



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,

I would like to congratulate our football team for winning the provincial championship over the weekend! It was a hard fought battle where they showed true grit and perseverance. I also would like to congratulate our senior girls' soccer team for winning a bronze medal at the provincial championships. Our Middle School girls' soccer team won a silver medal at Regionals which was the best finish for our girls in the history of our school! Success in athletics comes from great effort from our students but also the commitment and dedication of our coaches. I truly appreciate all the volunteer time our coaches put into coaching our students.

Northeast Kings Education Centre had two outstanding Remembrance Day ceremonies on November 9th. These assemblies are our most important assemblies next to our graduation ceremony in June. I would like to thank Ms. Salmon and our grade 12 Drama class for taking the responsibility for producing and leading these ceremonies. I also want to thank Ms. Pineo and our Student Ambassadors for their huge role in greeting our community members and taking care of them for the assemblies. It is wonderful to see our students who are the leaders of tomorrow building their leadership skills at our school as they take on huge commitments in organizing and running major assemblies! They were terrific and many community members, students and staff commented on how great they were. Our students continue to take great pride in Remembrance Day and demonstrate both a respectful and knowledgeable attitude towards the sacrifices made during peace efforts and wartime.

Parent-teacher visitations will take place on Tuesday, November 28th from 6:00-8:30 pm and Wednesday, November 29th from 1:30-3:30 pm for all of our students. Please make an appointment to see your child's teacher. There will be a Board-wide in-service on Thursday, November 30th. Our staff will be doing professional development focused on relationship building, as well as teaching talents, on this day.

Reminder to all parents or guardians that our parent portal for our Student Information System is available to sign up for during the parent-teacher interview times for both high school and middle school students. Just drop into the office and fill in a form, show picture ID and we will get you your username and password so you can access your child's grades and attendance anywhere you have internet access.

I remind parents to please continue to encourage your children to attend school. An education is a gift for life. Please be sure that your children value education and attend school daily. It is a proven fact that children do better at school when parents take a direct interest and show support and encouragement.



Something for you to think about this month: It's OK to let your child struggle. This is how we learn and grow. I understand your overwhelming desire to intervene when they are feeling stress. I understand it is hard to watch your child

go through challenging things and sometimes fail. If we do everything for them, they will never be able to do anything for themselves. Give them reassurance as they struggle but allow them to be challenged so they can develop coping skills so when they are grown up they can handle the many pressures we have placed on us daily.



Evening With The Arts

Please join us on Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 pm as our fine arts programs showcase our students in an action packed evening. We will have performances from our Middle School students and drama, improve, choir, band, dance,

film and video and visual arts courses. It will be a great evening of entertainment as our "rising stars" get another opportunity to show their talents!

Kevin Veinot
Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Northeast Kings Education Centre continues to be a very busy spot for students and staff. Our school believes in developing a learning environment that nurtures academic, physical, social, and emotional growth for all students. School staff continue to work very hard to ensure students are successful in all facets of school life.

Ensuring student success is a tremendous task. I commend teachers and educational assistants for their efforts to serve the need of all learners. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents and guardians for taking time outside of school to support their child's academic development. Educational success requires ongoing collaboration between school and home.

Homework is an ongoing expectation for students. The purpose of homework is to review key concepts daily, complete assignments, practice mental math skills, and spend time reading at home. We strongly recommend that a designated time be set aside each evening for students to complete homework and review key concepts from the day before. If you are concerned about missed assignments, or looking for more information regarding your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher, gain access to the parent portal and sign-up for the remind app through your child's teacher. In addition, we have the "Just Do It" noon-hour program for students to complete missing assignments. There is a teacher present during this time to provide support for those students asked to attend by their teachers, or those looking for additional time and clarification from a teacher.

Now that clocks have fallen back, the days are shorter and leaves have fallen, outdoor extra-curricular activities are finishing up and indoor activities are beginning. Middle school students have represented their school as members of the Jr. Girls' & Boys' Soccer Teams and Cross-Country Running Team. Students continue to participate in the afterschool program on Fridays, Robotics, Rock Divas, NKEC weight lifting program, Spirit Squad, cheerleading, badminton, volleyball and basketball. I would like to thank staff and community volunteers for their time and commitment supporting students. I would also like to thank Ms. Helms and her team of grade 6-12 students for providing ongoing technical support during school assemblies, special events, and other important jobs completed within the school. If your child would like to be involved in an extracurricular activity, please contact the school for more information- I strongly recommend that every middle school Titan get involved in an extracurricular activity.

Recently students participated in student-led conferences. The evening of October 26th was well attended. I would like to thank parents, guardians and students for attending; this is an excellent opportunity for students to demonstrate their understanding of concepts and share academic progress since the first of the school year. The next formal indicator of student progress will occur November 21st when report cards go home. Parent teacher appointments will follow November 28th and 29th. We encourage all parents and guardians to attend these sessions.

