



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 Parents and/or Guardians,

September has passed by quickly and if it is any indication of how the school year is going to go then I am very pleased with what the rest of the year brings! The busiest month of the school year has been completed! We have had a very successful start to the school year in both the High School and the Middle School. We have 887 students enrolled for the 2017-2018 school year which is 5 less students than what we projected last January.

Our students seem to be well settled and are taking pride in our school and their work. We have started meeting with all students that have not given us the effort we expect from them to get them re-focused with their courses and their actions. We have had an amazing group of student leaders taking charge of our school year for our student body! They have created such a positive vibe throughout our school so far this year and they continue to impress our staff with their commitment and dedication to improving our school climate and culture.

The new Provincial student attendance policy has started as of October 2nd and this will have major implications for all students and their families, but especially for our high school students. Students must be in attendance for 80 percent of each course they are enrolled in. This means they must attend at least four days a week. If they do not, they can be removed from each course and not receive any credits for the courses they are removed from. One of the greatest gifts a child can receive is a strong education. It's sad to see students and families who lose that perspective. We will continue to do our best to make learning meaningful and to track attendance. We will also notify you when we see a concern. Please be sure that your child is attending school.



Our SAGA - Sexuality and Gender Acceptance student and staff team is up and started. Our Mission statement is, "We believe in equality", and it is the foundation for all that our committee works towards. I am so proud of our students and how accepting they are of our diversity of students in our school. Northeast Kings Education Centre is truly a great place to grow and receive your education.



We have completed three fire drills, one hold and secure and one lockdown already. We can have our entire school population out of the building in 120 seconds and it is amazing that we can take 887 students and almost 100 staff and have them all out of sight in a matter of seconds!

These are mandatory events that we must practice because we ever had to use them in the case of an emergency. We expect that we will never have to use them but we still must be prepared in case of that one exception.



Halloween can be a fun time of year when children get to dress up and visit neighbours looking for treats. It can also be a time of year when accidents happen. I caution you to keep your children safe and to know what they are doing Halloween evening. Unfortunately, there can also be a lot of unnecessary destruction. Please teach your children to be good citizens. Have fun!



Remembrance Day is just around the corner. Our Remembrance Day Assemblies will be held on Thursday, November 9th in the school gymnasium: High School – 1:00 pm; Middle School – 2:15pm. Ms. Salmon's Drama 12 class will take full responsibility for the production of these assemblies. We would love to have you attend one of these ceremonies. Please attend your community service on Remembrance Day.

Have a great October. Remain informed by using our website at: <http://www.nkec.ca>

Kevin Veinot
Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

The month of September has come and gone very quickly at Northeast Kings Education Centre. During the month of September school staff have spent considerable time establishing positive relationships with students. For our grade six students there have been many new experiences, while grade seven and eight students quickly returned to the focused routines and expectations of school life. Middle level Titans have done an exceptional job settling into school routines and demonstrating an awareness of NKEC Expectations for Success.

On September 28th, middle school students participated in the first Positive Participation Presentation (PPP) of school year. During this time, homeroom 'Student of the Month' recipients were awarded. PPP time is also an opportunity to honour student achievement, share individual talents

and celebrate Titan pride. Following the PPP, middle school students participated in the annual Terry Fox Run. Northeast Kings Education Centre is an annual participant in this event and during the last 15 years, students and staff have raised over \$17,000.00 for this important charity. Thank you to students, staff and parents for their continued support.

Currently, grade six students are completing the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Elementary Literacy & Mathematics Assessment. This assessment measures student aptitude in areas of reading, writing and mathematics. This assessment covers grade three, four and five curriculum. The result of this evaluation provides important information used to guide teacher instruction in grade six, seven and eight. Provincial assessment results are communicated to students, teachers and parents/guardians once assessment data is available.

Your child has likely mentioned the use of Chromebooks (small laptops) at school. We are fortunate to have Chromebooks for student use in our middle school. The use of these personal devices has had a positive impact on student learning and engagement. There are a variety of apps for learning that are accessible to students, and teachers will continue to introduce learning experiences that enhance student understanding and engagement.

October is Fire Prevention Month. Members of the Canning Fire Department will visit Northeast Kings Education Centre on October 20th to review fire safety information with grade six students. Northeast Kings Education Centre students and staff thank members of the Canning Fire Department for their continued protection and support of the school and community.

The first middle school dance is Thursday, October 19th from 6:30-8:30pm. All middle school students are welcome to attend. Dances are a social opportunity for middle school students. Students dance in the cafeteria, spend time talking with friends in the school lobby and play table tennis. All school expectations apply during this social time for students and students are reminded to dress appropriately. The cost for admission is \$5.00, or \$4.00 with a food bank item. Students are to be picked up at 8:30pm.

Please remember that **October 25th from 6:30-8:00pm is student led conference time** for middle level students. October 25th is an excellent time to review completed assignments, review student understanding of curriculum outcomes, and gather a glimpse of your child's time spent at school. Student appointment times and information regarding October 25th will be distributed to students. If you do not receive a time prior to October 24th, please contact your child's homeroom teacher to reserve a time.

