

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) / Guardian(s),



May already! It has been a cool and damp start to spring but we are already planning for year-end closing activities and the 2019-2020 school year! Our AP

Capstone Program has all of our AP students writing their final exams with all other students around the world during the past week and next week. Our Capstone Program is doing exceptionally well with our students outperforming the rest of the world when we compare our average results with the global results. We have a full compliment of grade 10 students signed up for next year. It has been certainly obvious that there is a need at our school for this rigorous academic program.

The rest of our staff and students are preparing for year-end final assessments or exams and completing assignments to ensure course credits or grade level outcomes. This is a very busy time of the year. Please take the time to check in with your child in order to ensure that they are being supported and that everything is getting done. Our Parent Portal is a great communication tool to keep all families informed of how your child is doing at school. Being organized and making sure that nothing is forgotten can make year-end at school less stressful and more enjoyable, as it should be. Our students are doing well here at school and we want every one of them to continue this until the final day of June. Here are a few things that we have been focusing on over the past month:

Safe Grad Fundraiser

I want to thank all of our parents and grads along with our staff who ran one of our most successful grad yard sales to date. They brought in more than \$4000 to help support our grad class in an all-night party supervised by our staff and parents!



Student Driving

We have been speaking to our students who drive to and from school about being respectful and safe drivers over the past month. Please continue to reinforce safe driving practices with your child at home.

We have great students at our school and we do not want them to make a poor decision that could impact them for the short or long term. Texting while driving is becoming a major concern so please let your child know that this practice is extremely unsafe and against the law.



Lieutenant Governor Medal Nominees

Our staff has been given the difficult task of nominating the most outstanding grade 11 students from our school. After much deliberation our selection committee recognized Sylvie Lloyd and Katherine Myers as our two most outstanding students in grade 11 as this year's recipients of the prestigious Lieutenant Governor Medals. These students received their medals at the Halifax Library last week by our Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Arthur J. LeBlanc. Congratulations Katherine and Sylvie!



Dress Appropriately

With the warm weather coming we are re-visiting appropriate attire for a public setting. It is important that all of our students wear appropriate clothing that represents their selves in a manner of dress suited for a school and public environment.

We also want to see only positive comments and/or graphics that would be appropriate in a school setting. Please help us educate our students as they make fashion choices that represent them in a positive light.

Fine Arts Successes

Our school bands were amazing at this year's Music Festival with our Senior Concert Band and our Junior Concert Band receiving a silver standing and our Senior Jazz Band received a gold standing for their performances! Our Jazz Band was asked to perform at the Festival of the Stars concert on closing day for their accomplishments and was awarded the best band of the festival! Our actors were at a four day DramaFest event in Halifax where they excelled with hundreds of other high school students. Our Middle and High School Drama clubs performed their skits, improv and plays last week here at school as well. Our Fine Arts programs are working overtime here at Northeast Kings and it is so rewarding to seeing them shine.



Ambassadors for our School and Community:

We really have a great school here at Northeast Kings Education Centre. The reason for this is that we have great students who are handling all the many choices they are presented with daily in a responsible fashion. They occasionally do not make the best decisions some times but we hope that they learn from their experiences so that they can be a great citizen when they finally leave our school community. Another reason that we have such a wonderful school is the fact that we have fantastic staff that genuinely cares about our students. They do not just focus on the academics but they also support all of our students' social and emotional growth as they mature into young adult citizens.

Enjoy the spring weather and continue to be involved with your child's education.

Sincerely,
Kevin Veinot, Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

May has officially arrived! It is my experience that the next two months proceed very quickly. Between now and the end of June, there are a number of curricular topics remaining. I have been in classes daily and continue to be impressed by the level of student focus and work ethic that is demonstrated by majority of students. Teachers are encouraging students to put forth their best effort daily and remain mindful of Northeast Kings Education Centre's Expectations for Success. These expectations serve as the focus of daily proactive reminders. Please review the list below together with your child at home. Northeast Kings Education Centre Expectations for Success:

- To be respectful of others
- To use appropriate language
- To dress appropriately
- To attend classes and be on time
- To have a positive attitude

Exciting news from the Middle School music department! The middle level band performed at the annual music festival at Acadia University. The grade seven and eight band was awarded the Silver Standard for their performance. Congratulations to Ms. Helms and Middle School music students!

Spring Exploratory activities occur Thursday, May 16th, 23rd, 30th. Exploratory activities are an integral component of middle school programming and an opportunity for students to "explore" an activity, or give back through a service learning opportunity. I would like to thank teachers and educational assistants for their creative efforts and commitment to this important student activity.

