

Kinkora Blazers October Newsletter

There is no pillow so soft as a good conscience.

~ French proverb ~

Always be on the lookout for the presence of wonder. ~ E.B. White ~

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 2 - P.E.I.S.A.A. Zone Two Cross Country Meet

Oct. 4 - Annual Blazer Beef Supper

Oct. 6 - School Photos

Oct. 7 - Annual Pie Fundraiser ends

Oct. 10 - Professional Learning Day. No classes.

Oct. 13 - Happy Thanksgiving! No classes.

Oct. 14 - The Atlantic Association of Registrars and Admissions Officers (AARAO) Post-Secondary Opportunities Expo for Gr. 11 & 12 students in the p.m.

Oct. 23 to 24 - Gr. 12 ADP Western P.E.I. Field Trip

Oct. 27 - Canadian School Library Day

Nov. 3 - School Photo Retakes

Nov. 5 - Gr. 9 'Take Your Kid to Work Day'

Nov. 6 & 7 - Annual P.E.I.T.F. Convention. No classes.

Nov. 7 - *Grad photos* at Heckberts in Summerside Nov. 10 - *Teacher Administrative Day*. No classes.

Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day. No classes.

Nov. 20 - Parent/Teacher Interviews from 3:30-8 p.m.

Nov. 21 - *Parent/Teacher Interviews* from 9 a.m.-12 noon. No classes.

Dec. 6 - Blazer Blizzard Dance

Dec. 19 - Last day of classes for 2025

Dec. 22 - Professional Learning Day. No classes

June 19 - The 64th Annual K.R.H.S. Graduation @ 6 p.m.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our most recent *Students of the Week* ~ Hailey Rogers & Eva Garcia. Special thanks to the *K.R.H.S. Student Council* for sponsoring this award.



BLAZER BEEF TAKE-OUT SUPPER

The Annual Blazer Beef Take-out Supper, a major K.R.H.S. fundraising event, will be held at

the school on Saturday, October 4 from 4-6 p.m. Cost is \$20 for adults & \$10 for children 12 & under. Take-out ONLY.

This is a long-standing fundraiser for the school dating back to the 1970s. Meal consists of roast beef, potatoes, carrots, turnips, gravy, roll, and pie. *Tickets can be purchased at the door on Saturday*. This is a joint initiative involving parents, students, staff & the community. The supper is one of the major fundraisers carried out by K.R.H.S. and all funds generated from this activity will be used in support of our schools. Funds help purchase band equipment, sport jerseys and equipment, maintenance of outdoor classroom, and various other things.

A WARM BLAZER WELCOME TO OUR ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT EVA GARCIA

Local Rotary clubs, such as those in Charlottetown and Summerside, are deeply involved in hosting students, providing them with cultural immersion, and offering support through orientation programs and participation in community events. *Students attend local schools* and live with host families, becoming a part of the community and experiencing the unique culture of Prince Edward Island. *Kinkora Regional High School is thrilled to host Eva Garcia from Spain this year*. Welcome, Eva, and remember, once a Blazer, always a Blazer!



ANNUAL K.R.H.S. FROZEN PIE FUNDRAISER SEPT. 23 – OCT. 7

The Student Council has started fundraising for the current school year. Just in time to stock your freezer for the holidays - Kinkora Regional High School is once again holding our very popular *frozen pie fundraiser from Sept. 23-Oct. 7.* All pies come frozen and ready to bake, with the exception of the pumpkin & pecan pies, which are thaw & serve. To place an order, contact a K.R.H.S. student or call the school at 887-2424.

The 8 inch fruit pie flavours being sold during this year's campaign include the unbaked apple, cherry, caramel apple, strawberry rhubarb, no sugar added apple, blueberry, classic berry (blueberry, raspberry, and cranberry) and the thaw and serve pumpkin at a cost of \$8 each. We are also selling thaw and serve pecan pie at a cost of \$9.

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer the meat pies and turkey pot pies. We appreciate your continued support with our fundraiser. Money raised by the student council helps fund various activities they promote throughout the school year.

All orders must be in by Tues., Oct. 7. Pies will be

ready for pick up on Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 3:30-6:00 p.m. at the Kinkora Fire Hall. Students will pick up the pies they sold and deliver them to their customers. It is important that orders are picked up on that day as there is no freezer space available at the school to store pies.