Northeast Kings Education Centre Middle School Students attended the school based Remembrance Day Ceremony November 9th. Students have spent considerable time examining Canada's past and current role in global conflicts and peace keeping missions. Students are very grateful of the sacrifices made by Canadian Veterans and proud of the ongoing efforts of the Canadian Forces. As always, students demonstrated great pride and respect during the Remembrance Day Ceremony.

In addition to academics, middle level Titans recently completed exploratory activities. Exploratories provide alternative learning opportunities for students to develop an appreciation or skill set that they otherwise may not have previously experienced. Exploratory activities include service based learning, creative arts, and physical activities. Exploratories were a great success and students participated positively! As always, thank you for maintaining an active role in your child's education and please keep in touch.

Greg Fox, Vice Principal Middle School

AVRSB INFORMATION SESSION

You are invited to attend an information session hosted by the AVRSB Race Relations, Cross Cultural Understanding and Human Rights (RCH) Division on Wednesday, November 22nd, 2017 at Aldershot Elementary School 6:00 - 7:30 pm. The purpose of this session is to learn more about our RCH Division and the Student Support Worker Program. During the evening we will highlight what programs we offer to students and families as well as how we collaborate to support the community. This is also an opportunity for us to check-in with you and meet parents/guardians, students, community members and school staff. In partnership with the Delmore "Buddy" Daye Learning Institute (DBDLI) and the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency, this a great opportunity for learning, networking and making connections!

Open to school communities of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast Kings Education Centre | <input type="checkbox"/> Hantsport School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Port Williams Elementary School | <input type="checkbox"/> Horton High School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aldershot Elementary School | <input type="checkbox"/> Wolfville School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Minas Elementary School | <input type="checkbox"/> Kings County Academy |

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks must be ordered by Nov 30th. Please go to nkec.ca and click on the yearbook link to purchase using paypal, credit card, or prepaid credit card. Only the yearbooks preordered will be printed. Interested in advertising your business, or sponsoring a page with a special message to a graduate? Contact fpriddle@gnspecs.ca.

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 re-takes sometime in the new year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Zwicker in Student Services **902-582-2050**.

GRAD COMMITTEE

November 20th-24th we will be placing orders for grad sweatshirts at lunchtime in room 207. There will be samples sizes to try on and order forms to be filled out. It will be important to have all orders in by the 24th to ensure delivery before Christmas.

We had a well attend safe grad planning meeting with parents in October. Our goal this year is to try to organize a number of fundraisers for safe grad. We had two parent groups come forward with great ideas: a Pancake breakfast and a Grads vs. RCMP hockey game. More to come on these in the new year. If you have any ideas for potential fundraisers, please contact Ms. Faber (jfaber@gnspecs.ca) or Mrs. Osmond (jennosmond@gnspecs.ca).

NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES

Scholarships: Scholarship information is now available at Student Services and can be found on-line for: TD Canada Trust and Burger King. As well, please come into student services to check the bin for scholarships and bursaries as this is updated on a continual basis.

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.

University and College: Thinking about applying to college or university? Colleges such as NSCC operate on a first come first serve basis so it is a good idea to get your application in as soon as possible. You can even apply if you are in grade 11! Private Colleges can have other deadlines so it is important to check with each individual institution. Most Universities have a deadline of March 1st, however some are sooner so it is important to check with the institution.

Concerned about what your future career choices are?

The province has purchased license rights for a web based career exploration program called My Blue Print. It is a great tool to explore various career opportunities that match with your interests. You can find out about the educational requirements for each career and what that career entails. It has endless information about careers and schools in Canada and the USA. It can even help you build a resume. Check it out at myblueprint.ca/avrsb

MUSIC NEWS

We've just had a great Remembrance Assembly with the members of the Sr. Concert Band assisting with the ceremony. Thank you to those who attended and helped to support our recognition of this important day.

The Music Department is starting their Citrus Campaign on Monday, November 20th! We are working with a new company this year and will be offering cases and half cases of oranges, grapefruit and manadrins. In addition to the citrus, we are working with Holmestead Cheeses and Hutchinson's Maple Syrup to offer great products from these local companies. Please contact Maggie Helms @ mhelms@gnspecs.ca if you would like to place an order for any of these products! All proceeds go to help fund the Music Department!

All music students will be participating in the NKEC Evening with the Arts on Thursday, December 7th. The event starts at 6:30 pm and will feature students from grades 6 – 12 in all fields of the arts: music, visual art, drama, and dance. Please come out and see what our students have to offer in their selected fields!

The Music Department is hosting a Christmas Craft Show on Saturday, November 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the school. Come out and enjoy the many vendors and craftsmen that are presenting at this show! Proceeds from this event will help the NKEC Music Department and students build their funds for music trips, music, repairs and concerts.

