



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

- Jan. 25 to 31 - Final exams.**
- Feb. 1 - Turn-Around Day.** No classes.
- Feb. 2 - First day of 2nd semester!**
- Feb. 12 to 16 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.**
- Feb. 19 - Islander Day.** No classes.
- Feb. 23 - P.E.I.S.A.A. Powerlifting Provincials.**
- Feb. 28 - Pink Shirt Day.**
- 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.
- May 24 - Relay For Life.**
- June 24 - The 62nd Annual K.R.H.S. Graduation.**

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our most recent *Students of the Week* ~ Alyssa Nimer, Feb Reyes, Raelyn Wood & Carly Affleck. Special thanks to the *Consolidated Credit Union & the K.R.H.S. Student Council* for sponsoring this award.

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!

P.E.I. MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

K.R.H.S. would like to acknowledge and thank *P.E.I. Mutual Insurance Company* for assisting with the cost of purchasing *two new basketball shot clocks and a new scoring control box.* During the school year, our school gymnasium is heavily used not only by our students but also by

neighboring schools for various PEISAA events. Also, the gymnasium is often used by various community groups. Because of our central location and our proximity to Summerside and Charlottetown our gym has become a busy hub for various sporting events and activities. A properly functioning scoring system was vital in continuing to offer a thriving athletic program to students and to support popular recreational programs in our community.



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.!



GRAD NEWS

December Safe Grad Activity - *Potluck & Games* at the school on Dec. 19. Great turn-out. The *62nd Annual K.R.H.S. Graduation* will take place on Monday, June 24, 2024.

CLASS OF

2024

2024 RELAY FOR LIFE

Our *2024 K.R.H.S. Relay for Life* will be held on *May 24*. Special thanks to Teacher Advisor Jessica Reeves and to *Co-Chairs Heidi Eggert & Madison Trainor.*

SCHOOL CLOTHING/ BLAZER SPIRITWEAR

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

BLAZER SPORTING NEWS

Powerlifting - Coach is Trent Ranahan. P.E.I.S.A.A. Powerlifting Provincials are Feb. 23. Best of luck to **Jack Affleck, Evan Smith, and Lukas Stetson** who will be representing K.R.H.S.

Senior Women's Basketball - Coaches are Jill Parker, Lilla Johnston, and Sydney Muttart. The girls had a strong showing on January 15 vs Grace Christian. The Blazers battled hard to win their first game of the season by a score of 44-30. Next home game is a rematch with Grace Christian on February 7 at 5:30.

Senior Men's Basketball - Coaches are Rowan Cameron, Craig Harris, and Willow Harris.



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 – Sheldon McMurrer

3rd – Melvin Ellsworth

Hockey Pool

K.R.H.S. YEARBOOK NEWS

The Yearbook Committee is looking for **more photos from the Blazer Blizzard dance**. Students and parents can upload photos directly to our yearbook website by visiting hjeshare.com and enter the code "Blazer".

The Yearbook Committee will be collecting the following items from grads for the yearbook. Thank you to those who have already submitted their items.

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

6. **Six Word Memoir** - using 6 words in total, sum up your life so far. Eg. "I'll just do this for homework" or "Live everyday like it's your last"



ALUMNI UPDATE...