2026 GRAD NEWS

- *Grad photos* will take place on *Fri.*, *Nov.* 7, 2025 at *Heckbert's Photography* in Summerside. A \$25 sitting fee is due that day. A sign-up sheet is posted outside Room 205. If that date does not suit, just call 902-436-4241 and make another appointment.
- 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. Meetings take place at lunch once a month in Ms. Paynter's room.



2024-2025 UNDERGRAD AWARDS AT THE BLAZER BLITZ

GRADE NINE

The prize for the highest average in Gr. 9 and prizes for the highest marks in English 300, Science 300, and Music 300 are awarded to *Alessandria Recio*.

The prize for the second highest average in Gr. 9 and the highest mark in Exploratory Arts 300 are awarded to *Kaiden Corney*.

The prize for the third highest average in Gr. 9 and prizes for the highest marks in English 300 and History 300 are presented to *Ryder Martin*.

The prize for the highest mark in Math 300 is awarded to *Jack Pickering*.

The prize for the highest mark in French 300 is awarded to *Reynaldo Contreras*.

The Bev Burns Memorial Award for having the highest mark in Health/Physical Education 300 is awarded to *Shayla Johnston*.

Awards for consistent effort in Gr. 9 are presented to Sarah Cassell, Gracie Livingston, Will Pickering, Delaney Raymer, and Abigail Ross.

The Principal's Attendance Award for the Gr. 9 student with the best attendance record is presented to *Jax Maye*.

GRADE TEN

The prize for the highest average in Gr. 10 and prizes for the highest marks in

Science 421, Foods 421, and Robotics 701 are awarded to *Avah Muttart*.

The prize for the second highest average in Gr. 10 and a prize for the highest mark in Math 421A are awarded to *Alva Pacatcatin*.

The prize for the third highest average in Gr. 10 and a prize for the highest mark in Math 421A are awarded to *Hannah Lynch*.

Prizes for the highest marks in Career Explorations & Opportunities 401 and History 421 are awarded to *Johanna Broqueza*.

Prizes for the highest marks in Civics 421 and Physical Education 401 are awarded to *Logan Schofield*.

The prize for the highest mark in English 421 is awarded to *Alexis MacLaren*.

The prize for the highest mark in Writing 521 is awarded to *Evan Longuepee*.

A prize for the highest mark in Civics 421 is awarded to *Austin Keough*.

The prize for the highest mark in Music 421 is awarded to *Liam Arsenault*.

The prize for the highest mark in Art 501 is awarded to *Breckin Caseley*.

The prize for the highest mark in Resource 401 is awarded to *Aiden Starratt*.

Awards for consistent effort in Gr. 10 are presented to *Davis Cassell, Cruz Howatt, Max Lawless, Addyson Rogers, and Olivia Stewart.*

The Principal's Attendance Award for the Gr. 10 student with the best attendance record is presented to *Evan Longuepee*.

GRADE ELEVEN

The prize for the highest average in Gr. 11 and prizes for the highest marks in Physics 521,

Chemistry 521, Biology 521, Leadership 621, and Peer Helping 501 are awarded to *Lovelyn Pacatcatin*.

The prize for the second highest average in Gr. 11 and prizes for the highest marks in Math 521B and Peer Helping 501 are awarded to *Hailey Rogers*.

The prize for the third highest average in Gr. 11 and prizes for the highest marks in English 521, Leadership 621, and Co-op Work Studies 501 are awarded to *Addison Baldwin*.

Prizes for the highest marks in Music 521 and Coop Work Studies 502 are awarded to *Jackson Cox*.

Prizes for the highest marks in Chemistry 521 and Leadership 621 are awarded to *Kimberly Destreza*.

The prize for the highest mark in Math 521A is awarded to *Riley Wilson*.

Prizes for the highest marks in Math 421K and Physical Education 801 are awarded to *Quincy Palmer*.

The prize for the highest mark in Music 801 is awarded to *Lexi Bridges*.

The prize for the highest mark in Resource 501 is awarded to *Arsenii Merdukh*.

A prize for the highest mark in Peer Helping 501 is awarded to *Griffin Sherry*.

