



Kinkora Regional High School

Home of the Blazers

Kinkora Blazers September Newsletter

*Tomorrow is always fresh,
with no mistakes in it.*
~ L.M. Montgomery ~

*One learns by doing a thing:
for though you think you know it,
you have no certainty until you try.*
~ Sophocles ~

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 7 - First day of classes for students**
Sept. 10 - School Photos
Sept. 15 - Peer Helping Training
Sept. 21 - Parent Council Meeting @ 6 p.m.
Sept. 22 - Annual Terry Fox Run
Sept. 27 - Annual Pie Fundraiser begins
Sept. 30 - Truth & Reconciliation Day. No Classes.
Oct. 1 - Joint Staff Day. No classes.
Oct. 11 - Happy Thanksgiving! No classes.
Oct. 14 - Cross Country Provincials
Oct. 23 - Annual Blazer Beef Supper
Oct. 22 - Canadian School Library Day
Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day. No classes.
Nov. 12 & 15 - Annual P.E.I.T.F. Convention. No classes.
Nov. 12 - Grad photos at Heckberts in Summerside
Nov. 25 - Parent/Teacher Interviews from 3:30-8 p.m.
Nov. 26 - Parent/Teacher Interviews from 9 a.m.-12 noon. No classes.
Dec. 17 - Last day of classes for 2021

WELCOME!

Welcome to all K.R.H.S. students, especially our new Gr. 9 students. We have 130 students plus 13 teachers, 3 educational assistants, 1 youth service worker, 4 support staff, 3 chefs, and 6 bus drivers. Here are all our staff members and their contact information:

- Lori Allen** (laallen@edu.pe.ca) ~ Youth Service Worker
Leanne Arsenault (leannearsenault@edu.pe.ca) ~ Educational Assistant
Donna Blanchard (dmb Blanchard@edu.pe.ca) ~ Custodian
Traci Campbell (tdcampbell@edu.pe.ca) ~ Educational Assistant
Lesley Cousins (ldcousins@edu.pe.ca) ~ Peer Helping and Resource
Elmer Croken (ecroken@edu.pe.ca)

~ Custodian

Linda Dawson ~ COVID Cleaner

Ceilidh Gaudet (cjgaudet@edu.pe.ca)

~ Educational Assistant

Matt Killeen (makilleen@edu.pe.ca) ~ Vice-Principal, Science/Robotics, Math, Biology, and Chemistry

Evan Killorn (ejkillorn@edu.pe.ca) ~ Math and Leadership

Ryan McAleer (rmmcaleer@edu.pe.ca) ~ Principal and Physics

Jessica McCarthy (jlmccarthy@edu.pe.ca) ~ School Counselor

Amanda Moffatt (almoffatt@edu.pe.ca)

~ English, Writing, and Social Studies

Norah Pendergast (nependergast@edu.pe.ca)

~ Global Issues, Design, Core French, Exploratory Arts, and Career Explorations & Opportunities

Trent Ranahan (tjranahan@edu.pe.ca)

~ Athletic Director, Physical Education, Math, and Site Technology Contact

Jessica Reeves (jsreeves@edu.pe.ca) ~ Agri-Science/Animal Science, Math, Culinary, Foods & Nutrition, and ADP in Agriculture & Bioscience

Kevin Stewart (kpstewart@edu.pe.ca) ~ English, Entrepreneurship, Geography, and History

Tracy Thomson (ttthomson@edu.pe.ca)

~ Administrative Assistant

Shelley Tremere (sdtrumere@edu.pe.ca)

~ Library, P.E.I. History, Co-op Work Studies, and Distance Education

Dylan Voth (dlvoth@edu.pe.ca) ~ Math, Science, Biology, and Chemistry

Kirk White (kdwhite@edu.pe.ca) ~ Music, History of Pop Music, and English

TBD ~ Law & Social Studies (2nd semester)

Ron Drummond ~ Bus Driver

Pat Flood ~ Bus Driver

Kenny Lawless ~ Bus Driver

Victor Martin ~ Bus Driver

Debbie McIver ~ Bus Driver

Bethany Smith ~ Bus Driver

Food Service Team:

Paul Peters ~ Kitchen Manager

Michelle Gibson ~ Kitchen Assistant

Rachel Lowther-Doiron ~ Kitchen Assistant

The following T.O.S.H. & Holland College staff also teach some of our students:

Richard Beaulieu (rxbeaulieu@edu.pe.ca)

~ Welding

Rob Corkum (rtcorkum@edu.pe.ca) ~ Carpentry

Joan Diamond

(jdiamond@hollandc.pe.ca) ~ Transitions

Mike MacKinnon (mtmackinnon@edu.pe.ca)

~ Automotive Technology

WARM BLAZER WELCOME!!

