



**Kinkora Regional High School**  
Home of the Blazers

# Kinkora Blazers

## December Newsletter

*The Grinch with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more.*

~ Dr. Seuss ~

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 5 - The *Culinary 801* students are proud to offer a *Yuletide Breakfast* for lunch for \$5.
- Dec. 6 - *MADD* presentation during Block A
- Dec. 7 - *Blazer Blizzard Dance* from 8-10 p.m.
- Dec. 12 - *Christmas Turkey Dinner* at noon for the entire student body. No charge.
- Dec. 12 - *December Grad Activity*. Movie Night, Potluck, and Gift Exchange after school.
- Dec. 13 - *COMPASS* Survey
- Dec. 16 to 20 - *Yuletide Yippee-time*
- Dec. 20 - *Last day of classes for 2024*.
- Jan. 2 & 3 - *Professional Learning Days*. No classes.
- Jan. 6 - *First day of classes for 2025*.
- Jan. 24 to 30 - *Final exams*.
- Jan. 31 - *Turn-Around Day*. No classes.
- Month of February - *Annual Food Drive*
- Feb. 3 - *Professional Learning Day*. No classes.
- Feb. 4 - *First day of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester!*
- Feb. 10 to 14 - *Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week*.
- Feb. 17 - *Islander Day*. No classes.
- Mar. 7 - *Professional Learning Day*. No classes.
- Mar. 17 to 21 - *March Break*. No classes.
- Apr. 11 - *Parent/Teacher Interviews from 3:30-8 p.m.*
- Apr. 12 - *Parent/Teacher Interviews from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. No classes.*
- Apr. 18 - *Good Friday*. No classes.
- Apr. 21 - *Easter Monday*. No classes.
- Apr. 28 to May 7 - *Europe Trip - Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands*
- May 2 - *WATA Day*. No classes.
- May 19 - *Victoria Day*. No classes.
- June 20 - *The 63rd Annual K.R.H.S. Graduation @ 6 p.m.*
- June 30 - *School closes for the summer.*

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our most recent *Students of the Week* ~ **Breckin Casey, Johanna**

**Broqueza, Aiden Starratt, and Cole Schofield.** Special thanks to the *Consolidated Credit Union & the K.R.H.S. Student Council* for sponsoring this award.

### THE BLAZER BLIZZARD

The *Blazer Blizzard Dance* will be on *Saturday, December 7th from 8-10 p.m.* Students will not be admitted until 7:45 p.m. The doors close at 9 p.m. The DJ will be Derek Arsenaault. Pictures will take place until 9 p.m. and the dance will begin at 9 p.m. and go to 10 p.m.

Sign-ins will take place on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> in Room 213 at break times. *Students can purchase their tickets in advance for \$10* at lunch on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> in Room 213. Tickets at the door on the night of the dance are \$15.



### ANNUAL ROTARY YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Huge congratulations to *Gr. 11 students Kimberly Destreza & Addison Baldwin* who represented Kinkora with poise and powerful debating skills at the *Annual Rotary Youth Parliament* at the legislature in Charlottetown on Nov. 15 & 16. Amazing work, we are so proud of you. This is a unique learning experience for students that allows them to *participate in the parliamentary procedures used by our Provincial Government*. Many thanks to Teacher Adviser Norah Pendergast.



### PAGE PROGRAM

Congratulations to *Gr. 12 student Oliver Murphy* who has been selected to represent K.R.H.S. as a *Page* for the *2024/2025 session* of the *P.E.I. Legislative Assembly*.

### TOYS FOR TOTS

The *ESAP* class is spearheading the *Annual Toys for Toys Campaign* at K.R.H.S. It begins on December 2 and runs until December 17. Please *bring in an unwrapped gift* for an Island child in need *before December 17*. Gifts can be placed under the Christmas tree in the office. Monetary donations are also accepted and can be passed into the office or to Mrs. Cousins.

### 2023/24 COMPASS SURVEY

K.R.H.S. will once again be participating in the

**2024-25 COMPASS Survey** on Friday, Dec. 13, 2024. Students will be asked to complete a **30-minute questionnaire** about healthy eating, physical activity, sedentary behaviour, smoking, alcohol and drug-use, academic achievement, bullying and harassment, experiences of discrimination, and mental health. The survey is completely anonymous and both the School board and our school have given approval to conduct the study.