Awards for consistent effort in Gr. 11 are presented to Cade Cumayas, Kylee MacDonald, Maura Mulligan, Charlee Norring, and Charleigh Webster.

The Principal's Attendance Award for the Gr. 11 student with the best attendance record is presented to *Lovelyn Pacatcatin*.

SPECIAL AWARDS

The Donna Lee Mulligan Memorial Award is given to the Gr. 10 student who, in the opinion of the staff, best combines academic performance and extra-curricular activities while exhibiting an enthusiastic and positive attitude. This year the recipient of the Donna Lee Mulligan Memorial Award is *Max Lawless*.

The Sherry McGuire Memorial Award is awarded to the Gr. 11 student who, in the opinion of the staff, best combines academic performance and extra-curricular activities while exhibiting an enthusiastic and positive attitude. This year the Sherry McGuire Memorial Award is being presented to *Kimberly Destreza*.

AARAO TOUR OCTOBER 14

The Atlantic Association of Registrars and Admissions Officers (AARAO) Post-Secondary Opportunities Expo offers Gr. 11 & 12 students

and their supporters opportunities to learn about multiple educational options in one convenient location. Students will have access to booths from 50 universities, colleges, and complimentary educational programs and resources.

Exhibiting institutions and programs are located in the Canadian provinces of Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, and Prince Edward Island.

All are welcome to participate. We encourage you to explore widely and consider deeply. You may just make the best biggest decision of your life...

College and University Day @ TOSH

Grade 11 and 12 students will have the opportunity to attend a post-secondary school fair Tuesday, October 14 from 1-2pm at Three Oaks Senior High School. Representatives from various post-secondary schools will be set up in the gym and will be available to answer questions and provide information to students. This is a great opportunity for students to start planning their life after high school. We will be travelling by bus to TOSH, departing KRHS at 12:30pm and will be returning to the school by 2:30pm.

Parents and guardians will also have an opportunity to visit this fair with your student the evening of October 14. The gym will be open for visit between 5:30-7pm. There is often more time to explore schools more in depth during this time period. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Jessica McCarthy, jlmccarthy@edu.pe.ca.

TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

Take Our Kids to Work Day will be happening on *Wed.*, *Nov.* 5. On this day, Gr. 9 students across Canada will *spend the day in a workplace setting with a parent or another adult they know.* This valuable experience provides students with a unique glimpse into the world of work.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!!

October 16 - Loran Scholarship - First Scholarship of the Year - The Loran Scholarship is valued at \$100,000 over 4 years, but there are various levels of this award to be given out. Deadline for applications is Oct. 16. Have a look at the attached website:

https://loranscholar.ca/becoming-a-scholar/

The selection of a Loran Scholar is unique in its attention to a young person's character. They believe that *integrity*, *courage*, *grit and personal autonomy* are better indicators of overall potential than standard academic measures.

• Be in your final year of uninterrupted fulltime studies in high school.

- Present a minimum cumulative average of 85%
- Hold Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status.
- Be at least 16 years of age by September 1st of the following 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.

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.

The ADP Executive is set for the year. Congratulations to our Co-Presidents Charleigh Webster and Avrie Smith, Vice President Maura Mulligan and Executive Members: Hailey Rogers, Max Lawless, Avah Muttart, and Logan Schofield. They are busy already helping organize our upcoming Aggie events.

Our first activity for the *Gr. 10 ADP students* was on Sept. 23. *The P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture* was excited to host '*Animal Safe Handling Day*' at *Orwell Corner Historic Village*. Students learned about the importance of farm and animal safety by participating in a hands-on training day and obtained their *Animal Safe Handling certificate*.

Our first activity for the *Gr. 11/12 ADP students* was on Sept. 24. *The East Prince Agri-Environment Association* hosted the Gr. 11/12 students for a *'Roots of Innovation' Field Day* exploring new tech in agriculture.

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to *Gr. 12 student Maura Mulligan* who was named the *2025 Kinkora & Area Youth of the Year* in July.

...to K.R.H.S. Grad of 2025 Jorden Jessome who was named the 2025 Borden-Carleton & Area Youth of the Year in July.

Congratulations!

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

ALUMNI UPDATE...

