



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),

I want to start this month's newsletter with giving praise and respect towards all of our students as they have been excellent in meeting the COVID expectations placed on all students across this province by Public Health! It has been challenging, especially for our Middle School students and staff because they have the greatest expectations placed on them. It is not easy, but they have taken the challenge head on and are doing great! A big "Thank You" to all our moms, dads, and guardians for reinforcing these expectations at home. It makes a big difference here at school.

We are so fortunate to be able to offer music, athletics, and extracurricular clubs and committees after school for our students. Being involved in these groups makes school more fun and enjoyable. We are the only province in the country that has scheduled a full complement of athletic competitions for the school year which is so great for our students. Hopefully our bubble can remain strong and this can continue throughout the year.

A congratulation goes out to our senior girls' soccer team for winning their Provincial semi-final match. They will be playing in the Provincial Championship tomorrow in New Glasgow against rival Breton Education Centre. 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 and I proudly want it known that all of our teams are mostly coached by our staff! That is a very unique thing in schools today and one that I am very proud to share with you.



LEST WE FORGET

We hope you enjoyed our premier of our Remembrance Day ceremony that we streamed to all of our students and staff and all community members on November 10 at 11:00AM. We take a lot of pride in allowing our students to lead this ceremony and for all of our students and staff to participate in such an important event as audience members. We need to acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of those who served our country to work for peace through very challenging conditions. I would like to thank Ms. Salmon, Ms. Helms, and Mr. Conner for taking on the responsibility for producing and facilitating our ceremony that was done entirely by our students. 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. If you would like to view our student ceremony please use this link to view:

https://youtu.be/4LQ7-ME0_uk

Parent/Guardian-teacher interviews will take place on Wednesday, November 25th from 6:30-8:30 pm and Thursday, November 26th from 1:30-3:30 pm for all of our students. We are using the web based software called SchoolAppointment.com. You will be receiving

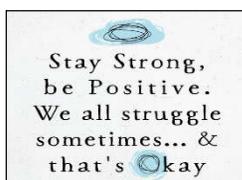
the link to our parent-teacher interview sign up. You decide which teachers you want to meet with and decide if you want a phone interview or Google Meet video interview. Once you book the teachers and the time slots, you are good to go. It is a very easy process. Information will be coming out soon.

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 contact the office and confirm your identification with our secretary 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. We need every student here so they can experience all the learning and growing they can as they go through adolescence into adulthood.



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.

Have a great month!

Kevin Veinot
Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

It has been an exciting fall for middle students as we settle into a routine at Northeast Kings Education Centre. We believe 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. I speak with students every day about the importance of being positive citizens and being respectful of peers and staff. Being kind is an enduring quality. We recognize that not everyone can be friends, but we want all students to be understanding and respectful or each other's differences. Please continue to have similar conversations with your child at home. Thank you for encouraging your child to be a positive Titan.



From a curriculum and assessment perspective, there have been several changes at the middle level. Grade six students will receive a condensed report card on Tuesday, November 19th with integrated subject comments. Grade six students will not receive letter grades or percentages, but rather an achievement level indicator reflective of their progress. Report cards will be going home on Nov 19th and parent-teacher appointments will take place on Nov 25th and 26th. This year, due to the pandemic, we will be using a new system for parent-teacher appointments that allows for both phone and video conferencing. Also, instead of filling in a paper sent home with report cards for an appointment time, parents will go online and sign up for the exact time they would like. Directions will be sent out with report cards as an insert or as an alert.

Homework, for the most part, will be posted in your student's Google Classroom. We strongly recommend that a designated time

be set aside each evening for students to complete homework. If there is no homework, we ask that students review key concepts, practice multiplication facts and read.

Northeast Kings Education Centre Middle School Students watched our school's virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 10th. We are very grateful of the sacrifices made by Canadian Veterans and proud of the ongoing efforts of the Canadian Forces. Several middle school students provided literary and art entries for the Legion Remembrance Contest. As always, students demonstrated great pride and respect during the virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony.



As always, thank you for maintaining an active role in your child's education and please keep in touch.

YEARBOOKS

Reminder: Please pick up your 2020 yearbook as soon as possible.

Families who were unable to order their 2021 yearbook online or cannot pay the full \$45 cost at once, please contact Mr. Priddle at fpriddle@gnsps.ca for assistance **before Dec. 1.**

NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES

Scholarships:



Scholarship information is now available at Student Services and can be found on-line for: TD Canada Trust and the Schulich Leader Scholarship. Please see Ms. Garland if you are interested in applying for the Schulich.

As well, please come into student services to check the bin for scholarships and bursaries as this is updated on a continual basis.