**K.R.H.S. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as **Students of the Month** for the month of **October**. These students are being recognized for excellence in the following areas:

- School Spirit** – Aliya Hagen
- Club Member** – Madison Trainor
- Good Citizenship** – Carmen Moffatt
- Grade 9** – Will Pickering
- Grade 10** – Johanna Broqueza
- Grade 11** – Addison Baldwin
- Grade 12** – Ryan Smith
- Administrator’s Choice** – Lochlain Dunn



**REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

Thank you to members of the **Royal Canadian Legion Branch #10 Borden-Carleton** for participating in our **Remembrance Day Service** on Nov. 6. A special thanks to **Matt Killeen, Elmer Croken, Trent Ranahan, Brooke Gallant, Caleb Arsenault, Kirk White, Ryan McAleer, and the 2025 Holland Travel Group** for their participation, as well as to **Mrs. Reeves and her Culinary class** for preparing a delicious meal for the Legion members.



**HOLIDAY SEASON**

This holiday season, K.R.H.S. would like to expand our celebrations to reflect the **many cultures and nationalities that are represented within our school**. If your family has a special cultural tradition, game, recipe, etc. that you use to celebrate the season, Mrs. McCarthy would love to hear about it to see if it could be incorporated into our **December Month of Caring**. Please email her at [jlmcCarthy@edu.pe.ca](mailto:jlmcCarthy@edu.pe.ca) with your ideas.



**TECHSPORATIONS 2024 TEAM**

Mrs. Paynter and Mrs. McCarthy want to send out a huge thank you to the **2024 Techsplorations Team**. They ended their year with the **Alumni Conference** at the **NSCC Pictou Campus** on November 21st. We are proud of all your accomplishments. You represented KRHS well in 2024! The team consisted of:

- Chloe Johns**
- Hannah Lynch**
- Alva Mae Pacatcatin**
- Olivia Stewart**
- Avah Muttart**



**MUSIC NEWS**

Our very own **KW (Kirk White)** will be **performing on stage in Toronto for three weeks in March 2025**. KW has been a long-standing cast member of the show **‘Inside American Pie’** which has run at the Harmony House over the last few summers. This incredible show has been picked up by Mirvish Studios to perform on the main stage in Toronto. Congratulations, KW! We are so happy and proud of you!!!



**INSIDE AMERICAN PIE**  
CAA THEATRE  
MARCH 12 - MARCH 30, 2025

**ALUMNI UPDATE...**

- Where are those K.R.H.S. grads now?
- ~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2022 Courtney Black** graduated from **Holland College** with a diploma in **Dental Assisting** on July 24, 2024.
- ~ **K.R.H.S. Grads of 2012 Spencer Dougay & Emily Lawless** are the new owners of the **Borden/Summerside KOA Campground** located in Borden-Carleton.
- ~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2008 Jillian (Campbell)**

O'Halloran was presented with the **2024 Leadership Award** from the *Tourism Industry Association of PEI (TIAPEI)* at their **Annual Tourism Conference & AGM** on Nov. 13/14 at the Delta Prince Edward.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2002 Megan (Kilbride) Gallant** was recently presented with the '**Woman of Influence**' Award by the *Women of Miramichi Empowerment Network* in Miramichi, New Brunswick.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2000 Rhonda Green** was presented with the **2024 Greater Summerside Chamber of Commerce StandardAero Employee of the Year Award**. Rhonda works at *Centennial Auto Group*. The **GSCC Business Excellence Awards Gala** took place in Summerside on Nov. 15.

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#### **BLAZER BUDS BAKING CLUB**

*Blazer Buds Baking Club* is held on Mondays after school from 3-4 p.m. in the *Foods Lab*. Everyone is welcome! See Lori for more information.

#### **K.R.H.S. LIBRARY**

Mrs. Tremere will soon be placing a *book order* for the K.R.H.S. Library. If there are any titles you would like to see in our Library, please drop by and let her know.

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*.



#### **STORM DAY POLICY**

All school cancellations or delays will be announced on *local radio stations* and posted on the *Public Schools Branch website* by **7 a.m.** <http://www.gov.pe.ca/edu/elsb/>.

K.R.H.S. belongs to the Kinkora family of schools.

#### **SCHOOL CLOTHING/ BLAZER SPIRITWEAR**

Anyone interested in ordering school clothing can do so at any time using the website: <http://kinkora.entriptyshops.com/>

#### **'DRIVE AWAY HUNGER' FOOD DRIVE**

This year our students are once again spearheading a '*Drive Away Hunger*' *Food Drive* in *February*. K.R.H.S. has been participating in this food drive for almost 20 years and last year we delivered food to the *South Shore Food Share* which serves the

communities of Borden-Carleton, Kinkora, and Crapaud.

