



# Kinkora Blazers February Newsletter

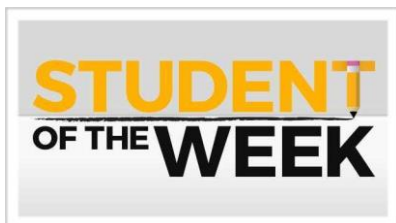
*The world is wide,  
and I will not waste my life in friction  
when it could be turned into momentum.*  
~ Frances E. Willard ~

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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. 14 - Show some spirit and celebrate *Valentine's Day* by wearing *red or pink*.
- Feb. 17 - *Islander Day*. No classes.
- Feb. 26 - *Pink Shirt Day*
- 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.
- May 30 - *Relay for Life*
- June 20 - The *63rd Annual K.R.H.S. Graduation* @ 6 p.m.
- June 28 - *Prom*
- June 30 - School closes for the summer.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our most recent *Students of the Week* ~ **Liam Arsenault, Jaedyn Boyko, Mya Beaulieu & Ella Murphy**. Special thanks to the *Consolidated Credit Union & the K.R.H.S. Student Council* for sponsoring this award.



## SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our deepest condolences are extended to the family of *the late Richard Pettipas*. Richard was a former teacher here at K.R.H.S. and spent much of his career teaching at Amherst Cove Consolidated in Borden-Carleton where he had a

profound impact on staff & students alike. Richard was also a highly respected, dedicated referee/official/umpire with the P.E.I.S.A.A.

## FAREWELL & GOOD LUCK

Many thanks to *Kathleen Groves & Gina Hernandez* who will be leaving K.R.H.S. in early February. *Kathleen* has accepted a teaching position at *Bluefield* while *Gina* has accepted a custodian position at *TOSH*. 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 both.

*we will miss you*

## 2025 RELAY FOR LIFE

We are hosting our *4th Annual Canadian Cancer Society 'Relay for Life'* on Friday, May 30 and we are looking for Blazers to join our committee to help us plan our best event yet! The committee chairs & captains will be attending *Relay University* in Moncton on Feb. 27. Special thanks to Teacher Advisor Jessica Reeves and to *Co-Chairs Maura Mulligan & Madison Trainor*.



## THANK YOU!

*Many thanks to all parents who helped to provide the delicious Breakfast Program during exams*. It is a healthy way to start our day and is always very much appreciated!

*thank you!*

## BUS DRIVER RETIREMENT

*Kenny Lawless*, driver of Bus #775, officially retired on January 10, 2025. You will certainly be missed, Kenny. Thanks so much for everything you did for the students & staff of K.R.H.S. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement.



### PINK SHIRT DAY

On Feb. 26, K.R.H.S. staff & students will be participating in *Pink Shirt Day* at our school. This event allows everyone to *promote awareness, understanding, and openness about the problem of bullying and to commit to standing up against bullying.*



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

**Valentine's Day:** Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

Students will be asked to show some spirit and celebrate *Valentine's Day by wearing red or pink.* The K.R.H.S. Student Council will give out Hershey's Hugs and Kisses chocolates to students.



**Pink Shirt Day:** Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

We will be encouraging students to wear pink that day *to raise awareness against bullying.* We will be giving students pink suckers with kindness messages on them.

**Spirit Theme Week:** March 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>

**Jersey Day** - Monday, March 10

**Tacky Tourist Tuesday** - Tuesday, March 11

**Students Dress up as Teachers & Teachers Dress up like they did in school** - Wednesday, March 12

**Cozy Day (PJ Day) & Hot Chocolate Day** - Thursday, March 13

**St. Patrick's Day** - Friday, March 14

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### 'DRIVE AWAY HUNGER' FOOD DRIVE

This year our students are once again spearheading a *'Drive Away Hunger' Food Drive* during the month of *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*

~ *Twenty-seven Gr. 11 & 12 K.R.H.S. students* will travel to Europe from April 28 to May 7, 2025 to commemorate the *80th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands.* Over the course of nine days, students will explore *France, Belgium & Holland.*

~ *After School Meetings* will be on Mondays and will run from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Attendance is mandatory for these meetings.

