



**Kinkora Regional High School**

Home of the Blazers

# Kinkora Blazers

## January Newsletter

*There is no passion to be found playing small,  
in settling for a life that is less than the one  
you are capable of living.*

~ Nelson Mandela ~

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 4 & 5 - Professional Learning Days.** No classes.
- Jan. 8 - First day of classes for 2024.**  
- **MADD Presentation** during Block D.
- Jan. 25 to 31 - Final exams.**
- Feb. 1 - Turn-Around Day.** No classes.
- Feb. 2 - First day of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester!**
- Feb. 10 to 17 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.**
- Feb. 19 - Islander Day.** No classes.
- Mar. 8 - Professional Learning Day.** No classes.
- Mar. 22 to 28 - Mid-term Break.** No classes.
- Mar. 29 - Good Friday.** No classes.
- Apr. 1 - Easter Monday.** No classes.
- Apr. 18 - Parent/Teacher Interviews** from 3:30-8 p.m.
- Apr. 19 - Parent/Teacher Interviews** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. No classes.
- May 3 - WATA Day.** No classes.
- May 20 - Victoria Day.** No classes.
- June 24 - The 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual K.R.H.S. Graduation.**

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our most recent *Students of the Week* ~ **Raelyn Wood, Kloe Robinson, Kemper Jesso, and Heidi Eggert.** Special thanks to the *Consolidated Credit Union & the K.R.H.S. Student Council* for sponsoring this award.

### K.R.H.S. CHRISTMAS TURKEY DINNER FOR STUDENTS

The Annual Student Christmas Turkey Dinner took place on Wednesday, December 20. This was free for all students. The holiday meal featured many local favourites from our community including roast turkey from Noonan Brothers' Farms in Borden-Carleton, mashed potatoes grown by Hilltop Produce (Andrew & Heidi Lawless & family), and carrots & turnips grown at Bunny Burrow Vegetable Company (Gordie & Andrea McKenna & family). The meal will also be served with homemade cranberry sauce, gravy, and dressing as well as an assortment of homemade desserts. A heartfelt thank you to all our local farm families for donating to this year's Christmas Dinner. *The Culinary & Foods classes, under the guidance*

*of Jessica Reeves & Traci Campbell, prepared this festive meal* and the K.R.H.S. staff served the meal to all students. Special thanks to *Michelle Gibson, Michelle MacPhee, and Bridgid Cole* for all their help and to local politicians *Jamie Fox & Carmen Reeves* who carved the turkeys. We were also very pleased to invite all our bus drivers.



### RESULTS FROM YULETIDE YIPPEETIME

*The Gr. 12 students reign supreme!!!!* Congratulations to the *Gr. 12 class* for winning *Yuletide Yippeetime*. This was a week-long contest prior to Christmas Break, pitting grade versus grade in a variety of fun, festive activities.



Monday, Dec. 18 - Dress theme - *Hit The Slopes*  
Activity - *The Price Is Right Christmas Edition*

Tuesday, Dec. 19 - Dress theme - *Family Photo Day (Flannels & Jeans)*  
Activity - *Gingerbread & Cookie Decorating Relay*

Wednesday, Dec. 20 - Dress theme - *Dress Your Holiday Best*  
Activity - *Festive Christmas Turkey Dinner* prepared by the Culinary & Foods classes free to all students

Thursday, Dec. 21 - Dress theme - *Ugly Christmas Sweater*  
Activity - *Gift Wrapping Relay*

Friday, Dec. 22 - Dress theme - *Christmas Morning*  
Activities - *Deck the Walls & Scavenger Hunt*  
Special thanks to *Matt Killeen and his Leadership 621 class* for planning & organizing all these fun events for the entire school prior to the holidays!!



### 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 *November*. These students are being recognized for excellence in the following areas:

*School Spirit* – Sarah Beth Murphy

*Club Member* – Maura Mulligan

*Good Citizenship* – Matthew Stoker

*Grade 9* – Ava Muttart

*Grade 10* – Riley Wilson

*Grade 11* – Hayden McGuire

*Grade 12* – Jocelyn Gallant

*Administrator's Choice* – Brandon Hunter



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

On Dec. 19, we had an *ice cream social* to thank those students who sold 15 or more pies.

