



Kinkora Regional High School

Home of the Blazers

Kinkora Blazers

March Newsletter

*May you have warm words on a cold evening,
a full moon on a dark night,
and the road downhill
all the way to your door.*

~ Irish Blessing ~

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 4 & 5 - Annual P.E.I. Humane Society Cupcake Day Fundraiser at K.R.H.S.

Mar. 7 - Professional Learning Day. No classes.

Mar. 10 - Jersey Day

Mar. 11 - Tacky Tourist Tuesday Dress Up Day

Mar. 12 - Students Dress up as Teachers & Teachers Dress up like they did in school

Mar. 13 - Cozy Day (PJs) & Hot Chocolate Day

Mar. 14 - Dress up for St. Paddy's Day and wear green!!

Mar. 17 to 21 - March Break. No classes.

March 27 & 28 - Easter Beef Show

Apr. 6 to 12 - Annual High School Hockey Tournament hosted by KISH.

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.

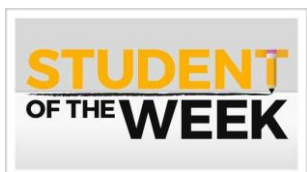
Graduation @ 6 p.m.

June 28 - Prom

June 30 - School closes for the summer.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our most recent *Students of the Week* ~ **Morgan MacLellan, Luke Stewart, Carly Affleck & Brooke Gallant.** Special thanks to the *Consolidated Credit Union & the K.R.H.S. Student Council* for sponsoring this award.



WARM BLAZER WELCOME!

A warm Blazer welcome to **Benny Stuart** who joined our staff on Feb. 3. Mr. Stuart will be filling in for Amanda Moffatt this semester

teaching two sections of *English 421* and one section of *Family Life 621.*

We would also like to welcome our new *Night Custodian Daniel Arsenault* and two new bus drivers, *Pat McIver & Chris Leal.*

TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Sincere thanks to all *students & parents* for the delicious treats, tasty meal, and kind gestures during *Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.* We are certainly very appreciative of the efforts of so many students & parents for helping to make Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week special here at K.R.H.S.



K.R.H.S. STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Spirit Theme Week: March 10 to 14

Jersey Day - Monday, March 10

Soccer? Hockey? Football? Baseball? Basketball? Whatever the sport is, the choice is yours! Show some spirit and *wear your favourite jersey!*

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



CUPCAKE DAY ON MARCH 4 & 5

On March 4 & 5, K.R.H.S. staff and students will be fundraising for the *Annual Humane Society Cupcake Day.* 100% of all money raised will go directly to the P.E.I. Humane Society, so they can continue helping our furry friends stay healthy and safe until their forever homes are found.

During these two days we will be *selling cupcakes for \$2 each.* There will also be a live auction on March 4 by our very own *auctioneer, Hayden McGuire.* Hayden will be auctioning off staff parking spots, delicious full-size cakes, and our Blazer VIP package.

So please bring some cash on March 4 & 5. *If we reach our fundraising goal of \$1000, Mr. Killeen will teach in a dog suit for the day!*

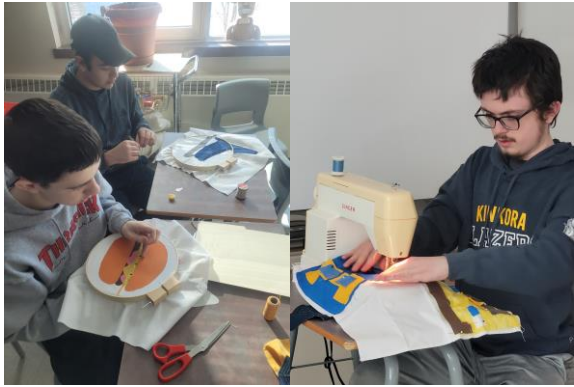
Please note that e-transfers will only be accepted for purchases of \$20 or more.

For further information, please see Leanne.



KINKORA COMMUNITY QUILT

Students in *Norah Pendergast's Art class* are busy sewing a *Kinkora community quilt* for an *ArtSmarts project* that will be exhibited at the Eptek Centre and the Confederation Centre of the Arts in May. We are grateful for the support of *artists Emily Walker of Ureshii designs* and *local quilting expert, Helena Hamill*, who are teaching our students sewing skills. We are also grateful to *Sew Blessed Quilters* for sponsoring our supplies for this project.



CEREAL BOX CHALLENGE

In an effort to support the *South Shore Food Share*, we were invited to participate in the *Cereal Box Challenge*. We competed against our friends at Somerset Consolidated and Amherst Cove Consolidated to see which school could *collect the most boxes of cereal to donate*. Blazers donated 92 boxes of cereal.