A warm Blazer welcome to all K.R.H.S. students, and a very special welcome to our new staff: **Ceilidh Gaudet** (Educational Assistant) and **Linda Dawson** (COVID Cleaner).

FAREWELL & GOOD LUCK

Many thanks to the following K.R.H.S. Staff who

left at the end of June to pursue new endeavours: **Krystal DesRoches, Janet Lefurgey, Rebecca Paynter, and Nancy Smith.** Your contributions to K.R.H.S. were certainly appreciated and you will be missed! **Remember, once a Blazer, always a Blazer.** Best wishes to you all.

BUS DRIVERS

Farewell to long-time K.R.H.S. bus drivers **Valerie Green & Louis Hamill.** Louis has taken a job at Amherst Cove Consolidated while Valerie has retired. Best wishes to you both! Welcome to our new drivers **Pat Flood, Kenny Lawless, and Bethany Smith.**



K.R.H.S. PARENT COUNCIL

Our **first Parent Council meeting** is Tues., Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. All parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend!

NUT BAN

Our school has a **TOTAL NUT BAN** due to students with severe allergic reactions to nuts.



K.R.H.S. CAFETERIA

We are happy to announce that K.R.H.S. will continue to participate in the **PEI School Food Program** with the **“pay what you can” model** to a maximum of \$5 per meal. Sign up today and check out the new menu at www.peischoolfood.org.

Food Service Team:

Paul Peters ~ Kitchen Manager

Michelle Gibson ~ Kitchen Assistant

Rachel Lowther-Doiron ~ Kitchen Assistant

K.R.H.S. STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Student Council Executive for this year:

President ~ **Matthew Murphy**

Vice-President ~ **Lilla Johnston**

Executive Members ~ **Quianna Harvey & Darra Stewart**

Teacher Advisor ~ **Kevin Stewart.**

Thanks to all of you for undertaking these student leadership roles for the school.

FROM STUDENT SERVICES...

The Student Services team at KRHS would like to welcome back all students and would like to

especially welcome our Grade 9 students to our school. We hope that you all have an awesome school year. Our team consists of many people within the school, but the two that you will see most often are **Lori Allen and Jessica McCarthy.** Let us introduce ourselves.

Jessica McCarthy is the School Counsellor at KRHS. She can help students talk about issues happening with friends, family or internally. She is also here to help student plan for their futures, so if you are looking for information on jobs, post secondary institutes or programs send her an email, or visit her in her office upstairs by the library. Mrs. McCarthy can accommodate students all blocks of the day, both semesters

Lori Allen is the Youth Service Worker at KRHS. She can help students with many of the same personal issues as Mrs. McCarthy. She can also be found in classrooms supporting students. Lori can be found in her office, in the downstairs hallway, Blocks A and D first semester.

Both Lori and Jessica might be pulling students from classrooms throughout the year. This happens for many different reasons such as giving the student a message, answering a question about university to chatting about a personal issue. We ask that other student not make a big deal about this and not to tease any student who is pulled from class. Of course, if you don't feel comfortable with either Lori or Jessica coming to your classroom, please let them know and they will find alternate arrangements.

Finally, Lori and Jessica want to be there to support students and keep things as confidential as possible, but they always like to remind them of their limits to confidentiality. If you tell them something that meets any of these criteria, they have a legal duty to inform someone else: a) you are thinking of hurting yourself or someone else, b) you talk about someone hurting you or c) if they are legally required to share information.

Grads of 2022 News

Welcome to your final year of high school! An exciting and scary time for many students. Mrs. McCarthy will be with you this whole year to help you find your right path, apply for your schools and find as many scholarships as possible!

To get started, make sure you have joined the grad class google classroom by using the following code:



We will have a grad meeting on September 16 to get you started. Applications to post-secondary schools generally open up in October/ November for early admissions. Many students choose this option to allow lots of time to decide where they want to attend.

Pop into see Mrs. McCarthy if you have any questions!

Grads of 2023

Hello Grade 11 students! It may seem early to join a grad classroom, but there is lots of information I would like to share with you this year to help you prepare for your grade 12 year. Many post secondary school open houses in the fall and early winter are geared towards grade 11 and 12 students for you to gather information. Use the code below to join the classroom today!



VIRTUAL TOURS

The *Atlantic Association of Registrars and Admissions Officers (AARAO) Post-Secondary Opportunities Expo* offers students and their supporters opportunities to learn about multiple educational options in one convenient location. Register for 24/7 access to *virtual information booths from 50 universities, colleges, and complimentary educational programs and resources.*

Exhibiting institutions and programs are located in the Canadian provinces of Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, and Prince Edward Island.

