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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),

It is so good to have all our students and staff in our school for April. A year ago, we were forced to be isolated and teaching virtually to our students. Having your child in our school is such a great feeling and we enjoy having all 828 students in our school every day. We never want to go through what we all experienced last April. We have done everything that Public Health has asked of us, in and out of school, and we are able to attend school in person! We are so fortunate to be together learning as other parts of the country are not as fortunate as we are. Please keep safe as you move through this warmer season.

Spring is certainly in the air now and it is a welcome sight! I want to thank all of our staff and community members that are volunteering their time before and after school to provide extra-curricular opportunities for your child(ren) during this Covid time. This week we had band, track & field, softball, basketball, badminton, table tennis, and rugby practices for our students. That is over 150 of our students doing something outside of the academics at our school! That is amazing and it is possible because of 15 staff members and 2 community members. We are so fortunate to have so many opportunities for our students here at Northeast Kings. When you get a chance, please thank our volunteer coaches.

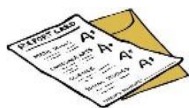


There are only 47 school days before exams for our high school students and 53 days of school left for our middle school students! I am asking your assistance in getting your

child to attend school consistently. Strong attendance is important for our students to have success in their courses and to be developing a stronger understanding of the curriculum. This will result in them receiving better grades. Please encourage your child to be at school and on time every day.



Please keep your eye open for our high school mid-semester reports that will be sent home on Monday, April 19th. Take some time to discuss the reports with your child.



Time is going by quickly. We don't want unpleasant surprises at the end of June. Virtual High School Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday, April 28th 6:30-8:30pm and Thursday, April 29th 1:30-3:30pm. If you need a drive to and/or from the interviews please contact me and we will try to arrange transportation for you.

As our students in high school turn 16, they have the urge to get their driving license. Please make sure if your child drives a vehicle to school that you reinforce the expectations for safe driving. We have had several messages from community

members of cars speeding and passing cars at the end of the day as they travel from our school towards Kentville. We will continue to reinforce respectful driving practices with all our students while at school.



As always, we are a scent-smart and nut smart school and ask that our students and staff refrain from wearing scented products or bringing nut products to school.

Have a great month and please contact us if you have any questions, concerns or compliments that we should be made aware of. Stay safe.

Kevin Veinot
Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Happy April Everyone,



April has arrived and spring is here! I hope your child mentioned the funny April Fool's joke we played on them last week. It was both amazing and surprising to hear so many students speak positively about getting school uniforms to

wear. Trimester number three has started, and we are approaching the final stretch of the school year. There are only approximately 50 school days left and time continues to move very quickly at Northeast Kings Education Centre. Winter weather is done, and the interruption of snow day cancellations should be behind us. In the days ahead, teachers, educational assistants and administration will continue to stress the importance of students working hard in class and completing all assignments. As always, it is very important that students put forth their best effort in class at all times as we approach the final months of the school year.

Please remember that afternoon parent/guardian meetings for middle school will take place on April 29th not April 9th. There is no change to the evening appointments, they are still on April 8th. Please continue to speak with your child about progress made in class. Ongoing communication between home and school is strongly encouraged. Parent portal access also helps parents monitor progress. If you do not have access to your child's portal account, please contact the main office for additional information.

Middle school students have several opportunities to demonstrate understanding of curricular topics. Grade 6, 7 & 8



teachers work to ensure curriculum is differentiated and adapted. This is an exhausting task as every student learns differently. I would like to thank teachers and educational assistants for their ongoing efforts. Recognizing that each student learns differently, it is important

that students continue to be self-advocates and ask for help whenever necessary. Please encourage your child to ask for help if they are feeling overwhelmed or falling behind. It is important to reach out early because extra help sessions have to be planned out in greater detail due to COVID protocols.

Current grade 8 students will begin to participate in grade nine orientation activities and will be submitting course registration information soon. Please keep an eye out for any future Alerts with details about future transition/orientation meetings.



As always, I encourage all students to take responsibility for their actions, both positive and negative, and to be respectful of their colleagues and staff.

Pete Gebhardt
Vice Principal

STUDENT SERVICES

Please visit the nkec.ca/scholarships page to see the very latest information on scholarships and bursaries available to our students.



Lieutenant Governor's Medal nominations are in and we are in the process of choosing our medal winners for 2021 - congratulations to those who were nominated and stay tuned for the news on the winner!

ATHLETICS



As we move into the Spring sports season, we have lots going on. Badminton is currently running on Tuesday and Thursday after school until 5pm. All grade levels are invited to come out. We also have Table Tennis running

on Monday and Thursday after school. Senior girls Rugby is starting on Monday, April 11th after school. Any girls in grade 10 or higher that are interested should check in with Mr. Barton. We are also introducing a middle school Co-Ed flag rugby club that will be on Monday and Wednesday after school until 4:45pm. It is a great opportunity to learn about the game. Any interested students should ask Mrs. Baldwin for more details.

Our Sr. girls softball team are currently practicing on Monday and Wednesday and are looking forward to the warmer weather and getting some much awaited games in. We are also pleased to be offering a Jr. Girls softball team, practices and tryouts will be announced shortly. Please check in on the Athletic Website for updates.



Basketball season is now all but complete with all senior teams making in to the Championship games. The Junior boys and girls team both had great seasons, either learning the game for the first time, or developing new skills.

We would like to extend a big thank you to all the coaches, players and parents that have made this basketball season happen. It has been a long season and many hours have been volunteered. Thank you, Titan family.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

April is usually the time for the Annapolis Valley Music Festival and all three ensembles, Sr. Concert Band, Jr. Concert Band and Sr. Jazz Band would be hard at work preparing their music. However, due to the ongoing pandemic, we are modifying the festival for this year. The Sr. Concert Band will play on Monday, **April 26th @ 5:00 pm** in the NKEC Gymnasium. We have invited Mr. Gene Hay to come to the school to be our adjudicator for the evening. Following a quick set change and warm up, the Sr. Jazz Band will perform at **6:30 pm** in the same space. We will provide a link for our video of the performances for friends and family to enjoy the efforts of our musicians. Listed below is the schedule for the evening. As always, thank you so much for your continued support of the NKEC Music Department!

- 3:15 - 4:30 - Set up in the gym
- 4:30 - 5:00 - Sr. Concert Band warm up
- 5:00 pm - Sr. Concert Band performance and adjudication
- 5:45 - 6:10 - Reset for jazz band
- 6:10 - 6:30 - Sr. Jazz Band warm up
- 6:30 pm - Sr. Jazz Band performance and adjudication
- 7:15 - TEAR DOWN and return all gear

MARCH BREAK TRIP

Are you currently in grade 10 or 11 and thinking about taking part in the March Break 2022 NKEC tour of Greece? Scan the QR code to receive the link to our google meet for a virtual information session, Thursday April 15, at 6:30 pm with EF Tours staff and Mr. Priddle to answer your questions and review the trip. (Students and parents currently registered for the trip can attend also - there will be another session later this spring specifically for students / parents currently registered).



Dates to Remember



April	
19	High School Reports go home
28	High School Parent Teacher Interviews 6:30-8:30pm
29	Early Dismissal – 12:15
29	Middle School Parent Teacher Interviews 1:30-3:30
29	High School Parent Teacher Interviews 1:30-3:30
May	
14	Newsletter
24	Victoria Day – No School

