



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. 2 - **MADD presentation** during Block D
- Dec. 4 - The **Culinary 801 students** are proud to offer a **Christmas Breakfast** for lunch for \$5.
- Dec. 6 - **Blazer Blizzard Dance** from 8-10 p.m.
- Dec. 15 to 19 - **Yuletide Yippeetime**
- Dec. 17 - **Christmas Turkey Dinner** at noon for the entire student body. No charge.
- Dec. 19 - Last day of classes for 2025
- Dec. 22 - **Professional Learning Day.** No classes.
- Jan. 5 - First Instructional Day for students
- Feb. 3 - **Turn-Around Day.** No classes.
- Feb. 4 - First day of **2nd semester!**
- Feb. 10 to 14 - **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.**
- Feb. 13 - **Professional Learning Day.** No classes.
- Feb. 16 - **Islander Day.** No classes.
- Mar. 6 - **Professional Learning Day.** No classes.
- Mar. 16 to 20 - **March Break.** No classes.
- Apr. 9 - **Parent/Teacher Interviews from 3:30-8 p.m.**
- Apr. 10 - **Parent/Teacher Interviews from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.** No classes.
- Apr. 3 - **Good Friday.** No classes.
- Apr. 6 - **Easter Monday.** No classes.
- May 1 - **WATA Day.** No classes.
- May 18 - **Victoria Day.** No classes.
- June 10 - **First Day of Final Exams**
- June 19 - **The 64th Annual K.R.H.S. Graduation @ 6 p.m.**
- June 30 - Last day for staff.
- **School closes for the summer.**

BLAZER BISTRO YULETIDE BREAKFAST

It is the most wonderful time of the year! To kick off the holiday season, this year's **Annual Christmas Breakfast (prepared by the Culinary students)** will be on Thursday, December 4. Includes **two pieces of bacon and one sausage, scrambled eggs, waffles, home fries, a fruit kabob, and your choice of apple juice, hot apple**

cider, or hot chocolate. Be sure to sign up early as only 40 meals will be available for sale. Cost is \$5. The sign-up sheet is located in the cafeteria. Thank you for your continued support of our Culinary 801 class.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our most recent **Students of the Week** ~ Cade Cumayas, Ryder Martin, Maura Mulligan & Kimberly Destreza. Special thanks to the **K.R.H.S. Student Council** for sponsoring this award.



WARM BLAZER WELCOME!!

A warm Blazer welcome to **Tasha Sherry**, our new **Educational Assistant**, and **Gomer Coronel**, our substitute evening **Custodian**. We are delighted to have you with us at K.R.H.S.

Welcome

BLAZERS WIN SILVER MEDAL!!

Congratulations to the **Blazer Senior Men's Soccer team** who won the **P.E.I.S.A.A. silver medal** on Nov. 1. They lost the gold medal game to the Morell Marlins by a score of 3-1. **Ethan Muttart** scored the lone Blazer goal while **Logan Schofield** was named **Player of the Game**. Team members include **Kai Dias, Luke McCormack, Caden Raymer, Austin Harding, Griffin Sherry, Karson Webster, Jackson Cox, Thatcher MacKay, Mike Wood, Brayden Paynter, Max Lawless, Logan Schofield, Reid MacDonald, Mason Goodwin, Carson Paynter, Ethan Muttart, and Tallen Zhang (Mount)**. Many thanks to Head Coach Kirk White and Assistant Coaches Owen Longuepee & Makenzie Cutcliffe.



THE BLAZER BLIZZARD

The **Blazer Blizzard Dance** will be on **Saturday, December 6 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 28, Monday, December 1, and Tuesday, December 2 in Room 213 at break times. Students can purchase their tickets in advance as

they will go on sale for \$10 and will be sold at lunch on Monday, December 1, Tuesday, December 2, and Thursday, December 4 in Room 213. Tickets at the door on the night of the dance are \$15.



K.R.H.S. CARES...

For the month of December, we will be having the 'K.R.H.S. Cares Campaign'. This provides Blazers & community members the opportunity to give back this holiday season with two special initiatives.

