



# 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),



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March Break is almost here which means we have had our students in school for almost two thirds of the year! That statement is so great to say when we look at school systems around the world with many closed and virtual learning happening. We have been in a global pandemic for a year now and I need to compliment you all with doing what our Province has asked of us all. Nice work. Your child(ren) have been amazing here at school meeting every expectation we have placed on them from Public Health. Thank you for supporting us with these Covid expectations. They are working! We will get through this, but our normal is going to be changed forever due to this challenge we have confronted.



We have been fortunate to have a much milder winter this year with less school time missed which has been great for our teachers and students. When our students return after the break there will be only three months of school remaining until the end of the year! Attendance is such an important part of being successful at our school. You can't put a price on a "quality education" and I certainly believe and know that we are providing opportunities at our school for your child to receive a quality education. I know that all the necessary pieces exist at Northeast Kings Education Centre for a "quality education" for your child. We have qualified, empathetic staff, a wide variety of course options and plenty of resources. Each student needs a positive attitude, good self-discipline and a good work ethic to receive a quality education. One of the biggest factors preventing some students from this goal is NOT having consistent attendance. Please support your child's education by ensuring that she/he gets to school consistently. We know there have been more challenges over the past year that have impacted us all in a variety of ways and we will support each child's challenge(s) here at school but we need to have them here so they can participate in the numerous learning conversations from both their teachers and their peers that happen in every class. Just completing the pen and paper evaluation is just a skeleton of the entire class evaluation plan. Missing time from school means your child is missing various conversations and observations that our teachers use in their evaluation plans for their courses. We will do our best to support your child but we need to see them in person to do these evaluations.

We just completed the course registration process for students entering Grades 10- 12 in September. We will be completing the next year grade nines in two weeks after the break. Our students have been very cooperative and took the process seriously. We would like to thank them for their efforts in this task! I would also like to thank Mrs. Garland and Mr. Campbell for their efforts in getting all of these students registered. This will now allow us to begin to select course offerings and make timetables for the 2021-2022 school year.

**School Culture:** Northeast Kings Education Centre continues to develop a very positive reputation as a quality school. I encourage all community members to promote our Expectations for Success:

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



We will be having a virtual presentation with Aubrey Noronha who is a Nationally recognized public speaker from Toronto on April 9. Aubrey will be speaking to all of our

students in a virtual school-wide presentation with a focus on equity, respect, and antiracism. There will be a Middle School and a High School presentation during the morning

**Get Your Child Involved:** We are finishing up our hockey and basketball seasons after March Break and will be starting to get students ready for our spring sports. We have badminton, spring basketball league, track and field, girls rugby and softball starting up after the break.



**Graduation:** Please support our Grade 12 students by helping them to ensure that all course work and requirements are done for graduation purposes. Each year we have one or two very disappointed students who do not reach the requirements for graduation. This is often a very difficult time for those students and families. Please help your child to avoid disappointment. We are planning for two graduation scenarios depending on what Public Health guidelines are for June. We will either be together in the gym or more physically distanced and hopefully outdoors for our ceremony. As we get closer to June we will determine what our final plan will be. Whatever the decision it will be as wonderful as possible for our grads. Grad gowns, caps and tassels are being ordered soon so we need to get the heights of all our grads so their gown fits them well. Mrs. Veinot is taking on this responsibility and she has about 120 heights collected so far. Please get your child to check their Grad Class Google classroom for the form to complete with their height.



Have a warm and rewarding spring. Stay involved with your child's education. Stay healthy and happy. If you have any questions, please contact us with them.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Veinot  
Principal

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),



Spring is definitely around the corner. With the warmer change in weather, it is nice to see so many middle school students outside playing in the cohort areas. Please encourage your children to take advantage of the warmer weather and spend their free time outside.

This would also be a perfect time to contact the school if you do not have access to your child's PowerSchool portal to check assessments and progress.

On Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> students will receive their term two report card and the virtual parent teacher appointment information. We strongly recommend that students and parents sign up for parent teacher sessions on April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.



As we enter term three, we continue to model and remind students of our Expectations for Success. Student focus, behavior and citizenship are very important qualities that our educational team work hard to model and promote. In addition, consistent attendance is very important. While it is important

for students to stay home if they are ill in order to reduce the transmission of viruses, once students have been 24 hours symptom-free, we encourage their return to school. If your child is away from school, please ensure they communicate with their teachers regarding missed school work and sign into their Google Classrooms frequently.

Grade nine orientation and course registration information sessions are approaching for NKEC grade eight students. Grade eight students and parents are invited to attend a virtual orientation meeting on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. This is an important meeting regarding grade nine transition and the course registration process. It is strongly recommended that current grade eight students and parents attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact Student Services for more information.

I ask students to continue working hard and be mindful of NKEC Expectations for Success and COVID-19 Protocols. Together we will continue to make our school a safe environment for your child.