In addition to teaching curriculum, teachers, educational assistants and administration spend considerable time reinforcing the importance of task completion and student accountability. "Just Do It", is a noon hour session for students to complete missing or overdue school work. We continue to provide ongoing reminders to ensure work is handed in. If a student neglects to hand in a specific assignment, they are required to spend a portion of their noon hour completing the missing work. The ongoing intent of this program is for students to complete assignments and demonstrate an understanding of curriculum outcomes. Please encourage your child to complete homework and use their agendas to record assignments.

The after school program occurs most Fridays after school until June 13th. The program is free and transportation is provided to students requiring a ride home. If you would like your child to be involved in this activity, please contact greg.fox@avrce.ca for program info. A special thank you to Canning District Recreation Commission for helping support this important program.

School sports are in full swing at Northeast Kings Education Centre. Track & Field, Table Tennis, and Softball, are a few extracurricular activities occurring at this time. Please encourage your child to get involved in a school activity. Participation in school sport and extracurricular activity is a great way for students to get involved in their school community and meet new people.

As always, we ask all students to remain mindful of dress code expectations. It is important that student clothing is appropriate and all parts of the body remain covered. Students are reminded to keep additional clothes in their locker and to change their clothes following physical education class.

NKEC staff remind students daily regarding appropriate and respectful use of digital devices and online behavior. Please take the time to review your children's account activity and ensure that you know who your children are communicating with digitally. Students have access to public wireless in the cafeteria during break times for personal device use. Wireless for educational purposes in the classroom is limited to school devices (Chromebooks & iPads) and continues to be monitored by school staff.

We are excited to announce that construction of the school Multi-Activity Park will begin in June. This large project has received support from several community organizations and businesses. We are very fortunate for the generosity of these organizations and businesses and look forward to the Multi-Activity Park being accessible for all students and community members.

As the end of the school year approaches, NKEC staff prepare our grade 8s for their transition to the high school. On May 27th, grade 8 students will participate in a half day grade 9 orientation activity. We are also preparing for next year's grade six students. A reminder that current grade six students have no school on Thursday, June 6th.

At the end of this month grade 8 students complete the provincial math and English Language Arts assessment. Students have been working hard to prepare for this assessment. Please speak with your child about the assessment and encourage them to take the assessment very seriously and try their best.

As always, please encourage your child to complete homework when assigned, review concepts taught, read each night and organize learning materials daily. If you have questions regarding your child's progress, please contact their teacher or administration at any time.

All the best,
Mr. Greg Fox, Vice-Principal

STUDENT SERVICES

Scholarships/Bursaries

New scholarship & bursary applications are arriving daily. Please be sure to stop in to Student Services to see which applications you are eligible to apply for. The deadline for the staff selected bursary is May 24th. Please pass this in to student services!

Scholarship Announcement

Just a reminder, if you are receiving a scholarship or bursary and would like it announced at the graduation ceremony you must submit a copy of the award notification to Mrs. Pineo-Sponagle in Student Services as soon as possible.

Course Changes

Course changes will take place July 2-3rd between 10:00am – 2:00pm and August 28-30th 10:00am – 2:00pm.

GRAD NEWS

The Grad Newsletter went out this week which has lots of information about upcoming grad events! Make sure you received a copy.

ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

We are in the home stretch for our athletic seasons, as our table tennis team heads to Cape Breton this weekend for provincials. We are sending four intermediate boys who will be competing in both individual and team play. Thank you to Mr. Craan for his dedication and commitment to the table tennis program. Our senior and junior girls' softball teams are well underway, with huge potential existing on both teams. Our female softball program is in very exciting times. Our track and field contingent of 68 athletes will compete at Districts at Acadia on May 8/9th, with many hoping to make Regionals, also at Acadia on May 24/25th. To finish the year, Provincials are at Acadia on May 31st and June 1st. Our senior girls' rugby team is back on the pitch after a difficult week. Good luck to all teams as we look to continue our athletic success here at Northeast Kings Education Center. All parents, coaches and student athletes are reminded to continue to represent Northeast Kings with class and sportsmanship at all times. It is a big part of our identity and one that gives us great pride.

ATHLETIC BANQUET IMPORTANT CHANGE

Wednesday, June 5th ... 6:00 social and a 6:30 banquet start.

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

We're heading into the home stretch for the Music Department for the school year 2018-19. Our ensembles played extremely well at the recent Annapolis Valley Music Festival with the Sr. Concert Band earning a Silver Rating; the Jr. Concert Band earning a Silver Rating; the Sr. Jazz Band earning a Gold Rating! The Sr. Jazz Band also represented NKEC at the Annapolis Valley's Stars of the Festival concert last Sunday. The North Mountain Concert Band also participated for comments only. Well done to all the ensembles!!