Toys for Tots: Toys for Tots will return this December and will run from December 1-15. *Students are encouraged to bring in an unwrapped gift for an Island child in need this holiday season.* Cash donations will also be accepted. Donations can be passed into the office.

Christmas for Seniors: K.R.H.S. wants to *bring some Christmas cheer to the residents of Beach Grove Senior Home.* We will be accepting donations from December 1-15 to give as gifts to the seniors. Donations can be dropped off in Ms. Parker's room (Room 113) or the school office. Cash donations will also be accepted. Item ideas include calendars, Kleenex, grip socks, blankets/throws, shampoo, body lotion, body wash, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lipstick, nail polish, nail polish remover, chocolates, diabetic (sugar free) candy, soda, 300-500 piece puzzles, jewelry, teddy bears, and individual bags of chips.

Please contact Lesley at ldcousins@edu.pe.ca or Kylee at kyma0784@cloud.edu.pe.ca



2025 K.R.H.S. TECHSPLOURATION TEAM

The 2025 *K.R.H.S. Techsploration team*, along with Ms. Paynter & Mrs. McCarthy, attended the *Alumni Conference* on Nov. 27 & 28 at the *NSCC Akerley Campus* in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. The goal of Techsploration is to empower young women and gender-diverse youth to *explore careers in science, engineering, trades, & technology.* The 2025 Techsploration Team consists of:

- *Sarah Cassell*
- *Hannah Eggert*
- *Mia Gamble*
- *Shayla Johnston*

- *Delaney Raymer*



ANNUAL ROTARY YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Gr. 12 K.R.H.S. student *Kimberly Destreza* represented K.R.H.S. at the *Annual Rotary Youth Parliament* this year by serving as Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure. She ended up passing two bills. 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.



GUEST SPEAKER LUCAS ARSENAULT

Our Blazer Brigades activity for November was a special guest presentation on Nov. 26 by *motivational speaker Lucas Arsenault.* He shared an excellent message about *overcoming adversity.*



HOLOCAUST EDUCATION EXHIBIT

On Nov. 28, Gr. 12 students had the opportunity to tour the *Atlantic Canada Holocaust Education Exhibit* at Three Oaks. This exhibit was at TOSH last year in March and both teachers & students found it an extremely valuable learning experience. Thank you to Mrs. Moffatt & Mrs. Tremere. More information can be found here: <https://achef.org/exhibitions/>

ACADEMY DIPLOMA PROGRAM IN AGRICULTURE & BIOSCIENCE

Jessica Reeves co-ordinates the *Academy Diploma Program in Agriculture & Bioscience* here at K.R.H.S. *Gr. 11 & 12 ADP students* had a tour of the *Dalhousie University Agricultural Campus* in Truro, NS on Nov. 19.

K.R.H.S. LIBRARY NEWS

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.



DRIVE AWAY HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

This year our *ADP students* once again spearheaded a *Food Drive* from *October 30 to November 5*. K.R.H.S. has been participating in the *Drive Away Hunger Food Drive* for almost 20 years and we deliver the food to the *South Shore Food Share* which serves the communities of Borden-Carleton, Kinkora, and Crapaud.

Many thanks to *all Blazers* who supported the Drive Away Hunger Food Drive. Congratulations to the Green Blazer Brigade with a total of 180 lbs collected. You are the proud recipients of a Pizza Party! Runner up goes to the Orange Blazer Brigade with 135 lbs. *Our total school donation was 530 lbs of food.* Thank you to the members of the ADP Executive who delivered our donation to the South Shore Food Share. They are very appreciative of our support.



FROM STUDENT SERVICES...

Applications to post-secondary schools are open now 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!

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 2026 Grad Google Classroom*, or the school website for more details and links to these scholarship opportunities.

<https://kinkorahigh.edu.pe.ca/learning->

[resources/scholarship-and-bursaries](#)



STUDENT COUNCIL HALLOWEEN NEWS

We had lots of fun events here at K.R.H.S. to celebrate Halloween. We also had a *'Pumpkin Under Your Desk'* game on Oct. 29, *'Decorate a Halloween Cookie Day'* on Oct. 30, and *treats* for all students on Oct. 31.