Pete Gebhardt  
Vice Principal

**NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES**

**Scholarships/Bursaries**

Keep an eye on the box! There have been several new scholarships added to the files in Student Services over the past month, and new ones are appearing weekly. Keep checking the potential grad google classroom and Information Box in the Student Services Office. Students who are considering programs at the Nova Scotia Community College beginning September 2021 are encouraged to apply ASAP. Any grade 11 student who is considering NSCC programs for the following year (September 2022) are also able to apply at this time.

**Course Registration 2021-2020 Grades 9-11**

The course selection process, presentations and on-line registration process is now complete for grades 9-11. A huge thank you goes out to the High School Student Ambassadors for their support and assistance to help make the process successful!

**DO (Discovering Opportunities)**

Discovering Opportunities (DO) is a program that is offered for students entering grade 9 at NKEC. It is a privilege for NKEC to be able to offer this program and is the only school in the AVRCE that does so.

Students attend the core courses as a small cohort of 20 students and have two lead teachers. DO is in an integrated project-based environment. Students participate in activities to enhance personal growth, academic skills, and personal and career goal setting.

Students that make an excellent fit for the program are those who would fit some of the following criteria:

- Feel disconnected from learning, for a variety of reasons and/or are not meeting their full academic potential.
- Would contribute to positive group dynamics.
- Would benefit from being part of a close-knit learning community.
- See little connection between the classroom and real life.
- Could benefit from more opportunities for empowerment.
- Be prepared to commit to this alternative learning approach and participate in all parts of the DO program.

**Grade 8 students at KCA and NKEC** will be receiving a presentation regarding the DO program and hear from some students who are part of the current NKEC DO group.

Students wishing to be considered for interviews must submit an application no later than **Monday, March 22**. Applications are available from the Grade 8 homeroom teachers, school administrator, Mr. Sanford (Rm. 204) or Mrs. Williams (Rm. 202).

**GRAD NEWS**

There will be a grad parent meeting on Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00 (link will be posted on the NKEC calendar on the website) to discuss fundraising plans for our safe grad events.

**ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT**



As the basketball season enters its final few weeks, we continue to be proud of the development and performances of all of our teams. Boasting seven teams across all grade levels, NKEC has a solid base of students involved in the game. Our junior teams enter an adjusted playoff schedule during the two weeks either side of March break, while the senior teams will be playing their round robin games for regionals after March break. We wish all our players and coaches good luck as they wrap up their respective seasons.

Badminton will continue to run on Tuesdays after school from 3:30pm until 5pm. All students are invited to come out and learn the game. The format for competitive badminton is still being confirmed but we are excited to offer another great program.

Sr Girls Softball has also recently started up with the girls getting some early reps in the gym. As the weather changes the girls will be ready to get outside to kick off the season.

Track and Field is starting after March Break with our middle and long distance runners practicing on Mondays and Wednesdays and our sprinters on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Skiing & Snowboarding has been hurt by Covid as much as any other sport this year. They were able to get some practice time on the slopes and one meet was organized by adults who are strong proponents of the two sports.

Our senior mixed curling team finished third at regionals, losing to Parkview in the semi-final before defeating Middleton in the 3rd place match.



Our hockey teams have now concluded their seasons and we have been very fortunate to get our students on the ice this year. The Sr. Girls Hockey team have had a good season and have just finished up this past weekend. It has been amazing to witness a group of students, who for some, have never played hockey, come together to practice and play hard and come to enjoy the wonderful game of hockey. It is special to see the more experienced players encourage the less experienced. These are a unique group of athletes! We are thankful that we were able to have a hockey season this year. We would like to recognize our grads, Sarah MacDougall, Anneke Rafuse, Alyssa Fitzgerald, Lauren Golding and Brooke MacNeil. We will definitely miss their leadership and love of the game next year on the bench.

The Senior Boys hockey team entered into a rebuilding year with four returning players. The coaches have been delighted with these young athletes and have watched them improve as the year has progressed. It has been a difficult season looking at the win - loss column, but it has been a very successful year in many other aspects. To watch this group of student-athletes mold into a team that never quits and is always open to a challenge has been very rewarding. We would like to acknowledge and wish our six graduating players the best of luck in their future endeavours. The players are; Liam Sarsfield, Jacob Corbin, Gordy Collishaw, Bret Anderson, Zack Masters and Aidan Selfridge. We would like to thank all of the players, coaches and parents that have made this season a success. Your time, dedication and effort is very much appreciated.

Dale Sanford/Ross Bentley  
Co-Athletic Directors

**MARCH BREAK TRIP**



Greece 2022. In just 263 days a large group from the NKEC family are boarding a plane for Greece. Want to join our adventure? See Mr. Priddle for details or contact [fpriddle@gnspecs.ca](mailto:fpriddle@gnspecs.ca) to reserve one of the limited number of remaining spots.

**Dates to Remember**



March – Mars - Siewkesiku's	
12	Marking Day – No school for Middle School
12	Last teaching day before March Break
22	First teaching day after Break
25	Middle School reports go home
31	Evening with the Arts 6:30pm
April – Avril - Penatmuiku's	
2	Good Friday – No School
5	Easter Monday – No School
8	Middle School parent teacher – 6:30-8:30pm
9	Middle School parent teacher – 1:30-3:30pm
9	Newsletter