



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

- Nov. 27 to Dec. 1 - *Annual Food Drive*
- Dec. 2 - *Blazer Blizzard Dance* from 8-10 p.m.
- Dec. 5 - *COMPASS Survey*
- Dec. 8 - *Gr. 11 & 12 ADP Bioscience/Holland College Field Study*
- Dec. 14 - *Christmas Morning Student Breakfast.* The *Culinary 801* students are proud to offer breakfast for lunch for \$5. Please see the sign-up sheet in the cafeteria.
- Dec. 20 - *Christmas Turkey Dinner* at noon for the entire student body. No charge.
- Dec. 22 - *Last day of classes for 2023*
- Jan. 4 & 5 - *Professional Learning Days.* No classes.
- Jan. 8 - *First day of classes for 2024.*
- Jan. 25 to 31 - *Final exams.*
- Feb. 1 - *Turn-Around Day.* No classes.
- Feb. 2 - *First day of 2nd semester!*
- Feb. 10 to 17 - *Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.*
- Feb. 19 - *Islander Day.* No classes.
- Mar. 8 - *Professional Learning Day.* No classes.
- Mar. 22 to 28 - *Mid-term Break.* No classes.
- Mar. 29 - *Good Friday.* No classes.
- Apr. 1 - *Easter Monday.* No classes.
- Apr. 18 - *Parent/Teacher Interviews* from 3:30-8 p.m.
- Apr. 19 - *Parent/Teacher Interviews* from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. No classes.
- May 3 - *WATA Day.* No classes.
- May 20 - *Victoria Day.* No classes.
- June 24 - *The 62nd Annual K.R.H.S. Graduation.*

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our most recent *Students of the Week* ~ **Hannah Estabrooks, Johanna Broqueza, Jocelyn Gallant, and Kate Bell.** Special thanks to the *Consolidated Credit Union & the K.R.H.S. Student Council* for sponsoring this award.

THE BLAZER BLIZZARD IS BACK!!

The Blazer Blizzard Dance will be on *Saturday, December 2* 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 Arsenault. Pictures will take place until 9 p.m. and the dance will begin at 9 p.m. and go to 10 p.m.



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* – Heidi Eggert
- Club Member* – Raelyn Wood
- Good Citizenship* – Keira Duffy
- Grade 9* – Aiden Starratt
- Grade 10* – Drew Sutherland
- Grade 11* – Bridget Gaudet
- Grade 12* – Noah Woolner
- Administrator's Choice* – Liam Duffy



1982 PIES SOLD

The K.R.H.S. Student Council would like to thank all students who sold pies. Your support is greatly appreciated. *In total, we sold 1982 pies.* Congratulations to the following students who won prizes. *Brooke Gallant* will receive a \$100 gift card, *Reid MacDonald* will receive a \$75 gift card, and *Emma McLean* will receive a \$50 gift card. The draw prize winners were *Raelyn Wood, Denika Lefurgey, Oliver Murphy, Bethany Rogers, Trey Hughes, and Olivia Stewart.* Each will receive a \$25 gift card. There will be an ice cream social in December for those who sold 15 or more pies. Again, thanks to all, as your support is greatly appreciated.



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. 6. A special thanks to *Kirk White, Ryan McAleer, Matt Killeen, Elmer Croken, Trent Ranahan, Bethany Rogers, Denika Lefurgey, Raelyn Wood, and Caleb Arsenault* for their participation, as well as to *Mrs. Reeves and her Culinary class* for preparing a delicious meal for the Legion members.

Royal Canadian Legion

COSPEI GOLD RUSH

We are excited to announce that K.R.H.S. has joined the *COSPEI Gold Rush* as a fundraiser. To support K.R.H.S. and possibly win some cash, please go to <https://cospei.goldrush.causable.io> for your chance to win half the pot while helping to create opportunities for students at our school. It only takes a couple of clicks to get set up, the site is very user-friendly and easy to use. **Remember to pick Kinkora Regional High School from the dropdown menu.** The funds paid to our school after each draw is 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.!



TECHSPLOERATIONS 2024 TEAM

Mrs. McCarthy, Ms. Paynter, and Mrs. Moffatt would like to thank all of the Grade 9 students for their interest in the 2024 Techsplorations team. We had an overwhelming amount of applications and some really difficult decisions to make about who should be on our team. Congratulations to the following students who will represent Kinkora at the Techsplorer Event in May in Truro, NS:

Avah Muttart
Alva Mae Pacatcatin
Hannah Lynch
Chloe Johns
Kate Trainor
Allie Keough
Olivia Stewart



Techsploration
Exploring **S.T.E.M.** Education

HOLIDAY SEASON

This holiday season, K.R.H.S. would like to expand our celebrations to reflect the *many*

cultures and nationalities that are represented within our school. If your family has a special cultural tradition, game, recipe, etc. that you use to celebrate the season, Mrs. McCarthy would love to hear about it to see if it could be incorporated into our *December Month of Caring.* Please email her at jlmcCarthy@edu.pe.ca with your ideas.

