



Kinkora Regional High School

Home of the Blazers

Kinkora Blazers February Newsletter

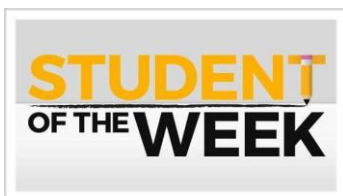
*The world is wide,
and I will not waste my life in friction
when it could be turned into momentum.
~ Frances E. Willard ~*

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 2 - *Turn-Around Day*. No classes.
- Feb. 3 - First day of 2nd semester!
- Feb. 9 to 13 - *Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week*.
- Feb. 12 - Show some spirit and celebrate *Valentine's Day* by wearing *red or pink*.
- Feb. 13 - *Professional Learning Day*. No classes.
- Feb. 16 - *Islander Day*. No classes.
- Feb. 25 - *Pink Shirt Day*
- Mar. 6 - *Professional Learning Day*. No classes.
- Mar. 16 to 20 - *March Break*. No classes.
- Apr. 3 - *Good Friday*. No classes.
- Apr. 6 - *Easter Monday*. 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.
- May 1 - *WATA Day*. No classes.
- May 18 - *Victoria Day*. No classes.
- May 29 - *Relay for Life*
- June 10 - *First Day of Final Exams*
- June 13 - *Prom*
- June 19 - *The 64th Annual K.R.H.S. Graduation @ 6 p.m.*
- June 30 - School closes for the summer.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our most recent *Students of the Week* ~ **Abigail Dearborn, Kaitlyn Compton & Bentley White**. 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 K.R.H.S. teacher Kevin Stewart on the loss of both his father and his father-in-law in December.

WARM BLAZER WELCOME!

A warm Blazer welcome to **Ethan Boyd & Mark Russell** who will be joining our staff on Feb. 2.

Mr. Boyd will be filling in for Amanda Moffatt this semester teaching *English 421 & English 621*. Mr. Russell will be teaching *Creative Writing 521 & Applied Science 701*. Also, a warm Blazer welcome is extended to our new *Educational Assistant Tasha Sherry*.

welcome
TO THE TEAM

2026 RELAY FOR LIFE

We are hosting our *5th Annual Canadian Cancer Society 'Relay for Life'* on Friday, May 29 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. 18. Special thanks to Teacher Advisor Jessica Reeves and to *Co-Chairs Maura Mulligan & Avah Muttart*.



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!

PINK SHIRT DAY

On Feb. 25, 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*.



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. STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The *ice cream social* for those students who sold 15 or more pies during the pie fundraiser was on

Jan. 14.

Valentine's Day: Thursday, February 12

Students will be asked to show some spirit and celebrate *Valentine's Day by wearing red or pink.*



POWERLIFTING NEWS

The **2026 P.E.I.S.A.A. Powerlifting Provincials** will be on Wed., Feb. 11 at École François-Buote. K.R.H.S. students **Rory Bennetto-O'Brien** and **Peter Nimer** 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. There were three options and they were all delicious.



ATTENTION GR. 11 STUDENTS/PARENTS

Horatio Alger Association of Canada Scholarship Program

Criteria:

- Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and begin a Bachelor's degree program at an accredited university in Canada starting Fall 2027
- Prove financial need (\$80,000 or less annual net income per household is required)
- Be involved in extra-curricular activities and community service
- Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- Maintain a minimum grade percentage of 70%
- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- The university application for current Grade 11 students will be open from January 1, 2026 to **March 31, 2026.**

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

DENTAL CLINIC

The School Oral Health Preventative Program will be operating at Kinkora Regional High School starting on Feb. 2.

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.



K.R.H.S. LIBRARY

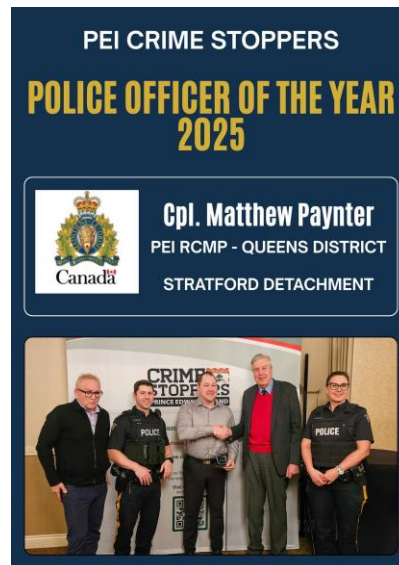
Mrs. Tremere will soon be placing a *book order* for the K.R.H.S. Library. If there are any titles you would like to see in our Library, please drop by and let her know. The K.R.H.S. library is open *every day* before school, during class, at breaks, at noon, and after school. Special thanks to *Teacher Librarian* Shelley Tremere.



ALUMNI UPDATE...

