



# 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,

October already! Welcome to autumn. The North Mountain is just starting to show its final colors before the snow starts flying. Hopefully we will continue to experience this fine, warm autumn weather we have had these past few weeks. This is a great time of the year. We have had a very successful start to the school year in both our High School and our Middle School. We have 824 students enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year which is what we projected last January.

With the cooler temperatures starting to creep into our days, there will be an increase in student illnesses which happens every October. With our increase in hand sanitizing or hand washing with soap and wearing masks constantly throughout our school, we will prevent many of these illnesses. We do want to remind you that if your child has a fever or a new or worsening cough or two or more of these symptoms; sore throat, runny nose/nasal congestion, headache, or shortness of breath, then they should remain home until they taken and received a negative Covid test or are 24 hours symptom free without taking any medication. We know that this is a challenge for many families but we must do our best to prevent the spread of any possible infection. We thank you greatly for your efforts to these details.

Our Province is asking for full vaccination by November 9 of all students who participate in any extracurricular activity that happens before and after our regular school day. All spectators must show full vaccination and photo identification proof to attend any extra-curricular event host by our school whether it is indoors, outdoors or at another venue. We hosted a large cross country meet here at our school on Tuesday and we had over 100 spectators and everyone was kind and respectful as they showed all proof that we asked from them. Thank you to everyone who was here and did such a great job with this additional expectation to watch a school event!

All staff and all visitors to our school must show proof of full vaccination and photo identification as of November 30, 2021. Please be respectful with our staff who requests this proof. Any school meeting that is deemed essential will not need the participants involved to show proof of full vaccination for this essential meeting. Things like a parent-teacher interview, program planning meeting or health plan of care meeting are

examples of essential meetings.

Our students are well settled into this school year and are taking pride in our school and their work. They are a great group of people with many positive traits. We have had a great group of student leaders taking charge of our school year for our student body! They have created such a positive vibe throughout our school so far this year and they continue to impress our staff with their commitment and dedication to improving our school climate and culture. It is so wonderful to be able to offer a full array of extra-curricular activities for our students to participate in. Our senior girls' golf team just won the Provincial Championship by one stroke on Monday. This is the first time in our school's history that a Provincial golf banner has been won!

One of the greatest gifts a child can receive is a strong education. It's sad to see students and families who lose that perspective. We will continue to do our best to make learning meaningful and to track attendance. We will also notify you when we see a concern. Please be sure that your child is attending school.

Our SAGA - Sexuality and Gender Acceptance student and staff team is up and started. Our Mission statement is, "We believe in equality" and is the foundation for all that our committee works towards. I am so proud of our students and how accepting they are of our diversity of students in our school. Northeast Kings Education Centre is truly a great place to grow and receive your education.



We have completed three fire drills, one hold and secure and one lockdown already. We can have our entire school population out of the building in under two minutes and it is amazing that we can take 824 students and almost 100 staff and have them all out of sight in a matter of seconds! These are mandatory events that we must practice in case we ever had to use them in the case of an emergency. We expect that we will never have to use them, but we still must be prepared in case of that one exception.



We are hoping that Halloween will be a go this year and so far, Public Health has said it is going to happen. Halloween can be a fun time of year when children get to dress up and visit neighbours looking for treats. It can also be a time of year when accidents happen. I caution you to keep your children safe and to know what they are doing Halloween evening. Unfortunately, there can also be a lot of unnecessary destruction. Please teach your children to be good citizens. Have fun!



Remembrance Day is just around the corner. Our Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly will be held on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Helms Band students and Ms. Salmon's Drama 12 class will take full responsibility for the production of



these assemblies. We would love to have you attend our virtual ceremony so we hope to provide a link on our school website for you to view our ceremony. This ceremony is a very important part of who we are at Northeast Kings Education Centre and the respect and admiration we have for all Canadians who have served and do serve our country. If you cannot make it to our ceremony then please attend your community service on Remembrance Day.

Have a great October. Remain informed by using our website at: <http://www.nkec.ca>

Kevin Veinot  
Principal

**MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS**

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

First off, thank you parents and guardians! Without your help and dedication to your children’s education, we would not have been able to have such a successful September as we did. As we forge ahead, September can be viewed as the month where students coming into grade 6 begin to get their bearings in such a big new place and for grade 7 and 8 students to continue on their journey to high school. September was also an important month for staff members to begin developing learning relationships with their students as well. Middle level Titans have done a great job demonstrating an awareness of NKEC Expectations for Success.