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

School Spirit – *Addyson Rogers*
Club Member – *Hannah Lynch*
Grade 9 – *Oscar Bulman*
Grade 10 – *Lucas Jeffery*
Grade 11 – *Hailey Rogers*
Grade 12 – *Vance Lawless*
Good Citizenship – *Johanna Broqueza*
Administrator's Choice – *Jana-Lynn McNally*

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

School Spirit – *Sarah-Beth Murphy*
Club Member – *Alva Pacatcatin*

Grade 9 – *Rory Benetto O'Brien*

Grade 10 – *Davis Cassell*

Grade 11 – *Kimberly Destreza*

Grade 12 – *Ella Murphy*

Good Citizenship – *Charleigh Webster*

Administrator's Choice – *Brayden Paynter*



ENRICHMENT

On Feb. 21, the *Phys. Ed. 801 students* & Mr. Ranahan went skiing at Brookvale.

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. Don't forget that March is *Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month!* Be sure to visit the K.R.H.S. Library to pick up some *great agriculture-themed books*.

2025 HIGH SCHOOL VIDEO CONTEST

Do you like making videos? Here's your chance to win great cash prizes! *Create an original video illustrating what youth can do to protect their health and safety at work*. We all have a part to play in keeping ourselves and our co-workers healthy and safe. Use your video to demonstrate some of the ways we can do this.

All styles of video are welcome: drama, comedy, documentary, music video, stop-motion, animation — the choice is yours! The best part? Participants with the winning video entry receive a \$1,000 prize and their school also receives \$1,000. Applications for the 2025 Youth Video Contest will be accepted until *April 1, 2025*, at 11:59 p.m., Atlantic Time. wcb.pe.ca/workplace/contest



MARCH IS NUTRITION MONTH

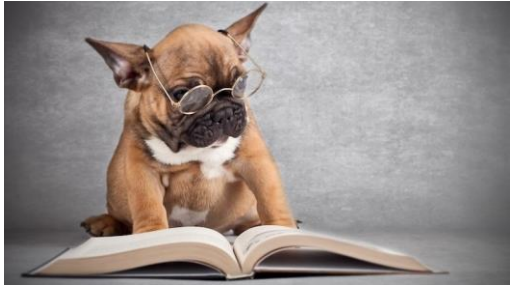
Making sure students eat a healthful diet is no easy task! We know it is important to eat a balanced diet, which includes the milk and alternatives group. No other single food provides as much nutrition as a glass of milk, which is our number one source of calcium. Milk and milk products offer many nutrients that build and maintain strong bones and teeth and keep muscles working well.

March is National Nutrition Month



**PETS CAUGHT READING:
LIBRARY PHOTO CONTEST**

Did you know that May is National Pet Month??? We thought it would be the purrrfect opportunity for another *FANTASTIC K.R.H.S. Library photo contest!* Take a picture of a favourite pet (dog, cat, horse, doesn't matter) enjoying their favorite book. Snap a photo of them reading a book, magazine, e-book, etc. for a chance to win a gift card. Great prizes to be won!! Send the photo in jpeg format to sdremere@edu.pe.ca. Deadline is March 31.



BLAZER SPORTING NEWS

Powerlifting - The 2025 *P.E.I.S.A.A. Powerlifting Provincials* were held on Thurs., Fri. 20 at École François-Buote. K.R.H.S. students **Brandon Hunter & Ryan Smith** represented K.R.H.S. Special thanks to Coaches Trent Ranahan & Matt Killeen.

Senior Women's Basketball - Special thanks to Coach Jill Parker.

The team had an intense win vs Grace Christian at home on Feb. 5. The girls battled hard on both ends of the court to win 37-30 in overtime. Points came from **Alva, Avah, Hannah, and Olivia** while **Addyson** was defensive player of the game. The girls played a tough game vs Montague on Feb. 24. They battled hard on both ends of the court but ultimately came up short. Points came from **Alva, Hannah,** and a couple big three pointers from **Olivia and Addyson.**

The team lost to Grace Christian on Feb. 27. The girls played a gritty game but ultimately came up short, ending their season. Points came from **Hannah, Avah, and Addyson.** **Alva** played her best defensive game of the season and had over 30 minutes on the court. Great season, Blazers!

Badminton - Coach is Trent Ranahan. After-school practices have started.



K.R.H.S. YEARBOOK NEWS

The Yearbook Committee will be collecting the following items from grads for the yearbook.

Thank you to those who have already submitted their items.

