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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),



May has not turned out like we hoped it would due to our increase in Covid numbers within our province. We hope that the decline we are seeing from

the restrictions placed on all Nova Scotians will continue for the remainder of this month so we can have our students return to school in June. We have been very fortunate to get eight months of in school learning this year but it is still disappointing to not have your child in our school and in front of their teachers for every class. Hopefully we will get your child back to school for June to finish the year just as we strated the year!

I need to thank our students for the excellent attendance they have shown to our teachers in every classroom since we strated teaching virtually. I have had several high school teachers tell me that their attendance is better virtually than it was when we did in person learning. I also want to thank all our teachers and support staff for doing excellent work with their virtual teaching and support of our students. I have been in all virtual classes and the teaching your child is receiving on-line is great. Please continue to reinforce that your child needs to attend every class and the focus needs to be on their education as we draw near to the end of the year and final assessments.

AP Capstone Program

Our AP Capstone Program has all of our AP students writing their final exams virtually with all other students around the world but due to school closure these exams were forced to be taken two weeks later than anticipated. Our Capstone Program is doing exceptionally well with our students outperforming the rest of the world when we compare our average results with the global results. We have a full complement of 16 grade 10 students signed up for next year. It has been certainly obvious that there is a need at our school for this rigorous academic Program.

Lieutenant Governor Medal Nominees



Our staff has been given the difficult task of nominating the most outstanding grade 11 students from our school. After much deliberation, our selection committee recognized Claire Zettler and Nick Vidito as our two most outstanding students in

grade 11 as this year's recipients of the prestigious Lieutenant Governor Medals. These students will receive their medals at a later date due to the restrictions placed on us at the present time. Congratulations Claire and Nick!

Concours d'art oratoire

Our Immersion students recently competed at the Concours d'art oratoire. (French public speaking contest). We just received the results and Nora Kaizer (grade 11) and Oliver Baker (grade 10) both won gold for their grade level for the province! Congratulations to Nora and Oliver and our Immersion teachers! This is another great representation and results for our Titans at the Provincial level.

Ambassadors for our School and Community:

We really have a great school here at Northeast Kings Education Centre. The reason for this is that we have great students who are handling all the many choices they are presented with daily in a responsible fashion. They occasionally do not make the best decisions, but we hope that they learn from their experiences so that they can be a great citizen when they finally leave our school community. Another reason that we have such a wonderful school is the fact that we have fantastic staff that genuinely cares about our students. They do not just focus on the academics but they also support all of our students' social and emotional growth as they mature into young adult citizens. The final reason that we have such fine students is because of you parents and guardians that instill strong morals and values in your child. During this time of great need for all Nova Scotians to meet the expectations placed on all of us from our Premier, please make sure you and your children meet these expectations. It is challenging but it is a challenge that we all must accept and make a reality. As we say to our students, do the right thing, whether someone is watching or not.

Enjoy the spring weather and continue to be involved with your child's education and stay safe.

Kevin Veinot
Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Hello Parents, Guardians & Students,



It is difficult to believe we have now entered the 14th month of living within this global pandemic. Despite all of the changes, recent public health restrictions and school closures, I hope that you and your family are doing okay. We now understand how challenging online learning can be, but after spending the past week and a

half going into and visiting with our middle school online classes, it is easy to see the keen determination of so many students to keep on top of their academics. Our middle school staff have been working so hard to try and provide a high level of academic rigour for all of their students during this latest COVID lockdown. I am proud to say that all of our staff have been able to achieve this through hard work, planning and dedication to their professions.



We understand how difficult it can be for families to keep their children motivated to participate in online classes during at home learning, but please keep up the hard work. You are doing a fantastic job. We know this because we see such a high level

of participation from so many students and realize that everyone at home is helping as well.

Moving forward, if you have any questions, concerns, or educational emergencies, please email your child's teacher, teaching support teacher, or administration to make us aware. Our goal is to troubleshoot any problems or challenges around online learning so your child can continue to grow academically.

Again, thank you to students for engaging in this unique learning process and to parents for supporting your child's education at this time. Please communicate with your child's teacher if they are experiencing difficulty. I hope that everyone remains safe and that students are actively engaged in learning.

Take Care,
Pete Gebhardt

NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES



Scholarships/Bursaries

Scholarship and Bursaries are being added to the NKEC Scholarship Webpage. Please check it out!

<http://NKEC.com/scholarships>

A friendly reminder that the deadline for the staff selected bursary is May 21st.

Scholarship Announcement

If you have received an entrance award, Ms. Garland has created a doc on the Potential Grad Classroom where you can enter in your award if you would like this announced at graduation.

NKEC Lieutenant Governor Medal Recipients

Congratulations to **Claire Zettler** and **Nick Vidito** for receiving the **2021 Lieutenant Governor** medals. The Lieutenant Governor medals are awarded to two students in grade 11 who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and service in the school and community and commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled. Well done Claire and Nick!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Welcome back to online learning 2.0! As much as I would like to talk about our Music Department results at the Annapolis Valley Music Festival or our performances

at the Evening of the Arts or how we're preparing for our

end of the year concert and honouring our Grade 8 students and graduates, all of that is still on hold as we deal with the effects of Covid-19 for a second straight year.

We are still having Junior Concert Band 'rehearsals' once a week via Google Meets, but our Senior Concert and Jazz Bands are on hiatus until we can come back to school and can gather in groups up to 20 people. The Junior Concert Band students have been split into brass and woodwind/percussion groups for their rehearsals. The rehearsals take place at 2:30 pm (after a normal Middle School day) and last for approximately 30 – 45 minutes. Following is the schedule through the month of May:

Tuesday, May 18 – woodwinds/percussion

Tuesday, May 25 – brass

Tuesday, June 1 – woodwinds/percussion

Thank you to all who continue to support our musicians as we all deal with these changes.

Library News:

SYNC: Free YA audiobook downloads for 14 weeks.

SYNC is a free summer audiobook program for teens. Starting April 29th and running for 14 weeks until August 4th, teens can download from SYNC two audiobooks each week based on weekly themes. Visit

<http://www.audiobooksync.com/>



2021 COVID Relief Fund:

The 2021 COVID Relief Fund is a new program available to Nova Scotians who meet the below criteria and provide the supporting documentation. Please note if you have received assistance from the HEAT Fund, you are still eligible to receive assistance from the COVID Relief Fund. **Applications are available by contacting johnlohrmla@gmail.com** or at 347 Main Street, Kentville.

- You have an overdue amount owing on your heating or electric bill
- Your household has been impacted financially due to COVID-19
- You live within the following low-income thresholds;

\$29,000 for one-person households,
\$47,703 for two to four person households,
\$67,937 for households of five or more individuals

Dates to Remember



May	
24	Victoria Day – No School
June	
4	June Newsletter