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

- ~ K.R.H.S. Grad of 2012 Vanessa Heffel is the *Financial Administrative Assistant* for the *Public Schools Branch*.
- ~ K.R.H.S. Grad of 2012 Kevin Noonan is a *Red Seal Electrician* and owner of *Noonan Electric*.
- ~ K.R.H.S. Grad of 2008 Elizabeth Roberts is the *Head Speech-Language Pathologist* at *Wordbird*. She has spent over 10 years working in hospitals, clinics, and community settings—supporting everything from complex autism and severe stroke recovery to everyday speech clarity and accent refinement.

https://wordbirdspeechtherapy.com/

~ K.R.H.S. Grad of 1997 Peggy Sue Payne is an artist with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Mount Allison University. Her newest works, 'Quilted Crow', are currently on exhibit at Fog Forest Gallery in Sackville, New Brunswick from September 12 – October 3, 2025. Peggy Sue is also a Registered Nurse.

https://fogforestgallery.ca/exhibitions

~ K.R.H.S. Grad of 1994 Corey Thomas is an Instructor with the Sport & Recreation Management Program at Holland College. He holds a diploma in Recreation Facility Management from Holland College, a Public Relations diploma from the University of Victoria, a Bachelor of Recreation & Leisure Studies degree from the University of New Brunswick, and a Master of Arts degree in Integrated Studies from Athabasca University.



ANNUAL K.R.H.S. HOCKEY POOLS

Back by popular demand, the *Annual K.R.H.S. Hockey Pool* will be available in mid-October. All the proceeds go right back to K.R.H.S. Athletics (to purchase uniforms, equipment, official costs). Ask a student for a form or print one off from our school website. Pool picks and money can be e-mailed to K.R.H.S. Athletic Director, Trent Ranahan @ tjranahan@edu.pe.ca. Log on to officepools.com for results. ID is kinkora & password is guest. *Cost:* \$20 per entry or \$30 for 2 entries.

1st prize \$250, 2nd prize \$150, 3rd prize \$50



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

Special thanks to Kirk White for the excellent work he does with our music program.



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. STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Student Council Executive for this year:

President ~ Addison Baldwin

Vice-President ~ Keira Duffy

Executive Members ~ *Liam Arsenault, Kimberly*

Destreza, and Evan Longuepee

Teacher Advisor ~ Kevin Stewart

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



<u>SADD</u>

SADD meetings take place in Ms. Paynter's room. New members welcome!



ANNUAL K.R.H.S. TERRY FOX RUN

Our 45th Annual K.R.H.S. Terry Fox Run was held on Sept. 25 with all funds raised going to cancer research. We thank Kevin Stewart & the Student Council for their tremendous efforts in organizing this event. Trivia winners were Ryder Martin, Ben Murphy, Hannah Lynch, Olivia Stewart, and Joris van de Berg.



SCHOOL CLOTHING/ BLAZER SPIRITWEAR

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

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 as well as puzzles but if students have any requests, please see Mrs. Tremere.



K.R.H.S. LIBRARY

Blazer Book Club meets every Friday from 11:45-12 noon in the K.R.H.S. Library. All are welcome!! October is Canadian Library Month! 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.



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

Personal Finance & Investing Club will start again in January. This is a great opportunity to meet and discuss finance & investing with other likeminded students. This group will be facilitated by former grad **Alex Trainor** who is in his 4th year of Science at U.P.E.I. Many thanks to Alex and to Teacher Advisor Shelley Tremere.



BLAZER SPORTING NEWS

Intermediate Girls Soccer Intermediate Boys Soccer

Senior Women's Volleyball

Cross Country Team - Runners Hayden MacQueen, Shaelyn Larkin, Kaden Corney, and Abigail Bulman will be competing in the P.E.I.S.A.A. Zone and Provincial Cross Country Meets at Cabot Park and Charlottetown Rural in October. Coach is Norah Pendergast.

Senior Women's Soccer

Senior Men's Soccer

Senior Men's Baseball

Blazers Golf - Senior Golf athletes include Brayden Paynter, Carter Duffy, Austin Keough, and Reid MacDonald. Coach is Matt Killeen.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTEST

The Royal Canadian Legion Borden-Carleton Branch #10 is inviting students to enter the Annual Remembrance Day Poster & Literary Contest. Gr. 9 falls under the intermediate category while Gr. 10-12 is senior. Students may submit poetry, essays, black & white posters and colour posters.

