grad activities are happening which is not the case in many other schools. Thank these teachers when you get the chance for giving back to you. 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 course work slip to the point that it will prevent you from doing what you expect next year. There is approximately 40 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

