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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 Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s),

Compliments of the Season to You and Your Family!



We are very busy people trying to handle our health, our family, our careers and other responsibilities. Our lives tend to be quite hectic throughout the year. Sometimes it can be quite overwhelming. With the Kwanzaa,

Christmas, and Hanukkah, holidays rushing towards us, this time of the year is no different. Fortunately, the weather has been absolutely wonderful temperature wise. Hopefully it will continue. The days are shorter and the nights longer than any other time of the year. My advice for you this Holiday Season is to make some time to sit back, take some time to relax, and reflect on what is most important – your health and spending time with your family and friends!

The Christmas spirit is alive and well at our Northeast Kings Education Centre campus and surrounding communities. We see



examples of students showing goodwill to each other, each and every day. The Student's Council makes generous donations to the Food Bank and our Breakfast Program throughout the year. Here at Northeast

Kings Education Centre we have many learning opportunities that we provide to our students to make their education here a positive and rewarding experience. The annual "Christmas Angel Tree" in Students' Services is very well supported, providing gifts to many girls and boys in our surrounding communities. Our Breakfast and Lunch Programs coordinated by both staff and student volunteers continues to provide nutritious food to many of our students daily. We are receiving wonderful donations from our students, staff and community members to support our school community. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful community citizens that recognize the various needs and supports that are necessary to make our school community feel welcome, safe and secure to our students. I personally want to thank you all for your great generosity that you have shown in many forms over the first four months of this school year.

December is just like any other month here at school with regards to trying to keep the communication lines open to our many families.



We just had our parent-teacher interviews and had almost 400 families present! Thanks for taking such a vested interest in your child's education. It was great to hear from you all! We are always providing an opportunity for parents and guardians to gain information

about their child at Northeast Kings. Access to the Parent Portal is another great way for you to track your child's grades and attendance. This is another way that school and home can be more informed about how each child is doing at our school. Our staff family is working very hard at providing a positive academic climate in which learning is a priority for all of our students.

On another note, far too often our communities are hit with tragedy during this winter season involving motor vehicles. Please speak to your child about the dangers of driving on slippery roads, texting or drinking and driving or getting into a vehicle with someone under the influence of alcohol or drugs. One's decision based on poor judgment can result in a lifetime of heartache. Please keep this in mind as you relax and enjoy some good cheer with your family and friends during the holiday season.

On behalf of the students and staff at Northeast Kings Education Centre, please accept our sincere wishes of a Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
Kevin Veinot
Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to December! Recently, students received their term one report card. This assessment provides an accurate representation of your child's academic progress. While report cards reveal important information, parent-teacher interviews provide even more insight regarding your child's overall success. I am hopeful that all parents and, or guardians, were able to attend parent teacher appointments to discuss your child's progress with their classroom teachers. If a meeting time was not available please contact your child's teacher by telephone, a hand written note, or email; parent and school communication is incredibly important and will help ensure student success. Since September grade six, seven and eight students have demonstrated tremendous academic and social growth.

Northeast Kings Education Centre has partnered with Canning and District Recreation Commission, the Village of Canning and our Home & School Association to construct an age appropriate and accessible play and fitness structure on school grounds. The Northern Kings Multi-Activity Park will be a great addition to the greater Canning community. Youth and community members will have year round access to this exterior play and exercise facility. We are currently fundraising to construct this project. If you would like additional information about the project, or would like to assist with fundraising efforts as we approach the June, 2018 construction date, please contact the school for more information. As project partners, we are excited about the opportunities this facility will provide for members of the school and community.

Northeast Kings Education Centre continues to promote the use of the parent/student portal. This online resource provides specific information regarding attendance, assignment due dates and student assessment results. During middle level Parent Teacher Interviews, many parents/guardians set-up their parent portal accounts. If you would like to sign-up for the portal, please contact the school office for more information.

Recently a group of middle school students attended We Day in Halifax. Collectively, middle and high school students will work together to organize and implement various community initiatives as a result of the skills and motivation gained from attending We Day 2017. This has been an inspiring experience for students and we look forward to their future successes.