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

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2003 Matthew Paynter** was recently presented with *Police Officer of the Year* for 2025 by *PEI Crime Stoppers*. Matthew serves out of the *Town of Stratford RCMP detachment.*



~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 1989 Ellen (Larsen) Kouwenberg** is *Executive Director of The World*

Potato Congress Inc. Ellen grew up on a potato/beef operation in Cape Traverse, graduated from U.P.E.I. with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and studied International Business at the University of Copenhagen, travelling extensively throughout Europe and Russia exploring various business models. She resides with her husband and their three children on a 285-cow milking herd dairy farm in Vernon River. Ellen travels extensively with her work and will soon be heading to **Kenya** for the **World Potato Congress** in **October 2026**.



~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 1988 Preston Mulligan** has been a **CBC reporter** in the Maritimes for more than 20 years. Along with his reporting gig, he also hosts **Atlantic Tonight** - Sundays at 11 p.m., immediately after **The National** as well as **Maritime Connection**, an hour-long call-in show which airs at 4:05 p.m. on Sundays on **CBC Radio One**. Preston is a native of Emerald, P.E.I.



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.

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

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.



HOLLAND COLLEGE

Holland College Bioscience Technology presents: **Biotech Lab Academy!** Join Holland College for a hands-on science experience at the Charlottetown Centre, held from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on January 31. **High school students interested in exploring a future in science are encouraged to take advantage of this great chance to get into the lab and experience biotechnology first-hand.**

Note: all attendees will be provided with a Holland College application waiver code on the day of the session. To register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcj_2-7ks1Sb-MAC4IsLt1RSmYU_hGITu8RKCX1mTby_zfQ/viewform



FROM STUDENT SERVICES...

Holland College's Open House is on Feb. 13. This is a great chance for students to **explore the programs, meet instructors and current students, and get a feel for what life at Holland College is like.** For more details or to register, go online at:

<https://hollandcollege.com/events/open-house.html?event=0>

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>



ANNUAL K.R.H.S. HOCKEY POOL

All the proceeds go right back to K.R.H.S. Athletics (to purchase uniforms, equipment, costs

of officials). Log on to officepools.com for results. ID is kinkora & password is guest.

Current standings are:

1st - ***Emerald Flyer***

2nd - ***Norah Pendergast***

3rd - ***Lorraine Mulligan & Griffin Sherry (tied)***

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>



2026 GRAD NEWS

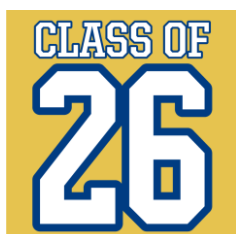
- **Grad hoodies** have arrived! They are available in the office. **Cost is \$50 and that includes your yearbook** when they arrive.

- 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.



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!!



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.



STUDENT WELL-BEING TEAM

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 lunchtime 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.

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

🍎 **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week** is Feb. 9 to 13.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL NEWS

The Blazers Girls' Basketball team had their **season debut** vs Grace Christian on Dec. 1. The girls struggled to generate offence in the first half

but rallied in the 4th quarter and finished strong. Final score was 44-26 for the Knights. Points were scored by **Avah, Sarah, Alessandria, Hannah,** and **Alva. Addyson** was the leading scorer with 10 points, including a big 3 pointer.

The team played a gritty game versus Francois Buote on Dec. 17. The girls had a short bench but battled hard on both ends of the court and held their own. **Hannah Lynch** was the leading scorer with 12 points. **Chloe Moore** had 5, including a big three pointer. Other scorers were **Sarah, Alessandria, Olivia,** and **Alva.**

The Blazers were on the road to **Souris** on Jan. 14. The girls had a strong opening quarter but ultimately fell short to the Spartans. Points came from **Avah, Addyson, Sarah,** and a couple of big three pointers from **Hannah** and **Olivia.**

The girls faced KISH on Jan. 16. The Blazers played their strongest offensive and defensive game of the season, **securing a 49-27 win over the Torches.** Scoring leaders were **Hannah** with 11, **Addyson** with 10, and **Avah** with 8. **Alva, Sarah, Olivia,** and **Alessandria** also had points. Great work, girls. Special thanks to Coach Jill Parker.



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

An excellent opportunity for **young investors at K.R.H.S.** Becoming a member of the **Personal Finance & Investing Club** will not only be a great addition to your resume but will also allow you to meet and discuss finance & investing with other like-minded students. **Weekly meetings will be held starting February 10 in the K.R.H.S. Science Lab. Every Tuesday at 11:20.** Everyone is welcome to join. This group is facilitated by former grad **Alex Trainor** who is now a 4th year student at U.P.E.I. Many thanks to Teacher Advisor Shelley Tremere.



***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 ~

***Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard
than anybody else expects of you.***

~ Henry Ward Beecher ~