Below is a list of the *most needed food items* according to Food Banks Canada:

- pasta products and rice
- canned meats and fish
- dry and canned soups and stews
- canned fruits and vegetables
- flour
- breakfast cereal
- canned/powdered milk
- fruit juices
- pasta sauce
- beans and legumes
- infant formula and baby food



#### **EUROPE 2025 TRIP**

*Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands*

- Congratulations to Karen Villard and Lorraine Baldwin who were the winners of our *Christmas Gift Card Fundraiser*. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets to support our Europe 2025 students.

- Europe 2025 students need to identify the name of their *local veteran* by November 29th. Students can sign up for this on Google Classroom.

- *Soldier Letter #1* is due Friday, December 13th. All information is posted on Google Classroom.

- There is a *mandatory meeting* for all Europe 2025 students on Tuesday, December 3rd at 11:45 in the Resource Room.

#### **K.R.H.S. PERSONAL FINANCE & INVESTING CLUB**

A new opportunity for *young investors at K.R.H.S.* Becoming a member of the first ever *Personal Finance Club* will not only be a great addition to your resume but will also allow you to meet and discuss finance & investing with other like-minded students. The start date was Nov. 21 with *weekly meetings being held every Thursday at 11:45* in the K.R.H.S. Library. Everyone is welcome to join. This group is facilitated by former grad *Alex Trainor* who is now a student at U.P.E.I. Thanks to Shelley Tremere for acting as Teacher Advisor.

#### **FROM STUDENT SERVICES...**

**Scholarships due in December:**

December 1- The Terry Fox Humanitarian Award  
December 15- Burger King Scholars Program-Senior High Track

Please see Mrs. McCarthy anytime, visit the **2025 Grad Google Classroom**, or the school website for more details and links to these scholarship opportunities. <https://kinkorahigh.edu.pe.ca/learn>

[ng-resources/scholarship-and-bursaries](https://www.krh.schulich.ca/resources/scholarship-and-bursaries)

Applications to post-secondary schools generally open in November for early admissions. Many students choose this option to allow lots of time to decide where they want to attend. Pop in to see Mrs. McCarthy if you have any questions!



### SCHULICH LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP

K.R.H.S. is looking for students who feel they fit the criteria for the **Schulich Leaders Scholarship**. Look at material posted to see if you would like to be considered as K.R.H.S.'s nominee for 2025. Please submit your name to Mrs. McCarthy by Dec. 20. More information can be found on the school's website and the Grads of 2025 Google Classroom.

### ANNUAL K.R.H.S. HOCKEY POOL

All the proceeds go right back to K.R.H.S. Athletics (to purchase uniforms, equipment, official costs). Log on to [officepools.com](https://www.officepools.com) for results. ID is kinkora & password is guest. **Current standings are:**

- 1st - *Faro Halupa*
- 2nd - *Mike Wallace*
- 3rd - *Jaden Nantes*



### GAMING CLUB and DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

**Gaming Club** began with a *Mario Kart Tournament*. Sign-up is on Mr. Voth's door (Room 205).

If you're interested in trying out *Dungeons & Dragons*, the **D&D Club** meets in Room 205. See Mr. Voth for more information.

### 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, cereal, milk, bagels, cream cheese, and fresh fruit available every morning. Any student interested in volunteering to help with the **Breakfast Program** are asked to contact Mr. McAleer or Ms. Allen. Breakfast Program volunteer hours can count towards Community Bursary Hours.

### 2025 GRAD NEWS

- *December Grad Activity* is a *Movie Night*,

*Potluck, and Gift Exchange* on Dec. 12.

- Remember to check out the **K.R.H.S. Grads 2025 Google Classroom** and the **K.R.H.S. school website** regularly for updates.

- Please submit your baby pictures for the yearbook to Mrs. McCarthy.

- The **Annual K.R.H.S. Graduation Ceremony** will take place on **Friday, June 20** at 6 p.m. There are 31 potential grads for 2025.



### K.R.H.S. STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

*The Student Council Executive* for this year:

President ~ *Carly Affleck*

Vice-President ~ *Madison Trainor*

Executive Members ~ *Morgan MacLellan & Oliver Murphy*

Grade 11 reps ~ *Keira Duffy & Addison Baldwin*

Grade 10 reps ~ *Alexis MacLaren, Evan Longuepee, Kate Trainor, Liam Arsenault & Chloe Johns*

Grade 9 reps ~ *Will Pickering & Jack Pickering*

Teacher Advisor ~ *Kevin Stewart*.

