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

The school year has come and gone but there were great things that happened during that time for your child. It has truly been a collective effort educating your child and we enjoy having the opportunity to do this!

AP Capstone
Research, Academic Rigor, Distinction

We have just finished our second year of our Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Program with 16 students in cohort one and 16 students in cohort two! It has been a very successful year for both cohorts and they will be receiving their final grades in July and we expect that they will do quite well. We are the only school in the Maritime Provinces to be awarded the Capstone designation and are very proud of our students wanting to challenge themselves in such a rigorous academic program! We also hosted the students taking the virtual AP Capstone Program. We are the first school in the world, in support with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, to offer a virtual AP Program. We are very honoured to get this opportunity for our students and we expect that this Program will get our students very well prepared for the post-secondary level. We have 14 students signed up for cohort three for next year's Capstone team!

I would like to thank the school community for your continued support of Northeast Kings Education Centre. June is the busiest month of the year because we have to wrap up this school year, as well as plan for the 2018-2019 school year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenth year as principal of our great school. We have an awesome staff here at Northeast Kings that really cares about our students! Our staff family will continue to explore strategies for supporting and improving student achievement. We will be starting a pilot project in our Middle School in September which will have a problem and inquiry based focus that is surrounded with collaboration. We are very excited to begin this journey into better preparing our students for high school and beyond.

Our school and students' success will really only happen if your child gets positive messages from both school and home. Again, it requires a strong commitment and partnership between home and school to get the best educational results for your children. We will continue to set expectations around achievement and behaviours and responsibilities that promote respect for self, others and the school. We ask for your support in making sure your child has consistent attendance.

I wish to extend "thank you", "congratulations" and "good luck" to all our graduates. Your public school years may seem to take a long time but the reality is that it flies by very quickly. I still hold my experiences in high school close to my heart and will always remain a very positive part in my life. Many of the memories and friendships that you have made will remain important to you forever.

Best wishes to **Mrs. Alguire, Ms. Allen, Mrs. MacLeod, Mr. Smith, Ms. Paquet,** and **Ms. George** who did great jobs for us in their positions this year. We welcome **Mrs. Pound** (grade 6 Math), **Mr. Crosby** (Math 10 and Physics 12), **Mr. Andrew Seymore** (HS technology and ELA 0), **Ms. Whitney Croft** (BIRT and ELA), **Mrs. Anne Merkley** (HS English and Science) to our school for next year.

Special thanks to all of our Educational Assistants who have done a tremendous job working with our students at Northeast Kings Education Centre. You make our school a better place.

Also, I would like to thank the students, staff and community of Northeast Kings Education Centre for supporting me during my tenth year as Principal. It certainly has been a rewarding experience as the identity and culture of this wonderful school continues to develop. I believe that we have the ingredients, of a strong student body, a supportive community and a caring and professional staff, to make Northeast Kings Education Centre a great school for students to gain a well-rounded education. The key is to continue to work together to support students and learning in a positive and proactive manner.

I want to wish all a happy, restful and fun summer holiday to everyone that makes up this great school community.

Sincerely,
Kevin Veinot, Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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

June has arrived! The remainder of the school year will go very quickly for students and staff. The month of June will be a busy month as teachers and students continue to work hard in class to complete final assignments and prepare students for next year. As usual, it is a busy time in the Middle School. As staff, we remind students daily about the importance of maintaining focus and putting forth their best effort in class. Students have made tremendous gains and we look forward to continued focus and effort during the final days of the school year.

The month of May was a very busy time for Middle School students and staff. Our final music concert of the school year was held May 28th. The concert was a terrific display of commitment and musical talent. It was exciting to see our middle school band perform during the evening. The middle school band has had a very successful year as they achieved a Gold Standard at the Annapolis Valley Music Festival earlier in the month. A special thank you to Ms. Helms for her ongoing work with middle school students and to educational assistant Pam Kelley for her work with the middle school band program. I encourage all students to maintain their commitment to music program and recommend that all current grade six students enroll in instrumental music in the fall when they return to grade seven.