The *Blazer Blizzard Dance* on Dec. 2 was a huge success.

### TOYS FOR TOTS

Thanks to all K.R.H.S. students & staff for contributing to *Ocean 100's Toys for Tots Campaign*. The toys were dropped off at Vogue Optical in Summerside on Dec. 20 by *Vice Principal Matt Killeen & students Caleb Arsenault, Liam Duffy & Kloe Robinson*.



### BLAZER BISTRO SPECIAL

Blazer Bistro Special on December 14 was *Christmas Breakfast* which included crispy bacon, egg frittata with ADL cheese, waffles with heavy whipping cream and maple syrup, hash browns, blueberry muffins, chocolate chip muffins, cinnamon rolls, and cheese biscuits as

well as coffee, orange juice, and apple juice. Thank you for your continued support of our *Culinary 801 class*.



The Blazer Bistro is proud to present our final meal service of the year '*A Taste of Italy: Where food is an experience to savor*' on Wednesday, January 17th. There are only 40 meals available, so be sure to sign up on the clipboard located in the cafeteria. The cost is \$5.00. The meal includes a *Peach Bellini, Homemade Lasagna & Caesar Salad, and an Italian Lemon Drop Cookie*. Thank you for your continued support of our Culinary 801 class.

### 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, the site is very user-friendly and easy to use. *Remember to pick Kinkora Regional High School from the dropdown menu*. The funds paid to our school after each draw is 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.!



### BLAZER BOCCE BALL TEAM WINS BRONZE

The *Kinkora Blazers Unified Bocce Ball team* competed & won *BRONZE* in the *P.E.I.S.A.A. Provincial Championships* on Dec. 13 at the Stratford Soccer Complex. Team members included K.R.H.S. students *Caleb Arsenault, Jaedyn Boyko, Brandon Hunter, Sarah-Beth Murphy, and Bethany Rogers*. Special thanks to *Leanne Arsenault & Ryan McAleer*. We would also like to thank Gr. 10 student *Drew Sutherland*



who cheered the team on as *Blaze, our mascot*. Well done, team!!



## CLASS OF 2024

### ALUMNI UPDATE...

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

~ K.R.H.S. Grads of 2023 **Lilla Johnston & Sydney Muttart** are both first year students at the *University of Prince Edward Island*. They will be heading to *Africa* in May of 2024 to *volunteer at a hospital* with the *U.P.E.I. Medical Brigades*.

~ K.R.H.S. Grad of 2023 **Ryder Howatt** is a *rookie forward* with the *Summerside D. Alex MacDonald Ford Western Capitals* of the *Maritime Junior 'A' Hockey League*. He is also a first-year student in the *Construction Electrical program* at *Holland College*.

~ K.R.H.S. Grad of 2016 **Chandler Dawson** is attending the *Atlantic Police Academy* in Slemmon Park to become a *Correctional Officer*.

~ K.R.H.S. Grad of 1990 **Tracy (MacKenzie) Beaulieu** is the *Director* of the *Public Schools Branch*.

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### TRACTOR PULL

Ms. Paynter's *SCI701A students* had a *tractor pull competition* on Dec. 1. Students *designed and built a robot* to compete in the competition. The winning robot was 'I'm Sexy and I Tow It'. Crew members **Brayden Paynter, Quincy Palmer, and Austin Harding** were able to complete a full pull with 6000g.



### 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. To help spread some Christmas cheer, *the ADP students made Christmas Cards* on Dec. 13 for local seniors.



### 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.

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

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.

### GRAD NEWS

December Safe Grad Activity - *Potluck & Games* at the school on Dec. 19. Great turn-out. The *62nd Annual K.R.H.S. Graduation* will take place on Monday, June 24, 2024.

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### ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

A very special thank you to all students & staff for your support of the **K.R.H.S. Annual Food Drive**. Our 'Drive Away Hunger' campaign collected donations for the **South Shore Food Share** which serves the communities of Crapaud, Borden, Bedeque, and Kinkora. The winner of our friendly Blazer Brigade competition was the **'Mean Green Machine' Brigade** as they brought in the most pounds of food per student. Thank you, Blazers, for showing kindness this holiday season. **K.R.H.S. has been participating in the 'Drive Away Hunger' campaign for almost 20 years.** The food was delivered by Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. McCarthy, and ADP students on Dec. 6.



