



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.

welcome

BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Welcome back for the 2017-2018 school year! We would like to give a very special "Titan" welcome to those students and families who are joining us for the first time. We have a great group of 890 students and 83 wonderful staff. It is so great to have your child at our school! We know your child can have a very rewarding experience here when they embrace all that we have to offer! This is our 17th year of existence and we will make every effort so that it will be our best year to date!

We have had a great start to the school year and I want to thank all the staff and students that put forth such a strong effort into their course selections and the scheduling process! We are pleased to welcome several new staff members to our school community. We are excited about the positive energy and commitment to teaching from all of our staff members. We have a great "family" of staff that take their profession seriously and will make the curriculum they teach engaging for your child.

Our entire staff will be working towards school goals of creating a positive and structured school climate and developing strategies to improve student learning. We invite you to remain informed about all initiatives and programs by reading the school newsletter monthly, logging onto our school website at: <http://www.nkec.ca> and attending our Student Led Conferences and Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences. Please see the calendar for these and other important dates.

We have sent home a student registration form along with a media consent form for you to read through and make any changes to the information that we presently have for your child and all contact information. Please complete these forms and sign each document so we can get document changes made and be current with your information.

I encourage you to be supportive of your child's educational experiences by communicating regularly with your child's teachers and by supporting activities at Northeast Kings Education Centre. Also, feel free to contact the school at any time with your questions, ideas and concerns. It is through working together that we will provide the most effective school experiences for your child.

Sincerely,
Kevin Veinot
Principal

Modeling Appropriate Social Media Behaviours for our Children

Social media has become an important means of communication and seeking information for most people. It is proving to be of particular importance for our youth as technology has become a significant part of the identity of this generation.



Unfortunately, increased technology has also resulted in new social issues. It is sometimes used as a means of cyber-bullying or an exchange of inappropriate information. It is up to us, as adults, to serve as proper role models with regards to technology use. We need to teach our children to respect the use of technology and to be good digital citizens. In order to do this properly, we as adults must also learn to be good social citizens and to model appropriate use of social media. We must use social media tools like Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, etc. appropriately, because our children are watching and emulating our behaviours.

Please be advised that inappropriate use of technology falls under the Provincial School Code of Conduct. Inappropriate use of technology and social media can result in serious consequences for students. Inappropriate use of technology and social media may also fall under the Criminal Code. We have recently seen criminal charges resulting from the sharing of inappropriate photos. Please be informed and help to inform your children.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome students, parents and guardians to the 2017-2018 school year. September is a very exciting time at Northeast Kings Education Centre. I would like to welcome all returning Titans and extend special greetings to our new grade six students and grade seven and eight students new to our building this year. The transition from elementary school to middle school is significant; however, I am very pleased to see our new grade six students settling into positive routines and developing important relationships with peers and staff.

In the coming weeks and months, students will be reminded of Northeast Kings Education Centre's "Expectations for Success". Please take a moment to review the following with your child. Collectively reinforcing these expectations will ensure students grow as respectful and hardworking Titans.

Northeast Kings Education Centre "Expectations for Success"

- To be respectful of others
- To use appropriate language
- To dress appropriately
- To attend class and be on time
- To put forth your best effort
- To have a positive attitude

Northeast Kings Titans are very fortunate to work with a dedicated group of educational professionals. The middle school staff work hard to support students academically, socially, physically and emotionally. We understand that a collaborative approach is necessary to ensure student success. Collectively, middle level teachers and educational assistants are a very talented, caring and hardworking group of professionals!

Staff members have been working very hard with students to establish positive routines, promote strong organizational skills and reinforce the importance of working hard in class. As teachers and educational assistants, we encourage students to put forth their best effort daily, think independently and seek support whenever necessary. Many of our teachers use the "Remind" app to communicate homework details and other important information. This one-way text messaging app provides daily info about your child's education. If you have not received information from your child's teacher, please contact the school for further information.

Homework is an ongoing expectation for students. There is no quantity expectation, but rather an emphasis on ensuring homework is an opportunity to extend student understanding of a concept, reinforce skills, and complete content previously introduced in class. If you have questions regarding the homework policy, please contact the school and speak with administration. Thank you to parents and guardians for providing a space and time for completion of student homework within your home. Homework reinforces curricular concepts and promotes strong student work ethic.

Northeast Kings Education Centre believes in developing a learning environment that nurtures academic, physical, social and emotional growth. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's development, or wish to provide valued perspective and information that may assist school staff, please contact the school and speak with your child's homeroom teacher, guidance counselor Mrs. Roy, or myself.

In addition to academics, Northeast Kings Education Centre has multiple clubs, committees and sporting teams. We encourage every middle level Titan to get involved and participate in at least one extracurricular activity during the school year. This experience will add to your child's overall educational experience. Please follow our school announcements at www.nkec.ca to obtain information regarding extracurricular activities.

It was great to see so many parents and guardians attend our middle level orientation this past Wednesday evening. If you were unable to attend, please touch base with your child's teacher, or school administration.

If there is anything we can do to help your child, please contact the school by email, telephone, or make an appointment. We are looking forward to a terrific year with your child. Please keep in touch and plan to attend upcoming student led conferences and parent teacher meetings.

All the best,
Greg Fox
Vice Principal, Middle School

NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES

COURSE CHANGES

September is quickly passing and the students have done a great job of submitting their course changes and appear to be settling into their classes. The deadline for final course changes is Thursday September 21st, students are asked to have their signed forms into Student Services by Wednesday for processing.