Middle Level Titans competed in Track & Field and Jr. Girls' Softball during the spring months. Middle Level students competed and achieved impressive results at the district, regional and provincial level. For the first time in school history, Middle Level Titans competed at the provincial level in Track & Field and the Jr. Girls won the gold medal and Regional Banner in softball - the highest possible level for a Middle Level sporting team. I would like to thank all of the school staff who have volunteered their time working with Middle Level students and to the many parents who have helped with transportation.

This past Monday evening, several Middle Level Titans were recognized at the annual athletic awards ceremony. It was terrific to see such strong attendance during the evening and witness the positive energy as students came together to celebrate athletic achievement and participation at Northeast Kings Education Centre.

The months of May and June are busy months for teachers and educational assistants as we participate in various transition meetings and activities with students and staff. Our current grade eight students have participated in grade nine orientation activities and an evening meeting has occurred for grade eight parents to provide additional information. We are confident that grade eights are prepared for the transition to high school and wish them all the best. Grade five students from Aldershot and Glooscap Elementary Schools have participated in various orientation activities and have visited Northeast Kings Education Centre for the day on June 7th.

In addition to academics, year-end class trips occur during the month. Students are traveling to different areas as part of year end extra-curricular trips. School staff has taken considerable time to coordinate exciting opportunities for Middle Level Titans. As always, Northeast Kings Titans are expected to be positive ambassadors of their school and community while participating in school based activities. We ask that all students participate during class trips.

At the end of the school year students and staff will say goodbye to Mrs. Roy as she completes a very successful career. Students and staff will miss Mrs. Roy's commitment, positive spirit and compassion for others that she has demonstrated for many years as a Northeast Kings Education Centre Guidance Counsellor. We wish Mrs. Roy all the best during retirement and thank her for supporting students, families and staff during her career.

In the high school we wish Mr. Kehoe all the best as he completes his career and prepares for retirement. Mr. Kehoe has worked with hundreds of former middle school students as a high school social studies teacher. Thank you to Mr. Kehoe for his professionalism and long commitment to the school and community and wish him all the best as he prepares for retirement.

Parents and guardians are reminded of year-end festivities and dates. Last day of middle level class is June 27th. June 28th is a middle school marking day, and June 29th is the final day of the school year. Middle School closing is Friday, June 29th at 11:00am. Following the closing ceremonies, report cards will be distributed to all students at 12:05pm. Please remember that June 29th is a half day, buses will dismiss at 12:15pm.

During the summer months, I encourage all students to maintain an active mind. Reading at home, writing and practicing mental math skills helps to keep the mind engaged and allows for a smoother return to school in September. The school year has had many highlights and great experiences for students and staff. I would like to thank our caring and supportive staff for their ongoing effort and commitment to student success. As always, to parents and guardians, please keep in touch regarding your child's social, emotional and academic progress.
Thank you for a great school year!

Take Care,
Greg Fox

NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES

Graduation

The grade 12 Graduation Ceremonies will be held on Wednesday June 27th at 7pm. This will be a wonderful celebration of our NKEC grade 12s completion of 13 years of schooling! This is held in our gymnasium!

Scholarship Announcement

Just a reminder, if **you are receiving** a scholarship or bursary including ones from post-secondary institutions, 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** and **no later than FRIDAY June 15th**. Unfortunately after June 16th it is not possible to announce at the graduation ceremonies due to a publishing deadline.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

New Registrations and Course Changes during the Summer:

Students will be receiving their tentative 2018-2019 schedules with their report cards. Students can come into NKEC Student Services on July 3rd & 4th or August 29th, 30th and 31st for new registrations and course changes. The office will be open each day from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 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 the Graduation ceremonies.

GRAD NEWS

Make sure you received a copy of the FINAL Grad Newsletter that was given out at our grad march practice on June 7th. This has lots of important information you need to know about all upcoming grad events. If you didn't receive a copy, you can go to our NKEC website and look under our school, grad news.

GRAD RECEPTION

Grade 11 parents:

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. If you are willing and able to help out by donating (sweets, sandwiches, veggie, fruit or cheese tray or a cash donation) or volunteering your time (set up, some food prep and hosting) it is greatly appreciated. We have attempted to contact all grade 11 parents, however if you don't receive the information directly and are interested in contributing, feel free to contact us. It will be your graduate benefiting next year.