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

### 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**. For more information please visit their website at

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-lifelong-learning/community-service-bursary>

A reminder to all students that we are looking for student volunteers for the **Breakfast Program, as Intramurals Co-ordinator, and as Peer Tutors**. If you are interested, please see Mr. McAleer or Mr. Killeen in the office. Community Service Bursary hours are available for all these positions.



### ESSENTIAL SKILLS ACHIEVEMENT PATHWAY (ESAP)

The Essential Skills Achievement Pathway (ESAP) began at K.R.H.S. in February 2024. **ESAP offers students in high school the opportunity to earn a high school diploma that prepares them for post-secondary education, apprenticeship, or the world of work**. Thank you to Lesley Cousins for all her efforts with this new program.

~ Special thank you to **Robert Duffy** who presented to the ESAP and Career Explorations &

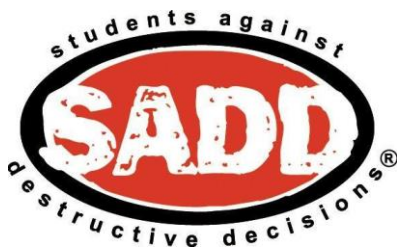
Opportunities classes on November 5. Robert presented on the various employment opportunities within the **PEI construction industry**, as well as his own journey with the industry.

~ Thank you to **Aliya Hagen** for creating a beautiful and powerful **Remembrance Day memorial** on the K.R.H.S. Library window.

~ The ESAP class said goodbye to the **Heavy Equipment Simulator** in November. The class had the simulator since September and logged many hours on the simulator. Special thank you to the **PEI Roadbuilders and Heavy Equipment Association** for funding the simulator.

### SADD

The **K.R.H.S. Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Club** is looking for members who are interested in planning activities and raising awareness for this important cause. SADD will meet once a month at lunch. **Students Against Destructive Decisions**, formerly Students Against Driving Drunk, is an organization whose aim is to **prevent** students making potentially destructive decisions. **First SADD meeting was Wed., Nov. 6 at 11:20 a.m.** Thanks to Teacher Advisors Jill Parker & Rebecca Paynter.



### COSPEI GOLD RUSH

We are excited to announce that K.R.H.S. has joined the **COSPEI Gold Rush** as a fundraiser. To support K.R.H.S. and possibly win some cash, please go to <https://cospei.goldrush.causable.io> for your chance to win half the pot while helping to create opportunities for students at our school.

It only takes a couple of clicks to get set up and the site is very easy to use. **Remember to pick Kinkora Regional High School from the dropdown menu.** The funds paid to our school after each draw are directly related to the number of participants who played in support of our school. You can purchase your tickets weekly or choose Autoplay to ensure you are entered in every draw. **Thanks for supporting K.R.H.S.!**



### 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. **Gr. 11/12 Dal Agricultural Campus Tour** was Nov. 14.

### BLAZER BISTRO YULETIDE BREAKFAST

It is the most wonderful time of the year and the next **Blazer Bistro Special** is Thursday, December 5th. This year's **Yuletide Breakfast** includes **French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Crispy Bacon, Homestyle Fries, Fruit Kabob, a Blueberry Muffin and a glass of Apple Juice.** Be sure to sign up early as only 40 meals will be available. Cost is \$5.00. Thank you for your continued support of our **Culinary 801 class.**



### K.R.H.S. CAFETERIA

The School Food program at K.R.H.S. is excited to be offering nutritious lunch options. We are happy to introduce a **3-week menu rotation.**

#### **Food Service Team:**

**Michelle Gibson** ~ Kitchen Manager

**Michelle MacPhee** ~ Kitchen Assistant

**Jefferson Pineda** ~ Kitchen Cook

### HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

#### **Effecting Change through Resolutions**

It is useful and practical to effect change by using a formal resolution writing process. Home and School Associations are asked to consider presenting an issue in education that is affecting the learning success of students to influence change at the provincial level. For your reference, follow this link to Federation approved resolutions <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/> More on this topic in the December newsletter. The 2025 Resolution submission deadline: Jan. 31.

Questions? Contact the Federation office at: 902-620-3186 / 1-800-916-0664 / [peihsf@gov.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@gov.pe.ca)

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*Christmas is the season for kindling  
the fire of hospitality in the hall,  
the genial flame of charity in the heart.*

~Washington Irving ~