Open Houses and University Visits:

Of course, we are not able to have our usual visits this year, but keep an eye on the Google Classroom as there are always on-line meets and tours happening on a weekly basis!

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 Atlantic Canadian 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

NKEC ATHLETICS REPORT



Our senior girls soccer team is playing BEC in the provincial final Saturday in New Glasgow. This is the 3rd consecutive year that the two teams are meeting in the final, with each team having won gold in the previous two matches. The girls have had an outstanding season and we wish them well in the championship game. The senior boys soccer team lost to CK 2-1 in their last game, preventing them from qualifying for the playoffs at regionals. The junior girls soccer team had a very busy season, with lots of games, laughs, and even some snow. The girls finished the regular season with a 1-1-2 record. They then traveled to King's-Edgehill for a playoff game in the snow, under the lights. Unfortunately the girls did not come out on top, however, they showed great sportsmanship and character. With a lot of young players on the team this year there was a lot of growth and development. The coaches would like to thank you for a fun season!

Our middle school and JV girls volleyball teams are having lots of fun and are competing in their district and regional leagues respectively while the senior girls volleyball team is 2-1 in their pre-regional division. The girls beat Middleton for the first time in many years and then lost a tough 3-2 match to AWEC. The girls have three road games next week and need to win all three games to advance to the regional semi-final.

Our senior boys and girls hockey teams have begun league play. Both teams are young and look to show huge improvements throughout the year.

Our basketball seasons are beginning in earnest as we will have six teams playing their home games on the NKEC court. Both of our varsity teams look to build upon last year's strong seasons.



Thank you to all the parents who have been transporting our athletes to their games. In a very difficult environment we are making things work because of the efforts of so many staff, coaches and families. We understand the difficulty for our volleyball and basketball parents and the inability to be present during the games to support your sons and daughters. We do need to take solace in the fact that our children are playing at a competitive level when so many around our country are currently unable to play school sports. It is not ideal but we are still very privileged in so many ways. Let us make sure that we keep perspective and continue to represent Northeast Kings Education Center in a positive fashion at all times.

Dale Sanford/ Ross Bentley
Athletic Directors, Northeast Kings

Virtual Book Fairs

Save The Date!

Dear NKEC families,

Mark your calendars! The **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to our school but this year it's virtual and will take place online for **two weeks** from:

Monday, November 23rd to Friday, December 4th

When it's time to shop, visit our school's **Virtual Book Fair** site using the following link or QR code:



<https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5151881>

Feel free to share the link with extended family as orders can be shipped to the buyer or to the person who is being given the books – a fast and easy way for grandparents/aunts/uncles/ to shop!

Shipping is free for orders \$35 or above with a flat fee of \$6 for orders below \$35. But on Wednesday evenings (Nov. 25 and Dec. 2) between 6-8 p.m. there is free shipping no matter what the total of the order. Orders are fulfilled within 24-48 hrs.

The library will receive 20% of net sales to purchase books for NKEC students!

Before our Fair begins, click the link or scan the QR code to:

- **SAVE** it to your browser
- **WATCH** videos of popular new titles
- **PREVIEW** our Featured Books

Happy reading and thanks for supporting the NKEC Library!
Mrs. Jacquard
Librarian



NOVEMBER – NOVEMBRE – KEPTKEWIKUS	
18	High School Reports go home.
19	Middle School Reports go home.
25	MS & HS Parent-Teacher Interviews 6:30 – 8:30
26	Early Dismissal – 12:15
26	MS & HS Parent-Teacher Interviews 1:30 – 3:30
30	Book Fair
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1-4	Book Fair
7-11	Grad Photos
11	Newsletter
22	Last Teaching Day before Winter Break



Canning and Area Christmas Hamper Interviews

It's that time of year already and we are accepting request forms for our Christmas food hampers again at the **CANNING FOOD BANK/LIONS HALL** in Canning. The Christmas boxes are provided by the churches in the area to those who find themselves in difficult financial situations.

The hamper consists of your choice of ham or turkey and all the goodies to help make a healthy and nutritious Christmas day feast.



With the Covid 19 restrictions it will be a little different this year. We will have to physical distance, sanitize hands when entering the interview area and masks will be required. We also are asking if possible that only one person per household come to fill out the interview sheet.

Request forms will be accepted by representatives of the Canning and Area Interchurch Council. If you or your family could use this help please make your request on one of the dates below.

Thursday, November 12th, 12pm to 2:30pm

Wednesday, November 18th, 12pm to 2:30pm

Wednesday, November 25th, 12pm to 2:30pm

Monday, December 2nd, 12pm to 2:30pm