Tracey Rogers — tracey.rogers@gnspes.ca
Natalie Cunningham — ncunningham@gnspes.ca

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. Congratulations to the editors and Yearbook committee on an amazing product. Want to be part of next year's yearbook team? Pick up an application in room 213.

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@gnspes.ca if you have any questions.

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 29, 10:55 am
- Report Cards - from Homeroom teacher — June 29, 9:00 am

Grade 7
- Closing ceremony — June 29, 10:55 am
- Report Cards -from Homeroom teacher — June 29, 9:00 am

Grade 8
- Closing ceremony & Report Cards (immediately following — June 29, 10:55 am

Grade 9
- Closing ceremony & Report Cards (immediately following Closing ceremony) — June 29, 10:00 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 July 3rd to 6th between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm or starting August 27th 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. 2018.

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.

CAFETERIA

The cafeteria will be closing end of the day June 22nd. This will be the last day students will be able to purchase food for this school year. Thank you to all the cafeteria staff!

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

After a very busy school year, June is allowing the students in the Music Department to wind down a little as the Grade 8 – 11's prepare for graduation commitments.

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 Tuesday, June 26th from 12:15-1:30 pm. All students who have been in the Sr. Concert, Jazz Band or Grade 8 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@gnspes.ca. After the graduation practice, the Student Music Executive has made plans for a party at the beach! There is a sign-up sheet in the Music Room to help give us numbers for students coming and bringing food items. If you have questions, please contact **Jessica Black or Karlee Dika.**

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

Our successful athletic season has come to a close, with softball, track and field and rugby finishing their seasons this past weekend. The senior girls' rugby team qualified for provincials for the first time in school history, losing two competitive matches in Glace Bay. Thank you to the coaches for sticking with the program, resulting in an ever improving team. The senior girls' softball team lost both games at regionals in Yarmouth, but the coaches are very excited for the future with so many young players on the roster. The girls should be very proud of how well they represented the school in this rebuilding year. At press time, the junior girls were participating in regionals in Bridgetown. They entered regionals undefeated with hopes of a very successful tournament. The track and field program has taken huge strides over the last two years, resulting in 31 students qualifying for provincials this past weekend in Sydney, including 9 relay teams. We had the most athletes qualify for provincials in Western Region, an incredible feat for our school. At provincials, we had 7 relay teams finish with top 8 results, along with silver medals from Emma Clark and Will Watts. Many other top 8 finishes were realized on the track and in the field.

We had our Athletic Awards night on Monday, with over 300 student athletes, coaches and relatives in attendance (results from the night can be seen in an upcoming article in the Advertiser). It is absolutely amazing to see that support and very exciting to see the positive direction of our athletics programs. This is due to the incredible support from our administration and parents, coaches who care and give of their time, and student athletes who are representing our school the right way. I am very proud to be the Athletic Director at Northeast Kings Education Centre for these very reasons. We encourage everyone to have a healthy and active summer and to come back in the fall ready to raise the bar even higher.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2018

Summer School will be held at Central Kings High School from Mon., July 2nd to Fri., July 13th from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm daily. Summer School courses will be offered in Grade 9-12 English (Academic & Communications) and Math (Academic, Math at Work and Essentials). The course fee of $350 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 Friday, June 30th
- 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 2nd

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

Dates to Remember

June	
19-22	HS Exams
22	Prom – 7:30 PM Grad Arrival 6:30 PM
24	Grad BBQ 5:00 – 7:00 PM at NKEC
25	Exam Conflict Day
26	Marking Day HS
26	Grad March Practice
27	Marking Day HS
27	Graduation 6:55 PM
28	Marking Day – **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
29	Last Day of School – Dismissal 12:05
	Gr 10/11 Closing 9:00 AM
	Gr 9 Closing 10:00 AM
	MS Closing 10:55 AM
July	
3-4	Course Changes Gr 10 - 12
August	
27	School Offices Re-Open
29-31	Registration New Students; Course Changes Gr 10 - 12
September	
3	Labour Day
5	Start of School Year 2018-2019 – First Day For Students
18	Regional Shut Down – **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
27	Early Dismissal – 12:05 PM