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

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2022 Mya Moffatt** is in her second year of the four-year **Bachelor of Health Science** degree program in **Respiratory Therapy** at **Dalhousie University School of Health Sciences** in Halifax, N.S.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2022 Morgan McLean** is in his second year of the four-year **Sustainable Design Engineering** degree program at the **University of Prince Edward Island**. Eleven UPEI Faculty of Sustainable Design Engineering teams, composed of a total of 41 students, competed at the **2024 Atlantic Engineering Competition** at University of New Brunswick in Fredericton from January 19 to 21. Six of the UPEI teams will move on to the prestigious **Canadian Engineering Competition** in Calgary, Alberta. Morgan's team placed **2nd in Innovative Design** and will be heading to Calgary from March 1 to 4.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2021 Emma Arsenault**, goalie for the **Holland College Hurricanes women's hockey team**, was named as the **Hurricanes Player of the Week** for the week ending January 31, 2024. Emma's week was highlighted by a **shut-out** in the 'Canes 1-0 win over Acadia on Jan. 27, handing the Axewomen their first loss of the season. They did it again on Jan. 28, when they won 2-1 in Wolfville, Nova Scotia. The Hurricanes return to action on Feb. 10/11 versus the CBU Capers at the Eastlink Centre to play their final two home games of the season.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 2017 Colby Bell** graduated from the **Veterinary Technician Diploma Program** at **Oulton College** in Moncton, N.B. in May of 2022 and is now working as a **Registered Veterinary Technician** at the **Summerside Animal Hospital**.

~ **K.R.H.S. Grad of 1998 Gordie McKenna** and his wife Andrea of **Bunny Burrow Vegetable Co.** recently won the **Honourable Gilbert R. Clements Award for Excellence in Environmental Farm Planning** from the **PEI Federation of Agriculture**. Each year, this award is given to an enterprise with outstanding commitment to environmental stewardship, community involvement, and initiatives aimed at raising public awareness about sustainable agriculture practices.



CONGRATULATIONS!

~ Congratulations to Gr. 10 students **Maura Mulligan & Charleigh Webster** who recently competed in the *Skate NB Winterskate* in Dieppe, New Brunswick. They both represented their home club, the **Kensington Skating Club**, with pride. Congratulations to Charleigh who placed **2nd** with her *Star 5 Artistic skate*. Good luck to Maura as she travels to Oakville, Ontario this month to compete with the **Rising Stars Synchro Team** at the Oakville Synchro Series.

~ Congratulations to the **U18 Southside Lynx** hockey team for winning *The Jason Hurley Memorial Stanley Cup Challenge* on Jan. 28 in Stanley, New Brunswick. K.R.H.S. students on the team include **Austin Harding, William Keough, Vance Lawless, William MacDonald, Mason Muttart, Quincy Palmer, Griffin Sherry, Jase Sherry, Lucas Stetson, Luke Stewart, and Cohen Warren**.



BLAZER BISTRO SPECIAL

The Blazer Bistro proudly presented our final meal service of the year *'A Taste of Italy: Where food is an experience to savour'* on January 17. The meal included a **Peach Bellini, Homemade Lasagna & Caesar Salad, and an Italian Lemon Drop Cookie**. Thank you for your continued support of our Culinary 801 class.

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**.



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.



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

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

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**. Please contact Nadine Wood or e-mail crapaudcurlingclub@gmail.com.

Any students 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.

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...

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>



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 2025
- 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, 2024

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

PINK SHIRT DAY

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



P.E.I. HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week 2024 will be celebrated from *February 12 to 16*. Everyone is encouraged to find ways of saying thank you to administrators, teachers, administrative support, educational assistants, youth service workers, custodians, and all other staff for the contributions they make to the lives of our children.

Home and School Volunteer Awards. The Federation's Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes one volunteer's significant contributions to helping volunteers in their local school communities. The Life Member acknowledges service to the provincial Federation. Associations may nominate Home and School volunteers for these awards by the deadline: **March 3**. Criteria and Form are online at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>



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 2023/2024 school year are Gr. 12 students *Heidi Eggert & Denika Lefurgey*. They will be promoting young worker safety.



DENTAL CLINIC

The School Oral Health Preventative Program will be operating at Kinkora Regional High School beginning early February 2024.

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.



CEREAL BOX CHALLENGE

In an effort to support the *South Shore Food Share*, we have been invited to participate in the *Cereal Box Challenge*. We are competing against our friends at Somerset Consolidated and Amherst Cove Consolidated to see which school can *collect the most boxes of cereal to donate*. The competition ends on **Feb. 16**. Let's go, Blazers!

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 ~