We're in the process of planning our last concert of the school year, to be held on May 27th at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium. Admission is a free will offering. This concert is a chance to honor our Grade 8 students and our graduating Grade 12 students.

After our last concert, there are several music students and community members who are members of the *The Addams Family* pit band. We have four shows for the public to enjoy: June 14th @ 7:00 pm; June 15th @ 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm; and June 16th @ 2:00 pm. We hope to see a full house for each of the shows

MARCH BREAK TRIP

Hey! Are you part of the Class of 20 or 21? Go to eftours.ca and check out tour #2082557xa (Italy, Monaco, France, and Spain!) The Mediterranean Coast - a very limited number of spaces remaining!) or class of 21 and 22 check out tour #2182817cv (Austria, Germany, Switzerland) fpiddle@gnspecs.ca if you have any questions.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Donations (all sizes) of lightly worn sneakers, T-shirts, athletic shorts and pants are always appreciated and used by our students.

NKEC MUSICAL

The Addams Family – A new musical comedy
June 14th @ 7 pm, June 15th @ 2 pm & 7 pm, June 16th @ 2 pm
Festival Theatre, Wolfville
Tickets are available at the school or at the door
\$10 student/child, \$14 adult

LIBRARY NEWS

Free YA audiobook downloads for 14 weeks.
Through window displays and announcements the library is promoting SYNC, a free summer audiobook program for teens. Starting April 25th, 2019 and running for 14 weeks until July 31st, teens can download from SYNC two audiobooks each week based on weekly themes. Downloads are in MP3 format, hosted by OverDrive, and are Mac and Windows compatible and work on most devices.

Visit <http://www.audiobooksync.com/> for more information and to sign up for email or text alerts to be notified when new titles are available to download.

JUNE CLOSING CEREMONIES

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 28 at 11:00 am
- Grade 7** Closing ceremony.....June 28 at 11:00 am
- Grade 8** Closing ceremonyJune 28 at 11:00 am
- Grade 9** Closing ceremonyJune 28 at 10:00 am
- Grade 10 and 11** Closing ceremonyJune 28 at 9:00 am
- Grade 12** Graduation.....June 26 at 6:55 pm
(followed by Safe Grad)

If students are not present when report cards are distributed at the end of the day, they may be picked up in Student Services July 2nd to 5th between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm or starting August 26th between 8:00 am 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. 2019.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Get your kids ready for Summer with Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM!) camps offered by Refresh Annapolis Valley and community partners. Details: www.refreshannapolisvalley.org/camps/

Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey

How can we work together to be happier, healthier and more fulfilled in all areas of our lives? We think these are questions worth asking. Check your mailbox in late April and early May for an opportunity to participate in the Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey. By filling it out, you will help ensure a unique Quality of Life Report is created for the Annapolis Valley region! It will also ensure the issues most important to the health and happiness of you and your family receive closer attention. By completing the survey you will have the opportunity to enter for a chance to win 1 of 25 Sobeys gift cards (value \$400 each!) This is a first-of-its-kind survey for Nova Scotia. This initiative is being led by the Nova Scotia Community College, Engage Nova Scotia and a Local Leadership Team for the Annapolis Valley region. Learn more at nsqualityoflife.ca



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

May	
15	In-Service – NO SCHOOL
20	Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL
24	Early Dismissal 12:05 PM
27	Gr. 8 to 9 Orientation – NO SCHOOL For Gr. 9 Students
27	Spring Concert 7:00 PM
31	Grad Fees are Due
June	
3	Gr. 5 to 6 Parent Meeting 6:30 PM
5	Athletic Banquet - 6:00 PM Social 6:30 PM Banquet
5	Early Dismissal 12:05 PM
6	Gr 5 to 6 Orientation – NO SCHOOL for Gr 6 Students
6	Grad march practice 12:20
6	June Newsletter
7	In-Service – NO SCHOOL
14-16	Musical- Festival Theatre - Wolfville
17	NSVS Exams
18-24	High School Exams
21	Prom – Arrive for 6:30
25	Grad March Practice 12:00PM
23	Grad BBQ 5:00 – 7:00 PM
26	Graduation – 6:55 PM - Safe Grad Following Graduation
26	Marking Day – NO SCHOOL for High School
27	Marking Day – NO SCHOOL for Students
28	Grade 6/7/8 Closing 11:00 AM
28	Last Day of School – EARLY DISMISSAL – 12:05
28	Grade 10/11/9 Closing 9:00 /9:00/10:00 AM