The majority of students are working hard in class and taking advantage of learning opportunities. Please encourage your child to seek academic support at school when necessary. Teachers are always willing to review concepts with students during class, at the end of class, and at the beginning of recess and noon. Often, only a few minutes is required to improve a student's understanding of a concept. Reviewing concepts at home, reading and completing homework daily help extend learning at home. Students are also welcome to attend "Just Do It" on Tuesday and Thursday during noon hour. During this time students can complete school work with support. Everyone is welcome to attend.

It has been a busy fall for students participating in extra-curricular activities. As a staff we feel that student involvement in extra-curricular programming has a positive impact on each and every student. As we approach the winter months, please encourage your child to get involved in at least one activity. If you have questions regarding extra-curricular programming, please contact myself or the school. I would like to personally thank all staff and community members who have graciously volunteered their time to support student growth. Badminton, volleyball, basketball, hockey, robotics, climbing, weight training and the after school program are just a few activities that occur weekly- please encourage your child to get involved.

With only a couple weeks of school remaining until the holiday season, we continue to remind students and reinforce Northeast Kings Education Centre's Expectations for Success. We will continue to provide consistent reminders in the days ahead to ensure students work hard and continue to be respectful citizens. Thank you for your help at home reinforcing similar expectations.

As we approach the holiday season I hope that you and your family have a restful holiday and as a staff, we look forward to students returning to school in the New Year.

Sincerely,
Greg Fox, Vice-Principal

NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES

Scholarships

Scholarship information is now available @ Student Services for the Terry Fox (Feb 1) and NS Recycles Scholarship. For scholarship information please check the whiteboard at school by student services as well as on the NKEC website.

Nova Scotia Student Assistance Office (NS Student Loans)

Nova Scotia Student Assistance Office has booked their presentation time at NKEC for February. You can follow NS Student Assistance on Facebook – **NS Student Assistance** and on Twitter **@nsstudentassist**.

GRADUATION PHOTOS

Grad Photos will be taken from Dec 11th to Dec 15th in the NKEC library. In order to have your grad photo in the 2018 yearbook and on the grad composite photo, you must book a sitting during this time. Please check your Potential Grad Google Classroom for an announcement on how to book your appointment or go to <http://www.lifetouch.ca/mygradphotos>. There will be an opportunity for retakes sometime in the new year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Zwicker in Student Services **902-582-2050**.

NKEC ATHLETICS REPORT

Our senior and junior girls' volleyball teams have just finished up their seasons, with the juniors losing out in district play and the senior team failing to advance out of a very strong region. Thank you to Mr. Daniels and Mrs. MacMillan for all of their efforts with our volleyball teams. Our cheerleading team continues to practice full time, prepping for a busy competitive season after the break. We have five basketball teams working hard on the court, all in the exhibition portion of their schedules. Both of our senior teams are very young, with incredible promise for this season and beyond. Our coaches are very excited for the future of basketball at Northeast Kings Education Center. Additionally, Mr. Veinot is coaching a junior varsity boys' team primarily comprised of grade 9 and 10 student athletes, giving us incredible depth on the boy's side. We also have very strong coaching at the middle level, with both our boys and girl's teams excited for their seasons. Come out to support our teams, as the senior boys play home games Monday evenings at 6:00, senior girls Wednesday evenings at 5:30 and the junior varsity boys Wednesday evenings at 7:30. Our middle school teams play their home games Wednesday and Thursday after school. In the next edition of the newsletter, I will be adding the schedules for our sport's teams each month, in hopes that we can increase support and spirit for our home games!

Our senior girl's hockey team has started their season with many rookies on their roster. The girls have shown excellent enthusiasm for the sport and are finding themselves competitive in most of their games. Thank you to Peter Lindeman and staff for taking leadership with the team this year. The girls promise to have fun and improve along the way. The senior boys' team is once again very strong this year. They have demonstrated quickness, excellent team play and strong discipline in their games so far this year. They just finished 2nd in the CK tournament and are currently in 4th place in the VSHSL with a record of 4-3, playing mostly division 1 teams to date. The boys have aspirations of once again being in the Division 2 provincial final.