At the end of September, we conducted our first virtual Positive Participation Presentation (PPP) assembly where our September Students of the Month were celebrated. We were also able to do some draws for NKEC swag.

The October SOTM’s are as follows:

6 Duncan/Pound	Tanaya Brathwaite and Dawson Roberts
6 Field/Corkum	Amos Sinclair and Phoebe Banks
7 Fougere	Sarah Muise
7 EMac	Faythe Lantz
7 PMac	Isabella Parks
8 Bunin	Niasia Brathwaite
8 Mahar	Gwen Galloway
8 Young	Emme Harvey

Congratulations everyone! Moving forward, we are hoping that COVID restrictions lessen over the school year and we can expand our PPP assemblies to celebrate our student achievement as a group. This will include opportunities to honour student achievement, share individual talents and celebrate Titan pride.

October exploratories will be starting next Wednesday, Oct 13th. Exploratories give our MS students a chance to experience an activity they may never have tried before, or an activity they already enjoy for three Wednesday afternoons. All staff members plan an activity so between 15 and 30 students can participate. This years exploratories include activities such as: Flag Football, Rock Painting, Mandelas Creation, STEM Games, Reading and

Pickle Ball just to name a few. Homerooms will be signing up for their exploratories this Friday afternoon.



If you have not already done so, please send a water bottle with your child as it will be easier to keep them hydrated and it will ease the number of trips to the water fountain. We are also limited on the amount of disposable cups we are able to provide.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please keep in touch with our middle school staff.

Pete Gebhardt  
Vice Principal, Middle School

**NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES**

September was a very busy month filled with course changes and discussions with many students around post-secondary education. Please encourage your NKEC student to make an appointment or stop by at lunch/recess time if they have questions or concerns. Many universities have online applications open as of October 1st for early acceptance.

**POST-SECONDARY PRESENTATIONS**

Thankfully we are back to being able to have our post-secondary presenters in the building! We have already had MSVU and have several more bookings coming, including Military Recruiters. Please keep an eye on the Potential Grad Google Classroom for any and all information about these sessions, as well as other important grad info!

**SAT’s**

Any student interested in attending a University in the United States must register for the SAT test on-line @ [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). The test is written at King's-Edgell, Dalhousie or Parkview Education Centre depending on your chosen date.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

<http://nkec.ca/scholarships>  
Scholarship information is now available @ Student Services for the National based Loran Scholarship, TD and a few others. Please keep watching the Potential Grad Google Classroom and the Student Services Office for more information.

**UPCOMING OPEN HOUSES**

Many schools are still hosting Virtual Open Houses at this time of year. Please check each institution’s website for the most up-to-date list. There are many schools that don’t have official Virtual Open Houses but have e-tours available.

Concerned about what your future career choices are?

The province has purchased license rights for a web-based career exploration program called myblueprint. It is an amazing tool! To create a log in please go to [myblueprint.ca/avrbs](http://myblueprint.ca/avrbs) and use the key NKEC to open your account.



**DUKE OF EDINBURGH**

The Duke of Edinburgh award is an international program that empowers youth through volunteer, physical recreation and skill development. Participants in the award also complete an adventurous journey component which combines camping with hiking, biking or canoeing. Students over

the age of 14 can join the program and work independently with extracurricular activities that they are already involved in to complete three levels of the award (bronze, silver and gold). Each level earns a high school credit. For more information check <https://www.dukeofed.org/> or contact Mme Comeau-Sine.

**NKEC ATHLETICS**



Fall sports are in full swing with our soccer teams moving into the business end of the season. With Regionals around the corner, both junior teams will look to make the play-in games, while our senior girl's team looks to repeat once again as Regional Champions. The senior boy's team has also made a promising start and will look to make some noise at the regional tournament. We have had incredible success with our golfers this year, winning the junior boy's regional banner, as well as our very young senior girl's team winning both the regional and provincial banners! Outstanding success for our young golf teams.

Our girl's volleyball teams are all up running. We are pleased to be offering junior, JV and senior girls teams with games and mini-tournaments starting over the next few weeks. The Varsity football team has again produced a very promising and exciting start to the season. Starting 3-0 this team of many different experience levels has put together some impressive performances including a great win live on Eastlink. Cross country is moving through its local meets with a number of students from a variety of grade levels competing. The annual NKEC cross country was held this past week and we had some great performances from all athletes involved. Our senior hockey teams are just finishing the tryout phase and basketball is due to get underway towards the end of the month. Senior tryouts will begin the week of the 18th, while junior and JV teams will soon follow.