GIVING BACK

Leadership students will be helping our Brigades give back to our community this December. Events will be organized to raise funds/items and awareness for *the Toys for Tots Campaign, P.E.I. Humane Society, Christmas Cards for Seniors, and Acts of Kindness towards each other.* More details will be posted on our Facebook page as they become available.



ALUMNI UPDATE...

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

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2021 Emma Arsenault** was named *The Holland College Hurricanes Women's Hockey Player of the Week* for November 13-19. Emma's week was highlighted by a shutout in the 'Canes home opener on Nov. 18 versus Acadia in a scoreless tie in Charlottetown.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2008 Emily Craig** is a member of the *SOPEI Basketball* team. *Team PEI Basketball* was named as a *Finalist* for *Special Olympics Canada's Team of the Year Award.* Special Olympics Canada's National Awards recognizes incredible athletes, coaches, and volunteers from across the country who exemplify the spirit of the movement. The National Awards were streamed live on TSN's Facebook page on Nov. 2.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 1995 Jessika Corkum-Gorrill** is the *Acting Manager of Environment and Sustainability* for the *City of Charlottetown.*



2023/24 COMPASS SURVEY

K.R.H.S. will once again be participating in the 2023-24 COMPASS survey on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023. Students will be asked to complete a 30-minute questionnaire about healthy eating, physical activity, sedentary behaviour, smoking, alcohol and drug-use, academic achievement, bullying and harassment, experiences of discrimination, and mental health. The survey is completely anonymous and both the School board and our school have given approval to conduct the study.

ACADEMY DIPLOMA PROGRAM IN AGRICULTURE & BIOSCIENCE

Jessica Reeves facilitates the *Academy Diploma Program in Agriculture & Bioscience* here at K.R.H.S. On Dec. 8, the *Gr. 11 & 12 ADP* students will be participating in a *Bioscience/Holland College Field Study*.

K.R.H.S. YEARBOOK NEWS

The yearbook committee has started to collect *graduate baby photos* for a special spread in the 2024 yearbook. Students have the option of bringing in a hard copy of a photo to Mrs. McCarthy who can scan and return the photo, or families can scan the photo themselves and send it to [jlmccCarthy@cloud.edu.pe.ca](mailto:jlmcCarthy@cloud.edu.pe.ca)

In the coming weeks, yearbook members will also be collecting the following documents from grade 12 students:

- 6-word memoir (through the English classes)
- Grad write-up for beside your grad photo

Did you know that you can upload your own photos to our yearbook site? We want to have as many perspectives as possible of this school year. Please visit www.hjeshare.com and enter the code "blazer" to access our site.



BLAZER BUDS BAKING CLUB

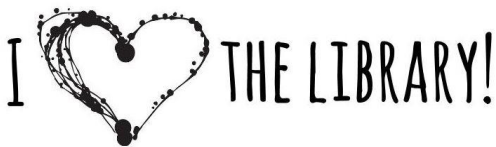
Blazer Buds Baking Club is held on Mondays after school from 3-4 p.m. in the *Foods Lab*. Everyone is welcome! See Lori for more information.

K.R.H.S. 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.

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

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. 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.



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

Dungeons & Dragons Club will be meeting in Room 205. All are welcome. See Mr. Voth for more information.

'DRIVE AWAY HUNGER' FOOD DRIVE

This year our students are once again spearheading a *'Drive Away Hunger' Food Drive* from *November 27 to December 1*. 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



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>

The *Crapaud Curling Club* is looking for *volunteers* for a Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 3. Looking for volunteers to prep veggies, serve tables, etc. If any students are in need of volunteer hours, it would be from around 5:30-8 p.m. This is the same evening as our Blazer Blizzard but there will be more opportunities for volunteering in the future, if anyone is interested. Please contact Nadine Wood or e-mail crapaudcurlingclub@gmail.com.

Any Gr. 11 or 12 students interested in being a *Peer Tutor*, please see Mrs. Cousins. Peer Tutors

must be able to commit to one day a week after school for tutoring. Tutors can earn Community Service Bursary hours.

FROM STUDENT SERVICES...

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 **2024 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>



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.** <http://www.gov.pe.ca/edu/elsb/>.

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

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 - **Luke Reeves-Rollins**

2nd - **Scott Frizzell**

3rd - **Melvin Ellsworth**

Hockey Pool

SCHOOL CLOTHING/ BLAZER SPIRITWEAR

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

P.E.I. FARM TO TABLE FEAST

The Blazer Bistro was proud to present the *P.E.I. Farm To Table Feast* on Nov. 30. The meal included:

- P.E.I. Potato & Cows Cheddar Cheese Soup
- Twice Baked Potatoes
- Island Chicken Kabobs with Hackers' Onions and Schurman Family Farm Peppers

- Honey Thyme Roasted Carrots
- Apple Crisp Mason Jars featuring Arlington Orchard Apples



P.E.I. WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ANNUAL COOKING CONTEST

The P.E.I. Women's Institute Annual Cooking Contest for **Grades 7-12** is now launched and gives youth a chance to win **cash prizes**. Check out the attached information and send entries in by **December 15**. Recipes must contain at least three P.E.I. agriculture or fishery based ingredients.

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