Our *Halloween Dress-Up Day* was on Oct. 31. The top two best-dressed in each grade were:

Gr. 9 – *Astronaut (Taylor Wood) and Plague Doctor (Hayden MacQueen)*

Gr. 10 – *Michael Myers (Ryder Martin) and Blow-Up Baby (Alessandria Recio)*

Gr. 12 – *Creepy Clown (Aliya Hagen)*

Best dressed duo in the school – *Smoky & The Bandit (Luke McCormack and Brayden Paynter)*
Honourable Mention ~ *Buzz & Woody from Toy Story (Liam Arsenault & Breckin Caseley)*

Best dressed trio in the school – *The Hangover (Mason Gaudet, Ben Murphy & Evan Longuepee)*
Honourable Mention ~ *Penguins (Max Lawless, Reid MacDonald & Logan Schofield)*

Best dressed group of four or more in the school – *The Trolls (Hannah Lynch, Alva Pacatcatin, Olivia Stewart & Avah Muttart)*
Honourable Mention ~ *The Smurfs (Gr. 12s)*

Best dressed staff ~ *The Golden Girls (Leanne Arsenault, Lori Allen, Lesley Cousins & Jessica Reeves)*

And well done to *the entire K.R.H.S. Staff* who did an awesome job with their *Famous TV Characters* theme.

Thanks to all who showed some Halloween spirit and dressed up.



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* for results. ID is kinkora & password is guest.

Current standings are:

1st ~ *Norah Pendergast*

2nd - Josh Lewis
3rd - Lorraine Mulligan

Hockey Pool

STORM DAY POLICY

◆ Every effort is made to announce all Public Schools Branch weather-related cancellations by 6:30 a.m. on local radio stations and on the PSB website.

◆ You will hear announcements like, "all classes in the Public Schools Branch are cancelled" or "there is a Public Schools Branch system-wide shutdown" or "all classes are on a one-hour delay" or, if schools have to close early, you may hear "all classes in the Public Schools Branch will be dismissing two hours early today."

◆ Sometimes, it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a family of schools. Partial system closures or delays will be announced by family of schools. K.R.H.S. belongs to the Kinkora family of schools.

🔗 More Information on PSB's Storm Closures - <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/parent-and-student.../storm-closures>

SCHOOL CLOTHING/ BLAZER SPIRITWEAR

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

ALUMNI UPDATE...

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

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2022 Brianna Hughes** was named to the *2025/26 ACAA Women's Rugby All-Conference Team*. Brianna steered the *Holland College Hurricanes* attack with confidence at scrum half, setting the tempo and managing key moments. She added a valuable two-point conversion in the Oct. 5 win vs. Mount Allison and offered leadership and composure all season long.



~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2021 Jessica Larsen** graduated from *Dalhousie University Faculty of*

Agriculture in June with a *Bachelor of Science degree (Agriculture), Major in Agriculture Business, and a Certificate in Sustainable Soil Management*. Jessica was *Valedictorian* and won both the *Distinguished Grad Award and the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society Prize*. She is currently working as an *Agronomy Technician* at McCains Farms - Division of *McCain Produce*. Jessica is also the *Assistant Coach* with the *Northwest Pioneers* of the NB U14 AAA Hockey League.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2013 Westley Johnston** graduated from the *University of New Brunswick on Oct. 23 with a Bachelor of Recreation & Sport Studies degree (First Division)* and is now working for *Sport NB* as the *Co-ordinator of KidSport*.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2008 Emily Craig** has joined *Special Olympics PEI's Board of Directors* as the *Athlete Representative*. Through this role, Emily will also serve as *Special Olympics PEI's representative* on the *Canadian Athlete Leadership Council*.

<https://www.specialolympics.ca/pei/learn/stories/from-athlete-to-advocate-special-olympics-peis-emily-craig-takes-her-leadership-national/>



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2025 SADD GROUP

SADD stands for *Students Against Destructive Decisions* and is a student organization here at K.R.H.S. that is dedicated to *educating students about the issues that come with driving under the influence, drug use, and other decisions that may impact on the lives of young people*. The SADD group will meet a few times a month to plan activities and raise awareness. *Everyone is welcome*. If you have any questions, please ask Ms. Paynter or Ms. Parker.