The annual Music Department Winter Concert will be held on Monday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. There will be a canteen during our intermission and it is a free-will offering at the door. The Sr. Concert Band, Sr. Jazz Band, Jr. Concert Band, and North Mountain Concert Band will all be performing in this evening concert. Come out and support your friends in the Music Department!

ITALY TRIP

Want to learn about the Italian language, history, culture, and spend quality time with your friends and teachers? Grand Tour of Italy, Milan, Venice, Florence, Pisa, Sorrento, Pomeii, a day cruise to and tour of Capri, and Rome! March Break 2018. Sign up by Nov 29th. See Mr. Priddle for details or check out eftours.ca and look up tour number 1986394js. We leave in 112 days!

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Student's Council is collecting gifts and donations for the Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tree program. The Christmas Angel tree will be set up in Student Services beginning November 21st. If you wish to participate, please take a bell off the tree and donate the gift indicated on the bell. Your name will then be written on an angel for the tree. If you prefer, you may also just bring in a gift of your choice and leave it under the tree. Please drop your new, **unwrapped gifts** off before December 18th. Thank you for your support!

NKEC SPIRIT GEAR

Spirit Gear order forms are now available in the offices. Pre-paid orders are due Friday, Nov 24th. Please call if you have any questions.

LIBRARY

The library's Scholastic Book Fair will take place from December 4 - 8 in the library. A flyer will be sent home with students the week before the Fair and they will also have the opportunity to visit the fair with their class.

Students in grades 6-8, and some classes in grade 9, are viewing Book Trailers for books from the Book Fair and voting for the one that Mrs. Jacquard should buy. The favourite book from each grade will be purchased and one student from that grade who voted for that book will get to read it first. There will also be a trivia contest.

It will be open for the public on Thursday, Dec. 7 from 6-9 p.m. which is one half hour before and after the Evening for the Arts program.

NKEC ATHLETICS REPORT

Congratulations to our football team as they are Tier 2 Provincial Champions! The boys defeated CK in the final 18-14, overcoming two defeats to Central Kings earlier in the year. The boys played a very strong defensive game and were full marks for the win. Thank you to all the coaches who put in many hours with the team since mid August, allowing the boys to show growth on and off the field. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Also, congratulations to our senior girls' soccer team who finished with a provincial bronze after defeating CK 4-2 in the 3rd place game. The very young team made up of mostly grade 9 and 10 student athletes has a lot to look forward to in the coming years. Thank you to Mr. Batstone for his many hours coaching the girls, along with past graduates Nicole, Leah and Sarah. Our middle school girls' team lost to Bluenose in the regional final, finishing with very proud silver medals. This equals the best result for our junior high team in the school's 17 year history! Thank you to Mr. Smith and Mrs. Black for coaching the girls this season and for your many hours both on and off the field. The junior boys' soccer team lost in district play in the final round, showing strong commitment and effort all year. Thank you to Miss Milligan for her efforts coaching the boys again this year. The senior boys' soccer team coached by Mr. Bentley, Chris Bentley and Mr. Atwater lost a very tough 1-0 overtime game to New Germany in the regional quarterfinal. The defeat showed how close the boys were to the top tier in the province.

Good luck to our senior girls' volleyball team as they participate in the 10 team regional this weekend at Central Kings. The team has sights on moving on to qualifiers the following weekend. Our junior girls' volleyball team placed 2nd in their district play, winning 3 and losing 1 match in the process. Good luck to the team as they move on to the next stage of their playoffs. Our hockey teams are both involved in league play, more to follow on those teams in our December newsletter. Our cheerleading team is practicing twice a week, preparing themselves for competition. Many hours of practice are necessary before a team can compete in that specific sport. Thank you to the coaches who are putting in the long hours with our 20 student athletes. Finally, our five basketball teams are finishing the tryout phase and beginning to gear up for exhibition games. Thank you to all the coaches who are putting many hours in the gym with our 60 student basketball athletes.

On behalf of the administration and coaches, I would like to thank our senior athletes who have graduated from their sport. We have a strong history of representing ourselves very well here at NKEC, and this year's senior class has continued that tradition. Good luck to teams who are in season and a reminder to everyone who represents Northeast Kings at sporting events of our high bar for expectations. We are in the enviable business of educating our student athletes through sport. Please always keep these words in mind when coaching or cheering for our teams.

Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER	
20	High School Report Cards Go Home
21	Middle School Report Cards Go Home
24	Spirit Gear Orders Due
25	Christmas Craft Show @ NKEC 9am-3pm
28	Parent Teacher Interviews 6:00-8:30pm
29	Early Dismissal 12:05pm Parent/Teacher 1:30-3:30pm
30	Provincial In-service - We Day- No school for students
DECEMBER	
4-8	Scholastics Book Fair
8	December Newsletter
11-15	Grad Photos
18	Winter Concert
21	Last Day Before Break – Early Dismissal 12:05