UPCOMING GRADE 12 PARENT/GUARDIAN MEETING

This is an important time for our graduating Grade 12 students who are facing many decisions in the upcoming months. To assist them with this process, I will be doing presentations in the grade 12 English classes before the month is over to Explore Options. There is a very important meeting for Parents/Guardians of Grade 12's on Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30pm in the Cafeteria. At this time we will look at ways that you as parents can offer support to your child in these very important life decisions. ~ Emelie Pineo

NKEC ATHLETICS REPORT

Hello from the Athletic Department. We are really pleased to see the amount of grade 9 student athletes who have tried out for sports teams this fall. It is very exciting to see and bodes very well for the future. The football team has been practicing since August 15th and had their first league game against Central Kings this past Sunday and were defeated 24-0. An early loss is always a good thing as it shows that work needs to be done and improvements will be made. Good luck to the coaches and players as they play this Sunday at home at 4:30.

Our two senior and middle school soccer teams have all been chosen and their years begin in earnest. The senior boys defeated West Kings 6-2 in an early exhibition match, while the senior girl's team is at Central Kings this weekend for an invitational tournament. Both middle school teams start their match season next week. The senior girl's volleyball, senior boy's hockey and senior boy's baseball teams are in the tryout stage, while our cross country and golf athletes are beginning their season. A very busy start to the year, and one that looks very promising. A sincere thank you to all the coaches who are volunteering once again this year. We are very proud of our athletics at Northeast Kings and a big reason for that is the quality of our coaching staff.

An invitation to parents and supporters of NKEC sports that you are strongly encouraged to be present at our games to proudly cheer for our teams and athletes. You are also reminded to remain positive at all times, showing respect to officials, opposition fans and both teams participating. To student athletes, you are reminded that you are primarily a student, who happens to play sports. We are thankful and proud that you are representing our school, but please remember that it is a privilege, not a right. You are expected to demonstrate strong school and class citizenship, be on time for class and school and give your best effort in class each and every day. Each student athlete and family has to sign a contract before playing on our teams. Please read that contract carefully, as it is core to what we expect here at Northeast Kings Education Center. Failure to meet those realistic expectations will place your participation on our teams in jeopardy.

Good luck to all teams and athletes for a successful 2017/18 school year. Let us continue to do it the right way. ~ Dale Sanford

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

We are opening up the month of September with rehearsals and sectionals planned in preparation for our rather full performance schedule in October/November. For parents and students who are new to NKEC Music, our rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Sr. Concert Band – Mondays @ 3:30 – 5:00 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.

We are once again planning to have an ADULT Beginning and Intermediate Band at Northeast Kings. This group is for ANY adult who has always wanted to learn to play an instrument, but never had the time or energy during their school years. We will start with an informational meeting on September 21st. If you've had no experience or feel like you should be in the beginning group, we will meet from 6:30 – 7:30 pm;

Intermediate group will meet from 7:30 – 8:30 pm. It would be great to have a large enough group of adults so we could have a combined rehearsal or performance with my school ensembles!

If you have any questions, please contact me @ (902) 582-2055 or email: mhelms@gnsps.ca for answers!

Tonight and tomorrow (Saturday), the NKEC Music Department is holding a BBQ fundraiser at Sobey's in New Minas. Tonight we will be selling hot dogs, burgers & drinks from 4:00-8:00 pm and tomorrow we will be there from 10:00-6:00 pm. Come on down and have some food and help support the Music Department as we raise funds for our trip to Toronto later in the school year. ~ Maggie Helms

2017-2018 YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are \$45 and can **only** be ordered online. There will be a live link on nkec.ca shortly. Yearbooks can be ordered at <http://ybstore.friesens.com/stores/323965> until then. ~ Floyd Priddle

COMMUNITY NEWS

3D PRINTING – FREE EVENT

3D Printing: From Concept to the Palm of Your Hand (Saturday, Sep 16, 2017 at 12:30PM)

Welcome to the new world of 3D printing, where you can produce 3D objects almost as easily as you can dream of them. Emoji figurines, jewellery, nick-nacks, to the more practical, in this hands on workshop you will learn how to design a 3D project. We will cap off the event by printing your original work. To register: <https://refreshannapolisvalley.org>

JG STUDIO – MUSIC LESSONS

JG Studio, Jordan Grigg, is offering music lessons on several instruments including violin, viola, cello, bass, piano, Celtic, Irish and bluegrass fiddle, jazz, rock, pop, classical, saxophone, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, trumpet, trombone, french horn, and tuba. Other areas of study include theory, harmony, composition, conducting and songwriting. Various spots available. Any age from 4-84 welcome. Everything provided by the studio. All you need is an instrument (if needed), a 3 ring binder and the ambition to play. Opportunity for festivals, concerts, RCM exams (with the teacher), and making your own CD!! Relaxing atmosphere to learn. Every student goes at their own pace. Music can be enjoyable! Please check out my website for more info: <http://jordangrigg.musicaneo.com>

Please feel free to contact me at 902-365-5707 or jgstudio@eastlink.ca. Looking forward to working with you and making music!!

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!!!

SEPTEMBER	
19	Gr 12 parent meeting 6:30 pm
20	Early Dismissal 12:05 pm
21	Last day for semester course changes
29	Reg. Shut Down - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
30	NKEC Craft Fair – NSCC
OCTOBER	
6	MS Exploratory
9	Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL
12	Photo Retakes
12-13	Gr 6 Assessments
13	MS Exploratory / October Newsletter
16-17	Gr 6 Assessments
18	Early Dismissal 12:05 pm
20	MS Exploratory

