



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),

We have made it through the first two weeks of November and our students have been showing us that they can meet the challenges of public education. Our students have been giving a solid effort and using learning strategies to be successful in our classrooms. Our staff is making a conscious effort to build a rapport with every student in our school so each student feels like they have at least one adult “champion” in our staff that they can depend on if times get challenging. We sat down and discussed every student in our school with our staff last Friday and this past Monday to identify any students that no staff felt they had a good rapport with at this time and we determined which staff members would take on the task of trying to build a better relationship with each of these students. Having positive relationships with students is very important for our staff and we spend considerable time discussing all of our students and their well-being during the school year.

I want to congratulate some of our athletic teams and the tremendous success they have achieved over the past month.



Congratulations goes out to our Middle School boys' soccer team for winning a

Regional banner against an undefeated Wolfville team that beat us both times we played them in exhibition season! It was a great effort shown by the entire team! Congratulations also goes out to our senior girls' soccer team for winning the silver medal at the Provincial Championship with a nail-biting 1-0 loss in the finals! I would like to recognize our football team this season for the tremendous grit and determination they showed. Even though we almost didn't have a team because we did not have enough students, we persevered and found 27 students. Despite our school population being less than that of the schools we competed against, we had some great victories and competitive losses even against the powerful Citadel High School. Great job Titans! 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

Northeast Kings Education Centre had an outstanding virtual Remembrance Day ceremony on November 10th. I would like to thank Ms. Helms for taking on

the responsibility of producing and leading this ceremony. I also want to thank our students who performed so well in our filming sessions as we created our 45 minute ceremony. 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 helping organize a major assembly! 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.

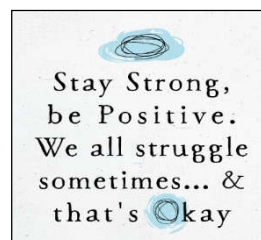
Parent-teacher visitations will take place on Wednesday, November 24th from 6:30-8:30 pm and Thursday, November 25th from 1:30-3:30 pm for all of our students. Please make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

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 drop into the office and fill in a form, show picture ID and we will get you your username and password so you can access your child's grades and attendance anywhere you have internet access. High school parents will be able to sign up for a digital report card for February if they choose. It is a new option for us and one I hope many of you take us up on it.



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. With the provincial attendance policy in place it is even more important to make sure your child comes to school every possible day 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

NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES



Scholarships:

The scholarship applications are beginning to roll in. Please check NKEC.ca under the Student Services heading for the latest scholarship info!

Open Houses and University Visits:

As we are headed back to a bit of normal, we have been able to have our in-person university visits! We have already had Acadia, St. FX, SMU, UNB and there are a few more to come. Watch the Grad Google Classroom for more info. It's worth taking a few minutes out of your lunch break as there is often an opportunity to apply for admission without paying the fee!

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 earlier, 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/avrbsb use NKEC as the log in code.

GRAD NEWS

Grad Hoodies

Grad hoodies can be ordered ALL year from the website below. Sample sizes are available in Mrs. Osmond's room for grads to try on at lunchtime. If you would like to order a hoodie and have it in before Christmas, your order must be placed by Fri., Dec 3rd.

<https://nicks-customized-apparel.myshopify.com/collections/nkec-grad-2021>

Facebook Group

Please join our Facebook Group to stay up to date on all Safe Grad activities/fundraising

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/849513722399524/>

Our fundraising activities have started for the year in order to help us make \$\$ for whatever our 'Safe Grad' will look like for the grads this year. We need LOTS of help, so if you are not receiving grad emails from Jenn Osmond or Jacqueline Faber, please send jennosmond@gnspecs.ca or jfaber@gnspecs.ca an email to ensure you are added to our list.

2 fundraisers quickly approaching...

1. Pancake Breakfast with Santa! The NKEC Safe Grad committee is hosting a Santa's Pancake Breakfast at the Kentville Fire Hall on Nov 20th from 8:00 - 11:00 am. Santa will be visiting from the North Pole to have his picture taken with the kids. It is a free will offering and all proceeds will go to help fund the NKEC Safe Grad event in June.

2. Sign Night - come in and paint a sign with Pat Hines, of Sparklesign. Please email ecottenden@bellaliant.net to register and pick which sign you would like to paint, and expect a confirmation email to ensure that you are registered! Dec 1st, 6 - 9 pm, NKEC cafeteria.

Sign Night Options - go to our Facegroup group page noted above to see a better view of all of the sign options shown below.



All school associated activities involving Safe Grad, or our fundraising events, require that students, volunteers, and guests be double vaccinated.

NKEC ATHLETICS REPORT



Our fall sports have almost come to a conclusion. Our football team had an outstanding season given that they were unsure if the numbers would be there to even have a team this year. The team managed three wins and was finally defeated by a strong Parkview team in the D2 playdowns. Thank you to Reg Ogilvie and Tara Ryan for their strong leadership with our players.

We had 3 runners qualify for cross country provincials that took place at the Osprey Golf Course in Bridgewater. Congratulations to Oliver Baker, Bronwyn Knowlton and Olivia Seaman for representing the school very well and running a quality race. Thank you to Mrs. Baldwin for her leadership with the cross country program again this year.



We had amazing results with our golf and soccer programs this fall. Our senior girl's golf team won the provincial banner and our junior boy's team won the regional banner.

These are firsts for our school and show the commitment of our athletes to put the time on the golf courses over the summer. Thanks to all the golfers who represented NKEC this fall and to Mr. Smith and Mr. Pope for their leadership.