### 2024 RELAY FOR LIFE

Our **2024 K.R.H.S. Relay for Life Team** sold potatoes as a fundraiser at **Cavendish Farms** on Dec. 12. Special thanks to Teacher Advisor Jessica Reeves.



### SCHOOL CLOTHING/ BLAZER SPIRITWEAR

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

### 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](http://officepools.com) for

results. ID is kinkora & password is guest.

### **Current standings are:**

- 1st – Sheldon McMurrer
- 2nd – Luke Reeves-Rollins
- 3rd – Scott Frizzell

# Hockey Pool

### K.R.H.S. YEARBOOK NEWS

The yearbook committee has started to collect **graduate baby photos** for a special spread in the 2024 yearbook. Students have the option of bringing in a hard copy of a photo to Mrs. McCarthy who can scan and return the photo, or families can scan the photo themselves and send it to [jlmcCarthy@cloud.edu.pe.ca](mailto:jlmcCarthy@cloud.edu.pe.ca)

In the coming weeks, yearbook members will also be collecting the following documents from grade 12 students:

- 6-word memoir (through the English classes)
- Grad write-up for beside your grad photo

Did you know that you can upload your own photos to our yearbook site? We want to have as many perspectives as possible of this school year. Please visit [www.hjeshare.com](http://www.hjeshare.com) and enter the code "blazer" to access our site.

# YEARBOOK

### 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. 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.



### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

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



## 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>

The *Crapaud Curling Club* is looking for *volunteers* for a Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 3. Looking for volunteers to prep veggies, serve tables, etc. If any students are in need of volunteer hours, it would be from around 5:30-8 p.m. This is the same evening as our Blazer Blizzard but there will be more opportunities for volunteering in the future, if anyone is interested. Please contact Nadine Wood or e-mail [crapaudcurlingclub@gmail.com](mailto:crapaudcurlingclub@gmail.com).

Any Gr. 11 or 12 students interested in being a *Peer Tutor*, please see Mrs. Cousins. Peer Tutors must be able to commit to one day a week after school for tutoring. Tutors can earn Community Service Bursary hours.

### FROM STUDENT SERVICES...

Please see Mrs. McCarthy anytime, visit the *2024 Grad Google Classroom*, or check out the school website for more details and links to these scholarship opportunities.

<https://kinkorahigh.edu.pe.ca/learning-resources/scholarship-and-bursaries>



### PINK SHIRT DAY

In February, K.R.H.S. students will be participating in *Pink Shirt Day* at our school. This event allows students to *promote awareness, understanding, and openness about the problem of bullying and to commit to standing up against bullying*.



### P.E.I. HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week 2024 will be celebrated in *February*. Everyone is encouraged to find ways of saying thank you to administrators, teachers, and staff for

the contributions they make to the lives of our children.

*Resolutions Impact Change* - The Federation supports equal opportunity for all students and promotes this by passing pertinent resolutions at annual meetings. *Resolutions are the single most important tool that Home and School can use to influence decision-makers in government and school boards*. Approved resolutions are forwarded to decision-makers who can make changes for the benefit of all island students. Guidelines on how to write and present a resolution and examples of previously passed resolutions are available at [www.peihhsf.ca/resolutions](http://www.peihhsf.ca/resolutions). Discuss topics with local association parents and teachers and consider submitting a resolution. Deadline to submit resolutions is Jan. 31, 2024.



*If we had no winter,  
the spring would not be so pleasant;  
if we did not sometimes taste of adversity,  
prosperity would not be so welcome.*

~ Anne Bradstreet ~

*All that is gold does not glitter,  
not all who wander are lost.*

~ J.R.R. Tolkien ~

*Don't let what you cannot do interfere  
with what you can do.*

~ John Wooden ~

*My friends, love is better than anger.*

*Hope is better than fear.*

*Optimism is better than despair.*

*So let us be loving, hopeful, and optimistic.*

*And we'll change the world.*

~ Jack Layton ~

*Kindness can become its own motive.*

*We are made kind by being kind.*

~ Eric Hoffer ~