**Meeting Dates:**

**Monday, February 10**

**Monday, March 10**

**Monday, April 14**

~ *Veterans' Night* is Wednesday, April 9 at Three Oaks Senior High School. All students are to participate. Students must have *a local veteran* to research.

~ Final *fundraiser* will be selling tickets on a *'March Break Get-Away'* prize package.

KRHS Europe 2025 Fundraiser  
80th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands

## March Break Get Away Package

March Break Get Away Package includes  
\$200 Costco card (do not need Costco membership to use)  
\$100 Shell Gas Card  
Bridge Pass  
\$200 Spending Money

Tickets are \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$10

Draw Date: Monday, March 3, 2025

Lotto Number: 10516

Thank you for your support!

### 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.

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

Joining *Personal Finance & Investing Club* is a great opportunity to meet and discuss finance & investing with other like-minded students. *Weekly meetings are 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. Many thanks to Teacher Advisor Shelley Tremere. Here is our Executive for 2024/2025:

**Co-Presidents:** *Hayden McGuire and Oliver Murphy*

**Vice President:** *Morgan McLellan*

**Secretary:** *Madison Trainor*

**Grade 12 Representative:** *Feb Reyes*

**Grade 11 Representative:** *Jackson Cox*

**Grade 10 Representatives:** *Austin Keough and Logan Schofield*



### 2025 GRAD NEWS

- The K.R.H.S. Grad Executive members are responsible for planning & organizing all grad activities throughout the year. This year's Grad Executive consists of Gr. 12 students *Carmen Moffatt, Jaedyn Boyko, Sarah-Beth Murphy, Vance Lawless, and Morgan McLellan.*
- February Grad Activity is *tubing at Brookvale*, weather dependant.
- Reminder to all grads to *submit sizes for grad hoodies* to Morgan.
- Please hand in your *baby photo* to the Yearbook Editors or 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.

 **CLASS OF  
2025**

### 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* for results. ID is kinkora & password is guest. Current standings are:

**1st** – *Mike Wallace*

**2nd** – *David Doucette*

**3rd** – *Jaden Nantes & Jarrett Mulligan (tied)*

# Hockey Pool

### POWERLIFTING NEWS

The *2025 P.E.I.S.A.A. Powerlifting Provincials* will be on Fri., Feb. 14 at École François-Buote. K.R.H.S. students *Jayden Allen, Brandon Hunter, and Ryan Smith* will represent K.R.H.S. Special thanks to Coach Trent Ranahan.

### BLAZER BISTRO SPECIAL

The Blazer Bistro proudly presented their *final meal service of the year* on Jan. 22. The meal included *PEI Steamed Mussels, Homemade Island Fish Cakes with garlic dill aioli and traditional coleslaw, served with a Mango Kani Roll and Avocado Salad. Their dessert buffet included a selection of Caramel Apple Cheesecake Bars or S'more Parfaits.* This was their *final exam.*



### 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.



**ATTENTION GR. 11 STUDENTS/PARENTS**  
**Horatio Alger Association of Canada  
 Scholarship Program**

- open to current grade 11 students who are planning on entering a university program in the fall of 2026
- demonstrate financial need (\$65,000 or less net family income)
- Involved in extracurricular and community activities
- Integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- Average of at least 70%
- Be a Canadian citizen

**Applications due March 15, 2025**

<https://horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships/>

**OHS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

The *Workers Compensation Board of P.E.I.'s Occupational Health & Safety Leadership Program* is in full swing at K.R.H.S. Our *OHS Leaders* for the 2024/2025 school year are students *Hannah Estabrooks & Brooke Gallant*. They will be *promoting young worker safety* at K.R.H.S.



**DENTAL CLINIC**

The *School Oral Health Preventative Program* will soon be operating at Kinkora Regional High School.

**Purpose of Dental Clinic:** Screen children to assess risk of oral disease; provide oral health education, topical fluoride, scaling/polishing and sealants, according to your child's individual needs.

**Screening:** All students will be seen for a two-minute screening to determine their risk of oral disease. If you do not wish your child to have this dental screening, please notify the school.

**Consent:** After the screening, all children will be given a consent form which will be necessary for you to complete and return before services are provided.