There are a variety of extracurricular activities occurring at school daily. The After School Program and NKEC Rock Divas are two free programs for middle school students. Please encourage your child to attend one of these activities. If you have questions about either program, please contact the main office.

Middle school students will have an opportunity to participate in exploratory activities during the month of October. An important part of middle school philosophy, exploratories are a time for students to participate in a variety of artistic, kinesthetic, and academic related activities with their peers. The intent of this programming is to encourage students to explore a new activity or interest.

It has been a terrific start to the school year. I am impressed by the level of student focus as I travel from classroom to classroom. Students are working hard and demonstrating respectful behaviors. NKEC's expectations for success are the cornerstone of respectful expectations at school. Please continue to speak with your child at home regarding the importance of being respectful of others, completing school work on time, and maintaining a positive attitude. I encourage parents and guardians to continue conversations with your child regarding their school day experiences. Encouraging your child to seek academic support from teachers as required. As many of you know, extracurricular programming is an important aspect of school life at Northeast Kings Education Centre. I would like to thank all school staff and community members who continue to volunteer their time supporting students and extracurricular programming. On behalf of the school, thank you to parents and guardians who volunteer their time chaperoning dances and driving students. Extracurricular programming has a positive impact on student learning and school climate.

As always, please keep in touch.

Greg Fox
Vice Principal, Middle School

NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES

September was a very busy month filled with course changes and discussions with many students around post-secondary education. All of the grade 12 students have now heard a presentation on all things post-secondary. It is a pleasure working with the grade 12 students at NKEC. I have been impressed with the high level of respect and positivity demonstrated by the students, even though there is often a lot on their plate! I look forward to another busy, but exciting month. Please encourage your NKEC student to make an appointment or stop by at lunch/recess time if they have questions or concerns. Many universities will have online applications open next week for early acceptance.

POST SECONDARY DAY!

On November 7th, our school will have over 40 Atlantic post-secondary institutions visit us so that students can ask questions and learn more about their opportunities that each of these facilities offer. Be sure to come to school that day and check it out.

SAT's

Any student interested in attending a University in the States must register for the SAT test on-line @ www.collegeboard.com before November 1st. The test is written at Kings Edgehill in early December or Dalhousie University in November.

Scholarships

Scholarship information is now available @ Student Services for the National based Loran Scholarship (deadline Oct 18th for sponsored applicants and 25th for the direct pool), the TD Canada Trust (deadline Nov. 17th) and the Terry Fox (Feb 1st). For scholarship information please watch for new applications to arrive!

Upcoming Presentations by Post-Secondary Institutes at NKEC

Universities and Colleges often visit our school at lunch time and students should be listening to announcements or checking the grad Google classroom regarding who is visiting when.

Upcoming Open Houses

Many schools are hosting Open Houses at this time of year. Please check each institution's website for the most update list. There are many schools that don't have official Open Houses but have tours all year long. Contact each school to make arrangements.

Kingstec Campus Open House: Oct 19th from 9am-7pm. NSCC will waive the \$25 application fee so bring your applications with you if interested in applying!

Concerned about what your future career choices are?

The province has purchased license rights for a web based career exploration program called myblueprint. It is a new tool for us, but it is amazing so far. To create a log in please go to myblueprint.ca/avrsb

SAFE GRAD

ATTENTION GRAD PARENTS

There will be a planning meeting for safe grad Wednesday, Oct 25th at 7:00 in the cafeteria at NKEC. The focus of this meeting will be fundraising. If you aren't able to attend but are interesting in helping out, please email jennosmond@gnsps.ca to be added to the email list.

GRAD PHOTOS

Grad photos will be taken December 11th - 15th. Please watch for more information regarding when the website will be open for making appointments. For questions, contact Mrs. Zwicker in the Student Services office at 902-582-2050.

NKEC ATHLETICS REPORT

As athletic director I want to applaud the efforts of the administration, coaches, and parents for all that you do in regards to representing our proud school through athletics. It is also a good time to remind everyone what our role is and should be; to promote and support our student athletes as they learn valuable life lessons through athletics that will allow them to be stronger in the classroom and better in life. We need to demonstrate this on a consistent basis and model for them proper behaviour at all times. We are in the enviable position of making a true difference in this area. Let us all remind ourselves of this each and every day.

Our soccer teams are all preparing for districts and regionals, with all four teams being very competitive. Good luck to the senior teams at regionals, with the boys playing in Middleton and the girls at New Germany the weekend of October 21/22. Our middle school girl's team hosts a district semi final next week and our boy's team is still finishing league play. Our football team is 3-2 and are looking to make strides on Central Kings as the season progresses. Our baseball team failed to qualify for regionals after losing to very strong CK and Horton teams, and our middle school and senior girl's volleyball teams are just beginning their seasons in earnest. Our senior boy's hockey team has their home opener today against Horton and our school is hosting cross country regionals this coming Monday at Northeast Kings Education Center. Thank you to Cathy Baldwin for taking strong leadership in making this happen. Good luck to the runners representing our school.