Our varsity program's arrow is pointing upwards as we speak. We have outstanding coaching across the board and our grade 9 and 10 student athlete classes are exceptional, while being led by strong leaders in grades 11 and 12. Thank you to all the adults in the community who have played a huge role in these student's lives, enabling them to showcase their skills at the school level. Please remember that with school sports comes the responsibility of being strong in the classroom and an excellent citizen in the school and your community. A reminder to all supporters of NKEC to continue to represent yourselves and the school proud. Continue to instill in your sons and daughters the importance and privilege of being a student athlete and how to humbly, but confidently, represent themselves at all times. We will continue to do our part here at Northeast Kings in this area as well!

THE PHYS. ED DEPARTMENT

The Phys. Ed. Department is always looking for lightly worn sneakers, athletic pants, shorts and t-shirts. They are greatly appreciated and used by many students throughout the year, during Physical Education class time.

NKEC BADMINTON CLUB

The Badminton Club has started-up for the 2017-2018 school year. The Club is open to all students from grades 6-12. It is an opportunity for students to learn the game of badminton, including skills, rules and strategies, as well as get out and be active. We meet every Monday, after school, from 3:30-5pm and the fee for the year is \$30.00. Please see Mrs. Baldwin or Mr. Smith if you are interested.

MARCH BREAK TRIP

Hey! Are you part of the Class of 19 or 20? Go to eftours.ca and check out tour #1933661kh (London, Paris, Florence, and Rome) The Classes of 20 or 21 can check out tour number 2082557xa (Italy, Monaco, France, and Spain! The Mediterranean Coast) fpriddle@gnsps.ca if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS DINNER IN THE CAFETERIA

Christmas dinner in the cafeteria is scheduled for Dec 15th. The price will be \$7.25. You can preorder for this as well.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Teens Interested In Technology

Digitized Reality (Saturday, Dec 16th, 2017 at 12:30PM)
Come slap on a headset and enter the world of virtual reality. In this workshop, we will explore virtual reality by both examining the capabilities of commercial headsets, as well as learn how to build our own VR environments. If you can, bring a smart phone to test your uniquely constructed VR world. We can only accommodate a limited number of people for this event, so get your free ticket fast.

To register: <https://refreshannapolisvalley.org/>

Victory Taekwondo

We are located in the County Fair Mall in New Minas. Taekwondo is a Korean Sport Martial Art based on dynamic kicking and punching. It's a great sport for any fitness level. Victory Taekwondo has classes for ages 4 and up. Instructors are 3rd and 4th degree black belts and have earned multiple National medals. Two instructors each have over 20 years experience in WTF Taekwondo. Classes also help improve flexibility, conditioning, focus and discipline. Contact us for our current schedule. Call 902-670-7897 or email tkdvictory@hotmail.com.

Candance Academy

Candance Academy will be presenting The Nutcracker, the much-loved ballet classic and traditional Christmas favourite, on Saturday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 p.m. at Festival Theatre, Wolfville. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$15 for students, seniors, and children and are available from Candance Academy - info@cadanceacademy.ca or 902-679-3616 - and Wild Lily in Wolfville.

Crystany's Brasserie

Saturday Dec. 16th join us throughout the day and take part in our First Ugly Christmas Sweater contest. Wear your ugly sweater while having a bite. At the end of the day the winner will be announced on Facebook! First place wins a \$20 gift card and second place wins a \$10 one!

Important DATE! **Dates to Remember**

December	
11-15	Grad Photos
18	Winter Concert 7:00pm
21	Last Teaching Day Before Break Dismissal 12:05pm
January 2018	
3	First Teaching Day After Break
12	Newsletter
16	Grad Photo Retakes
17	Early Dismissal 12:05 pm