All are welcome to participate. We encourage you to explore widely and consider deeply. You may just make the best biggest decision of your life...

<https://aarao.vfairs.com/>

K.R.H.S. YEARBOOK

The yearbook committee is excited to get started on the 2021-22 yearbook. To gather as many photos as possible of each grade they are looking for **1-2 people per grade to be a yearbook photographer.** Here are the responsibilities:

- during school events and breaks take pictures of your grade participating in an event or hanging out in hallways
- upload these photos to the yearbook website (if possible this year), or send them to a yearbook editor or Mrs. McCarthy

This is a great opportunity to get involved in the school and see what yearbook is all about. Plus there are some perks like getting a free yearbook

at the end of the year! Please see Mrs. McCarthy if you are interested.



BLAZER SPORTING NEWS

Senior Women's Volleyball - Coach is Evan Killorn

Cross Country Team - Coach is Trent Ranahan. Zones are Oct. 4. Provincials are Oct. 14.

Senior Men's Soccer - Coach is Kirk White.

Senior Men's Baseball - Coaches are Darrell Arsenault, Jeff Ellsworth & Leif Taylor.

Blazers Golf - Coach is Matt Killeen.



BLAZER BEEF SUPPER

The *Annual Blazer Beef Supper*, a major K.R.H.S. fundraising event, will be held *at the school on Saturday, October 23 from 4-6 p.m.* Cost is \$15 for adults & \$8 for children under 12. **Take-outs ONLY.** Due to CPHO Guidelines, meals will be provided for take-out only and no sit-down service will be available.

This is a joint initiative involving parents, students, staff & the community. The supper is one of the major fundraisers carried out by the students of K.R.H.S. and all funds generated from this activity will be used in support of school activities throughout the year.

For the supper to be a success, we anticipate the same cooperation and generosity that we have received over the past years. **Parent volunteers are a huge part in the success of the supper!!!** If you are interested in lending a helping hand please call Tracy Thomson or Ryan McAleer at 902-887-2424. We thank you for your continued support.



K.R.H.S. STUDENT REPORTERS

Every week our very *dedicated school reporter* e-mails our weekly report to the Guardian newspaper as well as The County Line Courier. These school reports cover upcoming events, recognitions, important dates to remember, scholarship opportunities, sports, etc. and are *a very valuable way to communicate with students, parents & the community.* This year's Student Reporters are *Kirstin Bryanton, Matthew Murphy, and Darra Stewart.* Teacher Advisor is Shelley Tremere. We are very appreciative of their efforts in keeping us all informed!

ACADEMY DIPLOMA PROGRAM IN AGRICULTURE & BIOSCIENCE

Jessica Reeves is in charge of the *Academy Diploma Program in Agriculture & Bioscience* here at K.R.H.S.

2022 GRAD NEWS

- *Grad photos* will take place on *Fri., Nov. 12, 2021* at *Heckbert's Photography* in Summerside. A \$20 sitting fee is due that day. A sign-up sheet is posted outside Room 205. If that date does not suit, just call 902-436-4241 and make another appointment.
- Remember to check out the *K.R.H.S. Grads 2022 Google Classroom* and *K.R.H.S. school website* regularly for updates.
- Please submit your baby pictures for the yearbook to Mrs. McCarthy.
- The Grad Executive members are responsible for planning & organizing all grad activities throughout the year. Meetings most often take place at lunch once a month. There are 37 potential Grads for 2022.



ALUMNI UPDATE...

Where are those K.R.H.S. grads now?

- ~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2015 Ashton Muttart** graduated with her *Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy with Distinction* from *Dalhousie University* on June 9, 2021 and was the recipient of the *Susan Wedlake Excellence in Pharmacy Award*. Ashton recently started her career in Pharmacy at *Shoppers Drug Mart* in Charlottetown.
- ~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2013 Westley Johnston** will be moving to *Spain* at the end of September, where his new job will be on a *professional wheelchair basketball team*. Westley will play for the *Spanish Wheelchair Basketball League's BSR Valladolid*, based in the historic Spanish city of Valladolid, about 200 kilometres northwest of Madrid. BSR Valladolid's first game is set for Oct. 9.
- ~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2013 Maggie MacDonald** is currently in year three of five of her *PhD in Biology* at the *University of Alberta*. Specifically, she is looking at using natural enemies for pest management/invasive species.
- ~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 1990 Constable Danielle Bernard** retired from the *Royal Canadian Mounted Police* after 26 years of service.