2026 GRAD NEWS

- Remember to check out the *K.R.H.S. Grads 2026 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 19* at 6 p.m. There are 41 potential graduates for 2026.
- The *2026 Grad Executive* includes *Addison Baldwin, Maura Mulligan, Avrie Smith, Charleigh Webster, Keira Duffy, and Charlee Norring*. Members are responsible for planning & organizing all grad activities throughout the year.



GAMING CLUB and DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

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

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to *Gr. 10 student Jack Mulligan* who recently won the *Barney Bree Award* from *Swim PEI*, presented to the swimmer who best demonstrates *leadership, fair play, and sportsmanship*.

Congratulations!

MUSIC NEWS/K.R.H.S. BAND

Special thanks to Kirk White for the excellent work he does with our music program. *Concert Band practice* is every Tuesday after school.



K.R.H.S. MUSIC TEACHER KIRK WHITE '*INSIDE AMERICAN PIE*', featuring our very own Music Teacher *Kirk White*, will be premiering in the UK. Playing at *Curve Theatre* in *Leicester, England* from February 26 to March 14, 2026. So excited for you, KW!!



K.R.H.S. CAFETERIA

The *School Food program at K.R.H.S.* offers nutritious lunch options all year long with a *3-week menu rotation*. Thank you to our amazing **Food Service Team:**
Michelle Gibson ~ Kitchen Manager
Michelle MacPhee ~ Kitchen Assistant
Emily Temple ~ Kitchen Cook

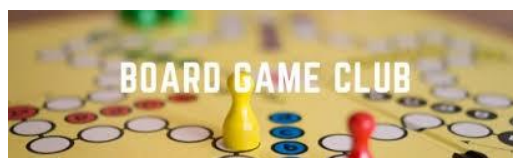
KARAOKE IS BACK!!

Come enjoy *all your favorite hits*. Second half of lunch in Ms. Pendergast's classroom. Bring your friends!!



BLAZER BOARD GAME CLUB

Blazer Board Game Club takes place in the K.R.H.S. Library every day at lunch break. We have a great collection of board games and puzzles, as well as art supplies for colouring.



2025/2026 PAGE PROGRAM

Gr. 12 student Jackson Cox is representing K.R.H.S. in the *2025/2026 Legislative Assembly Page Program*. This program provides *students with an opportunity to see first-hand how laws are created in our province and gain a better understanding of the work of the Legislative Assembly*. The experience is a great way to see Island politics and government in action.



NUT BAN

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



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 of these positions.



STUDENT WELL-BEING

The **Student Wellbeing Team** hosts a **drop-in clinic at K.R.H.S.** every second Wednesday. **Emily, our mental health nurse, will be available from 11:30 a.m. until the end of the school day.** The clinic will offer a chance for students to connect with the team and receive **coaching, counselling, skill building, and mental health resource navigation.** What you can expect is a non-judgmental ear to sound your concerns off to. There is a sign-up sheet located in the office for anyone who would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

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** – Addison Baldwin
- Club Member** – Hannah Lynch
- Good Citizenship** – Ryder Martin
- Grade 9** – Keira Jeffery
- Grade 10** – Will Pickering
- Grade 11** – Aiden Starratt
- Grade 12** – Chloe Moore
- Administrator's Choice** – Alva Pacatcatin



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. 4. A special thanks to **Matt Killeen, Daniel Arsenaault, Trent Ranahan, Kimberly Destreza, Addison Baldwin, Ryder Martin, Kirk White, and the K.R.H.S. Band** for their

participation, as well as to **Mrs. Reeves and her Culinary class** for preparing a delicious luncheon for the Legion members after the service.



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. 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.



P.E.I. HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

🍎 Questions? Contact the Federation office at: 902-620-3186/1-800-916-0664/peihsf@gov.pe.ca Follow PEIHSF on Twitter @peihsf and Facebook at: PEI Home and School Federation



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