**Fees:** There is no cost involved as these

preventative services are covered by the Provincial Dental Care Program.

**Contact:** If you have any questions about the program, please contact the dental staff at the School 902-315-1017 or the Dental Public Health Clinic in Summerside at 902-888-8145.



**BLAZER BOARD GAME CLUB**

*Blazer Board Game Club* is in the K.R.H.S. Library every day at lunch break. We have a great collection of board games but if students have any requests, please see Mrs. Tremere.



**ALUMNI UPDATE...**

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

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2024 Jocelyn Gallant** is in her first year of the *Journalism & Communications* program at *Holland College* in Charlottetown.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2020 Todd DesRoches** is now a *Red Seal Agricultural Equipment Technician*.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grads of 2020 Charlotte Linkletter & Jara Nantes** are both living & working in *Australia*. Charlotte is working as an *Au Pair* in *Brisbane* while Jara is in *Sydney*. Charlotte graduated from *Dalhousie University* last spring with a *Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology* while Jara graduated from *St. Francis Xavier University* last spring with a *Bachelor of Science degree in Human Kinetics with Distinction*.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2017 Isaac MacDougall** runs *Doogall's Canteen* out of the *Gateway Arena* in Borden-Carleton.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2008 Marianne Duffy** is a *virtual therapist* and founder of *GoodTalk Therapy*. A *Registered Psychotherapist, (Qualifying)*, Marianne has her *Masters degree in Counselling Psychology*.



**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.



#### FROM STUDENT SERVICES...

Please see our School Counselor Mrs. McCarthy anytime, visit the **2025 Grad Google Classroom**, or the school website for more details and links to all kinds of scholarship opportunities.

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



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

🍎 **School Staff Appreciation Week, February 10-14, 2025**

School Staff Appreciation Week is an opportunity for parents and students to recognize the dedication and hard work of school staff: teachers, administrative support, educational assistants, and custodians.

🍎 **Annual General Meeting Notice**

The Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation will hold its 72nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sat., April 12, 2025. All Member Home and School Associations are invited to attend the AGM. Each Association is asked to designate five of your school's attendees as voting delegates. Registration details will be available in February and posted at: <http://peihsf.ca/agm>

🍎 **Home and School Monthly Column**

Read President David Schult's monthly columns at: <https://peihsf.ca/news/>

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



#### 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!!!

**mirvish**



**INSIDE AMERICAN PIE**

CAA THEATRE

MARCH 12 - MARCH 30, 2025

#### 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.

#### KARAOKE

There is karaoke in Ms. Pendergast's room at noon so get your song requests ready!



#### COSPEI GOLD RUSH

To support Kinkora Regional High School with the **COSPEI Gold Rush**, please go to <https://cospei.goldrush.causable.io> for your chance to win. 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.!**



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



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

The School Food program at K.R.H.S. offers nutritious lunch options. With a *3-week menu rotation*.

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

*Michelle Gibson* ~ Kitchen Manager

*Michelle MacPhee* ~ Kitchen Assistant

*Jefferson Pineda* ~ Kitchen Cook

### FILIPINO DANCE MASTERS

Staff & students at Kinkora Regional High School were thrilled to welcome the *Filipino Dance Master troupe* to perform a demonstration and workshop with our Gr. 9 students during Block B on January 17. They demonstrated *traditional and hip-hop fusion dances, discussed the ethnic Filipino music, and shared some of their language*. We are grateful for this opportunity to learn about Filipino traditional dance. Thank you to Norah Pendergast for arranging this.



### 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.



*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.*

~ Nelson Mandela ~

*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 ~

*I am only one, but I am one.*

*I can't do everything, but I can do something.*

*And because I cannot do everything,*

*I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.*

~ Jeanie Ashley Bates Greenough ~

*Kindness can become its own motive.*

*We are made kind by being kind.*

~ Eric Hoffer ~

*When you talk,*

*you are only repeating what you already know.*

*But if you listen,*

*you may learn something new.*

~ Dalia Lama ~

*Everything has its wonders,*

*even darkness and silence,*

*and I learn, whatever state I may be in, herein to be content.*

~ Helen Keller ~