ANNUAL K.R.H.S. FROZEN PIE FUNDRAISER SEPT. 27 TO OCT. 12

Just in time to stock your freezer for the holidays - Kinkora Regional High School is once again

holding our very popular *frozen pie fundraiser* from *Sept. 27 to Oct. 12*. All pies come frozen and ready to bake, with the exception of the pumpkin pie, which is thaw and serve. To place an order, contact a K.R.H.S. student or call the school at 887-2424.



ANNUAL K.R.H.S. TERRY FOX RUN

Our *41st Annual K.R.H.S. Terry Fox Run* will be held on Sept. 22 with all funds raised going to *cancer research*. We thank Kevin Stewart & the Student Council for their tremendous efforts in organizing this event. *Last year we raised \$1105.*



K.R.H.S. LIBRARY

Blazer Book Club meets every Friday from 11:45-12 noon in the K.R.H.S. Library. All are welcome!!

October is *Canadian Library Month!* The K.R.H.S. library is open *every day* before school, during class, at breaks, at noon, and after school. Special thanks to Teacher Librarian Shelley Tremere.

*Did you know...*that there are over *seven times as many public libraries in Canada as Tim Hortons franchises?*

...that more Canadians visit libraries than take part in golf, hockey, baseball & swimming combined?

...that 2/3 of Canadians or 24 million people have a public library card?



REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTEST

The *Royal Canadian Legion Borden-Carleton Branch #10* is inviting students to enter the *Annual Remembrance Day Poster & Literary Contest*. Gr. 9 falls under the intermediate category while Gr. 10-12 is senior. Students may submit *poetry, essays, black & white posters and colour posters*.



PAGE PROGRAM

The P.E.I. Legislative Assembly is once again looking for high school students to participate in the *2021/2022 Legislative Assembly Page*

Program. This is an extra-curricular opportunity for a Grade 11 or 12 student from K.R.H.S. to work in the Assembly as a paid **Page**. If you are interested in how government works and want to apply, please give your name to Mrs. McCarthy before Wednesday, September 22.



VAPING

Reminder to all students and parents that **any and all vaping products are banned from school property**. This includes on busses, in bathrooms, in school parking lots or anywhere on school grounds. Any student vaping in any of these areas will have the vaping device confiscated under the Alcohol and Drug policy, the student will be suspended, and parents will be contacted. We know that many parents are unaware of their child's use of tobacco products. Please take some time with your child to discuss the issue of vaping and possible consequences. Vaping resource for parents can be found at:

https://www.drugfreekidscanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/DFK_Info_Vaping_FIN_AL_ENG.pdf

COMMUNITY SERVICE BURSARY PROGRAM

Did you know that you can earn money towards a bursary at the end of Grade 12 by volunteering in your community? Students can register with the program after their Grade 9 year and can collect credit for up to 150 hours of volunteer work. Students will earn \$5 for every hour they volunteer up to a maximum of \$750 bursary. Mrs. McCarthy is planning on speaking to the Grade 9 classes about this before the end of the year. For more information please visit their website at <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-lifelong-learning/community-service-bursary-process-students>

ENRICHMENT

~ On Sept. 16, *Jason MacNeil, Education Officer* with *P.E.I. Museum & Heritage Foundation*, gave an excellent presentation to the *P.E.I. History 621 class*.

K.R.H.S. BREAKFAST & SNACK PROGRAM

Lori Allen, our Youth Service Worker, as well as several student volunteers are busy every morning supervising and preparing for our **breakfast/snack program which is offered free for all students daily** from 8:15-8:30 a.m. There are smoothies, yogurt, granola bars, and fresh fruit available every morning.



ART & DRAMA CLUB

The *Kinkora Blazers Art & Drama Club* is for any Blazers **interested in practicing art or drama, developing skills, and hanging out with other artists**. Please see Ms. Pendergast.



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

Dungeons & Dragons Club will be meeting in Room 205. All are welcome. See Mr. Voth for more information.

*Life is not meant to be easy, my child;
but take courage: it can be delightful.*

~ George Bernard Shaw ~

*The fight is won or lost far away from witnesses -
behind the lines, in the gym, and out there on the
road, long before I dance under those lights.*

~ Muhammad Ali ~

Three rules of work:

*Out of clutter, find simplicity;
from discord, find harmony;
in the midst of difficulty lies opportunity.*

~ Albert Einstein ~

Tomorrow to fresh woods, and pastures new.

- John Milton

The past can't see you, but the future is listening.

~ Destin Figuier ~

I am still learning.

~ Michelangelo ~

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