Student athletes, continue to realize that expectations are high for you in the classroom and in the school community. You are ambassadors for our school and it is important that you take this privilege and responsibility seriously. We all look forward to competing in games, but value the preparation in the classroom and in practices as well.

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

We have a pretty quiet month of October with rehearsals and sectionals planned in preparation for our rather full performance schedule in November and December. For parents and students who are new to NKEC Music, our rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Sr. Concert Band – Mondays @ 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

Thursdays @ 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.

Sr. Jazz Band – Wednesdays and Fridays @ 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.

Jr. Concert Band will rehearse during their regularly scheduled class times. The Sr. Concert and Jazz Band members will have an opportunity this March Break to take a 5 day trip to Toronto for a musical enrichment tour and to perform along the way. We are actively fundraising to help students who might otherwise not be able to afford this trip. If you would like to help our students, see what we have going for October:

On Oct. 21st, from 10am-2pm we will be doing a community bottle drive. Home base will be the New Minas recycle depot (previously known as

Fritz's). We have a space at the end of the building where we will have a tent and table and a sign for donations to be dropped off to our table if people wish. If you have bottles or cans that you would like to donate to our drive, please consider dropping them off at the New Minas Recycling on Saturday, Oct. 21st in support of the NKEC Music Department!

We have an ongoing fundraiser called the Wall of Money. This is a moveable wall with empty envelopes on it. We are asking for people who would like to donate to our department, to take an envelope with an amount listed on it. You then would put that amount of money back into the envelope and donate it to the music department. This will help us meet our goal of helping students who struggle with finances to still participate in the program. As always, thank you for the support you give to our students and this department!

2018 ITALY TRIP

Italy 2018: Grand Tour of much of Italy!! Parent / student meeting at 7pm Wed Oct. 25th with updates and plans for the trip. Considering going? Come out to our info session. Also, there will be a sneak peek at our 2019 European city tour...

2017-2018 YEARBOOKS

Go to <http://ybstore.friesens.com/stores/323965> to purchase a yearbook by Nov. 30th. Yearbook orders are online only, thanks!

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Middle School is looking for CSA approved hockey helmets, skates sizes 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, broken wooden hockey sticks that we could put on road hockey blades, baseball gloves, hockey tape or duct tape.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PHANTOM FREAK-SHOW HAUNTED HOUSE

Phantom Effects and Stirling Fruit Farms present Phantom's FreakShow Haunted House (located in the warehouse across the street from the farm market). Groups of 2-3 people enter our walls as willing victims, and then they begin a twisted journey into the depth of our tortured warehouse.

This event was created by special effects make-up artists, and offers:

- Nightmare inspiring creatures that lurk in the darkness
- Professional set design (we go big!!!)
- A psychological roller coaster, including lots of screams
- Memories, oh the memories

Please visit the Phantom's FreakShow web page for more information (dates, admissions, map, our sponsors, special events on the upcoming haunt season. www.phantomsfreakshow.com

We will also be offering a haunted corn maze during all PM shows, this is weather dependent. So if it's raining we will not be in the maze. We hope to see you there!!!

ROSS CREEK CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

YOUR CHILD CAN SPEND PD-DAYS AT THE ROSS CREEK CENTRE FOR THE ARTS! Telephone: 902-582-3842
555 Ross Creek Road, Canning, NS

Spend the day making art, playing games and meeting new friends! Amidst the beautiful Ross Creek surroundings, the campers will have the opportunity to explore the landscape and try out a variety of art activities in a studio setting. The registration fee includes all materials and a tasty homemade lunch! NOV. 10th and NOV. 30th

Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Ages: 5-12

Cost: \$50 per child (includes materials + lunch + snacks)

Email: mail@artscentre.ca

Community Arts Day: Celebrating Mexican Culture!

HAVE FUN EXPLORING THE CULTURE, ART AND FOOD OF MEXICO

Celebrate the colors and creativity of Mexican Culture! Explore a variety of Mexican inspired art activities and try some tasty treats at Ross Creek Centre for the Arts! Contribute to our collaborative mural or try your hand at Talavera-inspired tile designs. Weave an Ojos de Dios, create a Day of the Dead themed mask and a personal Nichos box to celebrate someone you love. There is something for all ages!

OCT. 15th

Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Ages: All Ages!

Cost: FREE (food items extra)

Email: mail@artscentre.ca

OCTOBER	
12-13	Gr 6 Assessments
13	MS Exploratory / October Newsletter
16-17	Gr 6 Assessments
18	Early Dismissal 12:05 pm
20	MS Exploratory
25	MS Student Led 6:30 – 8:00 pm
27	Provincial Conference Day – No School For Students
NOVEMBER	
3	MS Exploratory Rain Date
9	Remembrance Day Assembly HS 1:00pm, MS 2:15 pm
10	MS Marking Day – No School For Students HS Regional Shut Down – No School For Students
13	Remembrance Day (In Lieu) – No School For Students
17	November Newsletter
20	HS Report Cards Go Home
21	MS Report Cards Go Home