Our middle school soccer teams had excellent seasons, both showing huge growth along the way. Our girl's team finished the season with an equal amount of wins and losses while our junior boy's team won the Regional Tier 3 championship, defeating Wolfville 1-0 in the final! This regional banner is also the first in the school's history. Our senior boy's team had a good season, qualifying for regionals and then losing 2-1 to SAERC in a provincial qualifier. Our senior girl's team attempted for their third straight provincial banner but lost 1-0 to Halifax Grammar in an evenly played provincial final to finish with the silver medals.

We are in the midst of our volleyball seasons with all of our girls teams developing and learning the game. Our JV team travels to Avon View this weekend to participate in their Regional tournament, while our Senior Girls team recently qualified for the Regional tournament to be hosted at KES in the coming week. Our Junior girls team has also made some excellent progress, and has been able to experience some mini games for the first time. Well done to all our Volleyball teams and coaches.

Basketball is just about to start competition at the senior level with both Varsity teams playing their first games over the next week.



Our Senior girls are Co-hosting with Horton the Eastern Canadian Classic Nov 19th-21st which will showcase some of the best Division 1 teams from across the Province, so check the Athletics Website for details and come on out to watch some games. JV boys have completed their tryouts and are now practicing in preparation for their season opener. Our JV Girls team will begin its season over the next week. Please listen to the announcements for further details. The junior teams will be having practices starting the week of Nov 15th. All middle school students who are interested in playing should listen to announcements and put their names on the sign up sheets outside the middle school gym doors.



The senior boys hockey team played two games last weekend winning both of their contests against PEB and Clare. November is a busy month with 4 more league games and the North Nova tournament at the end of the month. The team is young, but has a nice core of veterans to lead the team throughout the year. This coming weekend the team is home to Forest Heights on Friday night and away in Yarmouth on Sunday. The team has lots to learn, but it has been a great start to the year. Our senior girls hockey team has also been out on the ice. With a young team, they are continuing to build their understanding of the game and get some great experience and opportunities in the high school league. Although it has been a tough start, their development continues and they are a fun team to watch. Please check the Athletics website for further scheduling details.



We are excited to have spectators coming back into our gyms, we remind you that in order for you to come into the building and spectate, **please enter through the side entrance of the gym**, located next to the outdoor basketball court. Also, please be willing to provide the supervisor at the gym entrance a proof of vaccination and an ID. Thank you for your cooperation.

Let's Go Titans!

Dale Sanford/ Ross Bentley
Athletic Directors, Northeast Kings

MUSIC DEPARTMENT



We've just had a great virtual Remembrance Day Assembly with the members of the Sr. Concert Band assisting with the ceremony. Thank you to those who viewed and helped to support our recognition of this important day. A special recognition to Coulson Ward and Lauren Evans for their solemn honors with Last Post/Reveille and Chiming of the 11th Hour, respectively.

The annual Music Department Winter Concert will be held, **in person**, on Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. Admission is a free-will offering at the door and we will be observing the protocols for Covid 19 and **checking vaccination status**. Please bring proof of vaccinations and your ID to this **live concert!** The Sr. Concert Band, Sr. Jazz Band, Jr. Concert Band, and North Mountain Concert Band will all be performing on this evening concert. Come out and support your friends in the Music Department!

CALL FOR DONATIONS



The Middle School is in need of any donations of skates, laces, hats and mitts. Items can be dropped off at Student Services. Please contact Mr. Champion for more information.

LIBRARY'S SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place from November 29 - December 3 in the library but parents and students are also welcome to shop via the virtual book fair as well.



<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5153618>.

A flyer will be provided to middle school and interested grade 9 students the week before the Fair and they will also have the opportunity to visit the fair with their class.

There will be three contests connected to the Book Fair. Students in grades 6-9 will be invited to view Book Trailers for books from the Book Fair and be voting for the book that Mrs. Jacquard should buy for the library. The favourite book from each grade will be purchased and one student from that grade who voted for that book will get to read it first. There will also be trivia and poster contests with prizes from the book fair for the winners.

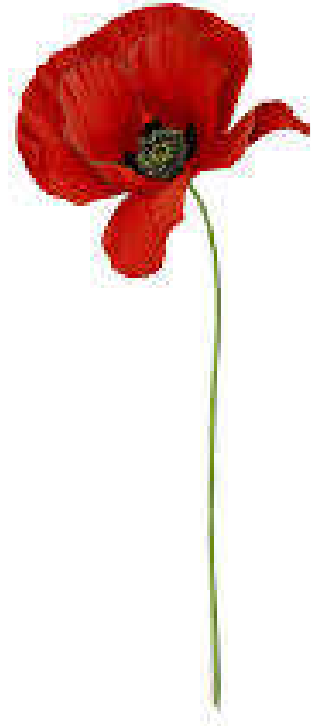
Happy reading and thanks for supporting the NKEC

Library!
Mrs. Jacquard
Librarian

MARCH BREAK TRIP



The March Break trip for 2023 - Europe's Mediterranean Coast is now full. Miss out? Please see Mr. Priddle ASAP to secure a spot on the waitlist in case someone is unable to go. If you are currently in grades 9 or 10 you can secure your spot now for Greece 2024 before that trip fills. See Mr. Priddle for details on enrolling in the 2024 trip and fundraising you can start right now. fpriddle@gnspe.ca with any questions.



NOVEMBER – NOVEMBRE – KEPTEKEWIKUS	
17	Early Dismissal – 12:15
18	Middle School & High School Reports go home.
24	MS & HS Parent-Teacher Interviews 6:30 – 8:30
25	Early Dismissal – 12:15
25	MS & HS Parent-Teacher Interviews 1:30 – 3:30
29-30	Book Fair
DECEMBER – DECEMBRE – KISKEWIKUS	
1-3	Book Fair
10	Newsletter
21	Last Teaching Day before Winter Break