- **Grad Write Up** - the paragraph that goes beside your photo. There are instructions on how to do this on the Grad Google Classroom.
- **Quote** - an appropriate quote that speaks to you. Please provide the source if known.
- **Flashback Photos** - any photos from grades K-11 would be appreciated. You can email them to ilmccarthy@edu.pe.ca, or upload them to our yearbook site by visiting hjeshare.com and entering the code "Blazer"
- **Baby Photo** - ages 0-5



**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.

FROM STUDENT SERVICES...

Grade 12 Information:

Mrs. McCarthy is busy finishing her second round of grade 12 appointments. These appointments will deal with deadlines for applying to your school (if you haven't done so already), making final decisions on where attending, and scholarships.

Please see Mrs. McCarthy anytime, visit the **2025 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>

Scholarship Deadline Reminders:

March 30 - Retail as a Career Scholarship

March 31 - Holland College Entrance Awards



ADVENTURES IN CITIZENSHIP

Adventures in Citizenship- a Rotary Program, May 25-28th, 2025, Ottawa

The Rotary Clubs of PEI are able to sponsor *ONE PEI student for this opportunity.* It a fully paid trip to Ottawa to learn about our political system and meet other youth from across Canada.

Please see Mrs. McCarthy for an application. All applications are due **March 3rd @ 4pm.**

ATTENTION GR. 11 STUDENTS/PARENTS

Hey, Grade 11s! Please let me introduce your first scholarship application! Available only to Grade 11 students, the **Horatio Alger Scholarship** is intended for students who plan on entering a university program after your Grade 12 year. You must demonstrate financial need (family income of \$65 000 or less), be involved in your school and community and have a minimum average of 70%.

If you are planning on applying for this award, please let me know as there is a part I have to fill out.

<https://horatioalger.ca/scholarships-and-services/undergraduate-scholarships/>

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 31, 2025.

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 participate to help us have our best event yet! The committee chairs & captains attended **Relay University** in Moncton on Feb. 27. Special thanks to Teacher Advisors Jessica Reeves, Matt Killeen, Shelley Tremere and to **Co-Chairs Maura Mulligan & Madison Trainor.**



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, 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!

SCHOOL CLOTHING/ BLAZER SPIRITWEAR

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

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 Monday 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.*
- March Grad Activity is *tubing at Brookvale*, weather dependant.
- *Grad hoodies* have arrived.
- 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

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 & Jaden Nantes (tied)
3rd – Laurie Cousins

Hockey
Pool

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.



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 Gr. 12 students *Brooke Gallant & Feb Reyes*. They have been *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 2015 Jillian Lawless** recently passed the *North American Veterinary Licensing Examination* and headed to *Kenya, Africa* for a *three-week veterinary rotation*.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2013 Ashley Noonan** works at *Kool Breeze Farms* and is currently studying to get her *Horticulture Diploma* from the *University of Guelph*. Ashley graduated from *St. Thomas University* with a *Bachelor of Arts degree* in 2018.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2011 Brandi Dawson** is an *ICU/Emergency Veterinary Technician* at the *Atlantic Veterinary College (AVC)* in *Charlottetown*.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2008 Luke McIver** recently received a *Pinnacle Award* from *Red-Isle Realty Inc.* for top sales, dedication, hard work, and outstanding performance.



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*.



P.E.I. HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

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
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!!!



INSIDE AMERICAN PIE

CAA THEATRE

MARCH 12 - MARCH 30, 2025

GAMING CLUB and DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

Gaming Club is in Mr. Voth's door (Room 205). If you're are interested in trying out *Dungeons & Dragons*, the *D&D Club* also 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

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.

VOLUNTEER



THE KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL

The King Charles III Coronation Medal was awarded to outstanding individuals in P.E.I. The Coronation Medal was created to mark the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, which took place on May 6, 2023. It is the first Canadian commemorative medal to mark a coronation. Recipients represent a diverse group of individuals who have made significant contributions to the province. Congratulations to one of those recipients, our very own *Jessica Reeves*.



Take a rest - it is a field that has rested that yields bountiful crops.
~ Ovid ~

Patience!

The windmill never strays in search of the wind.
~ Andy J. Sklivis ~

Like a ten-speed bike, most of us have gears we do not use.
~ Charles Schulz ~

The light of friendship is like the light of phosphorus, seen plainest when all around is dark.
~ Robert Cromwell ~

Learning is an ornament in prosperity, a refuge in adversity, and a provision in old age.
~ Aristotle ~

Praise does wonders for our sense of hearing.
~ Arnold H. Glasow ~