As we are all aware, we are living in a time where it is necessary to be double-vaccinated if we want to attend non-essential activities. This includes all sports that fall under SSNS. Starting on October 4th, all coaches and spectators need to be double-vaccinated in order to participate or watch a SSNS event. For all of our home games, the administration and athletic department will have a table set up where all spectators are expected to show proof of vaccination and another piece of ID. This same expectation exists at any away game that you attend as a spectator. We appreciate your understanding and support in this necessary regulation.

If you are interested in seeing any of the NKEC team's schedules please check out the NKEC Athletics Site, which can be found linked on our school homepage.

Ross Bentley/ Dale Sanford  
Athletic Directors

**MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

We have a pretty quiet month of October with rehearsals and sectionals planned in preparation for our rather full performance schedule in November and December. For parents and students who are new to NKEC Music, our rehearsal schedule is as follows:



Sr. Concert Band – Mondays @ 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

Sr. Jazz Band – Fridays @ 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.

Jr. Concert Band will rehearse during their regularly scheduled class times.

We have a new ensemble for students in grades 9 – 12: Beginning High School Band! This group will meet once a week and how to play a concert band instrument will be taught to the students. This will help to bring back some of what was lost during our Covid shut downs. We meet on Thursdays from 3:20 – 4:30 p.m.

Finally, our **adult beginner band** will resume rehearsals this fall! This group is open to ANY adult who would love to learn a concert band instrument and play in an ensemble for fun and laughs! There is no cost to join the group, just a willingness to learn and try new ideas. If you have an instrument, feel free to bring it, if you need to rent one, the cost is \$40 for the full school year. We also are using the red, Standards of Excellence, Book 1 as our method book.

Our first **North Mountain Concert Band** starts on October 7<sup>th</sup> and every Thursday evening following from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Maggie Helms @ [mhelms@gnsps.ca](mailto:mhelms@gnsps.ca) for more information.

As always, thank you for all of the support for our students in the Music Department!

**2021-2022 YEARBOOKS**

Yearbooks must be preordered by Oct. 30. Go to [nkec.ca](http://nkec.ca) and click on the yearbook link to preorder. Don't miss out! [fpiddle@gnsps.ca](mailto:fpiddle@gnsps.ca) if you have any questions.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

OCTOBER – OCTOBRE - WIKEWIKUS	
11	Thanksgiving – No School
22	Provincial Conference - <b>No School for Students</b>
NOVEMBER – NOVEMBRE – KEPTEKEWIKU'S	
5	Site-based In-Service – No School
10	Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly: 1:00 & 2:15pm
11	Remembrance Day – No School
12	November Newsletter
17	Early Dismissal – 12:15 (all students)
18	Middle & High School Reports go home
24	MS & HS Parent-Teacher Interviews – 6:30 – 8:30
25	Early Dismissal – 12:15 (all students)
29	Book Fair (Nov 29 – Dec 4)





## Community News



### **Early Christmas Hamper Registration**

**October 19-22 & 26-29**

**(9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-4:00pm)**

Location: The Salvation Army Community Church  
15 Nichols Ave. Kentville, NS

Please call for an appointment (902 678 4534)

**FACE MASKS REQUIRED**

### **ANNAPOLIS VALLEY HONOUR CHOIR**

The Annapolis Valley Honour Choirs are back in full swing, and they are still accepting registrations for their programs. Any students from grades 3-12 are welcome and can join anytime!

AVHC is **so much more** than a choir! Nationally recognized, AVHC is a fun, **accessible, inclusive** program that offers complete and well-rounded musical experiences through singing, musicianship skills, leadership and more. Known for its excellence in education and capacity for community building, the program is rooted in teamwork and common vision. It is a **positive, safe and supportive atmosphere** for all young people to build their confidence and discover their true voice.

**Want to join or want more info? Get in touch!**

[coordinator@avhc.ca](mailto:coordinator@avhc.ca)

[www.avhc.ca](http://www.avhc.ca)

### **VICTORY TAEKWONDO**

"The first step is always the hardest."

At Victory Taekwondo we make starting easy. All you need to do is get yourself to the door. We'll guide you through the rest. Our Nationally Certified Instructors are friendly, approachable and encourage questions.

Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays:

Age 4-6: 5:30pm-6:15pm

Age 7-11: 6:15pm-7:15pm

Age 12+: 7:15-8:15pm

Please contact for your free trial classes.

Call/Text: 902-670-7897

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