Forms are available in the K.R.H.S. Library.



PAGE PROGRAM

The P.E.I. Legislative Assembly is once again looking for high school students to participate in the 2025/2026 Legislative Assembly Page Program. This is an opportunity for a Grade 11 or 12 student from K.R.H.S. to work in the Assembly as a paid Page. If you are interested in how government works and want to apply, please give your name to Mr. McAleer or Mrs. McCarthy.



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.



NUT BAN

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



STUDENT WELL-BEING

The Student Wellbeing Team hosts a drop-in clinic at K.R.H.S. every second Wednesday (October 8 & October 22). 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.

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.



K.R.H.S. LIBRARY BIG WINNER IN HOME & SCHOOL DRAW

A huge thank you to *The Bookmark* bookstore in Charlottetown for donating \$1200 worth of books to the K.R.H.S. Library. It was a lot of fun picking out the new titles.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

Lifeguards (Part-time)

The City of Summerside is looking for *energetic*, *motivated*, *and enthusiastic Lifeguards to join our Aquatics team* in the Community Services Division. We are currently hiring for daytime, evening, and weekend shifts, offering flexible hours to fit your schedule.

As a Lifeguard, you'll play a key role in creating a safe and enjoyable environment for our community members of all ages.

What You'll Do

- Supervise pool users to ensure a safe and positive experience
- Perform continuous safety scans and respond quickly in emergencies
- Maintain cleanliness and safety standards in the pool area
- Work effectively both as a leader and as part of a team
- Carry out daily operational and facility-related tasks

What You Bring

- Valid National Lifeguard Certification
- Valid Standard First Aid & CPR Certification
- Swim Instructor Certification (asset)
- Good physical condition and readiness to respond in emergencies
- Strong communication skills and a friendly, professional approach
- Bilingual skills considered an asset

Why Join Us?

- Competitive wage: \$17.25 per hour (\$17.75 per hour as of October 1st)
- Flexible part-time hours: 15–30 hours per week
- A fun, team-oriented work environment
- Opportunity to develop leadership skills and build your aquatics career

How to Apply:

Applicants are invited to email a confidential resume, ensuring to include "Lifeguard" in the subject line of your email, to:

Email: jobs@summerside.ca

① Deadline to apply: Tuesday, October 21st at 4:00 PM (AST)

ALBANY CENTENNIAL 4-H CLUB

The Albany Centennial 4-H Club is *currently* accepting new members ages 8-21. Info and registration meeting for members & volunteers was on September 27 at the Albany Hall. For more information contact: Brenda Larsen, 902-439-0544 or brendalarsen194@gmail.com.



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



ISLAND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS SET FOR OCTOBER 17

Residents will have the opportunity this fall to shape the future of the public education system by electing new or returning trustees to serve on the Public Schools Branch and la Commission scolaire de langue francaise's respective boards. Both education authorities are governed by their own independent boards of trustees, who are

responsible for providing oversight in the delivery of public education across Prince Edward Island. Administered by Elections PEI, key dates for the upcoming education authority board elections include:

- Nomination period: September 8 26 at 2 p.m.
- Voter registration to vote online: September 8 October 17 at 11 a.m.
- Voter registration for mail-in ballot: September 8 28 at 11:59 p.m.
- Online voting portal opens: October 3, 2025 12 p.m. October 17 at 12 p.m.
- Mail-in ballots returned to Elections PEI: October 17 at 12 p.m.

Visit <u>Elections PEI</u> for the latest updates on the upcoming education authorities' board elections.



- Register to "vote" On-Line or by Mail
- Register or to be a "Candidate"
- ✓ Voting begins Friday Oct 3/25, online, or by Mail-In Ballot



I've always made a total effort, even when the odds seemed entirely against me. I never quit trying;

I never felt that I didn't have a chance to win.

~ Arnold Palmer ~

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

~ Nelson Mandela ~

Nine-tenths of education is encouragement.

~ Anatole France ~

Challenges are what make life interesting.

Overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.

~ Joshua J. Marine ~

