

North Kingstown High School

Parent Newsletter

March 1, 2019

Updating the 2019-2020 course selection process: Teacher recommendations are viewable up through 7 am on March 4, 2019. If you have specific questions about a teacher's recommendation, please speak to the *teacher* at your earliest convenience.

Counselors will be meeting with students one on one during the first three weeks of March to review recommendations, answer questions, and to input course requests. Please note you will not be able to see the elective choices until we publish again which will be mid-April time frame. This is the first step in the scheduling process. Elective courses are tentative until the master schedule is finalized in June. For further information, please see the *Program of Studies*.

Important dates:

March

- 1 - 3 NKHS Musical (Les Miserables) See attached
- 7 PTSO Meeting 7PM
- 8 - 10 NKHS Musical (Les Miserables) See Attached
- 12 School Committee Meeting
- 13 No School - PD Day
- 26 School Committee Meeting

Transition Fair

If you have a student who is transitioning to life after high school, you might be interested in the Transition Fair!

Scholarship Opportunity

This is a reminder that the Dreams Scholarship, a student-backed scholarship focused on providing assistance to aspiring college-bound high school seniors of Vietnamese descent and or connections to the community or culture, will close in the near future on **March 1st, 2019**.

The sponsoring organization provides the scholarship with hope that students may take advantage of a great opportunity that helps them explore their own Vietnamese identity and possibly fund their collegiate aspirations.

The scholarship is all online based and more information can be found at newenglandivsa.org/dreams-scholarship/.

For high school senior applicants, we require the following documents:

1. Completed application form found on our website
2. List of Extracurricular Activities/Resume

3. Essays Questions (≤ 750 words each)
4. Recommendation letter from a non-family member
5. Recommendation letter from a guidance counselor or teacher
6. Latest unofficial transcript (photocopy accepted)

For more information, please contact scholarship@newenglandivsa.org.

2019 YEARBOOKS

Parents, if you had a concern about how your student's name was spelled on their id or portraits, please contact jessica_grant@nksd.net with the appropriate spelling. These pages will be submitted for the yearbook next week and we want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to correct misspelled names.

Parents who are unsure whether they ordered a yearbook or not, please check with Josten's customer service as all sales are handled through their [website](#) . The yearbook adviser does not have immediate access to this information.

New England Institute of Technology Scholarships

Students who take Project Lead the Way courses at North Kingstown may be eligible for course credit at New England Institute of Technology and a \$3000 scholarship. Please check the link for more information: <https://www.neit.edu/Admissions/Programs-for-High-School-Students-Educators/Earn-College-Credit-in-High-School/Project-Lead-The-Way>

PTSO NEWS

Parent volunteers and refreshment donation needed on 3/14

On March 14th, NKHS will be hosting a community screening of "Suicide: The Ripple Effect". We are expecting hundreds of area teachers, students and parents to come out for this event, and will need your help to provide refreshments, sell tickets, help us set up and staff the event. If you are able to help out, take a look at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4AAAAA2CA4F49-parent>

PTSO Meeting This Thursday

All are welcome to come to the next PTSO meeting on Thursday, March 7th, at 7:00pm in the Media Center.

8th Grade Parent Panel

In lieu of the March PTSO meeting we will be hosting an informal panel discussion for parents and guardians in the community with a student entering the high school next year. The panel will be on Thursday, March 7th at 7pm in the Media Center. Please help spread the word!

Smile – You're on Amazon!

If you shop with Amazon.com please consider logging in with Amazon Smile and selecting the North Kingstown High School PTSO as the organization, you will support with your purchases. To learn more and to sign up, click [here](#).

Suicide: The Ripple Effect

The NKHS PTSO and Student Assistance Office are proud to announce a screening of the film, "Suicide: The Ripple Effect". This is both a film and a movement for hope and healing. Question and discussion on the topic will follow the film.

When: Thursday, March 14, 2019, 5:30 PM

Where: North Kingstown High School Auditorium

Admission: \$3 in advance / \$5 at door

Reserve seats by sending a check to: NKHS PTSO, 150 Fairway Dr., N. Kingstown, RI 02852 or by clicking [here](#) and using the PayPal link

For more info contact: A.M. Finlay: am_finlay@nksd.net / (401) 268-6251

Volunteers Needed

The PTSO will be selling tickets for "Suicide: The Ripple Effect" during lunchtime the week prior to the screening. To sign up to volunteer, click [here](#).

If you have any questions or need further information about any of the above, please contact your PTSO - NKHSPTSO1901@gmail.com

Join us on [Facebook](#)

Donate to PTSO

Buy a Brick!

ATHLETICS

Registration for Spring Sports is now open at: <https://northkingstown-ar.schooltoday.com/>

NK ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB

Booster Club News

Evening of Champions

Evening of Champions will be held April 6, 2019 at the **Quonset O' Club** starting at 6pm. A great night out for adults only! Dinner, prizes, and live & silent auctions!

Reservations can be made online: squareup.com/market/north-gear or bit.ly/EOCTickets
any question email Marisa Green mmgreen2@verizon.net

please click on attachments for more information

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Winter Sports Awards

Winter Sports Awards will be held March 24, 2019 at 6pm
All winter athletes and their families are invited to attend.

We will be taking orders for Varsity Letterman Jackets at the Winter Sports Awards
You must have a varsity letter to place an order for a jacket. Please bring letter with you.
Jackets must be tried on because they are a custom order and there are no returns.
Jackets must be paid in full at time of order.
Cash, Check, or Credit accepted.

Gear

If your in need of some new NORTH gear for the spring, Boosters will also be selling NK Gear at the Winter Sports Awards!

Scholarships

NK Booster Scholarship, Jeffrey Monica Memorial Scholarship, and Darren Schongold Memorial Scholarship applications will be available soon.

More information to follow

Save the Date

Senior Athlete Banquet will be held May 23, 2019 at Quidnessett Country Club

More information to follow

Concessions

We are hosting boys & girls D2 playoff basketball games 2/28, 3/1, 3/6 & 3/7

If you can spare an hour or two please use links below to sign up to help.

Link to boys signup

<http://signup.com/go/xyqsgJx>

Link to girls Signup

<http://signup.com/go/Dvnafed>

FINE ARTS Department

**Student ART Contests & Competitions - Information below are in chronological order
according to due dates**

2019 Donate Life High School Poster Contest

Sponsored by New England Donor Services and the RI Organ Donation Awareness Coalition

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place entries!

RI High School students can enter a poster featuring an awareness theme for organ & tissue donation. Contest rules and details available on our website: <http://donatelifenewengland.org/poster-contest/>
Deadline to receive posters Friday, **March 1, 2019**

Awards ceremony will be held in April at the State House

Students can take the SCAD Challenge for a chance at a scholarship!!!!

Students can put their artistic vision on display for the opportunity to earn a scholarship to SCAD, The University for Creative Careers. The SCAD Challenge competition is open to current juniors and seniors in high school as of the 2018-19 academic year. Entries must demonstrate creativity, innovation and a strong understanding of aesthetics. A panel of SCAD faculty will review and evaluate submitted entries, and three winners will be selected from each category. Click [here](#) for more information or see Mrs. Strain for more details.

SCAD Challenge categories: • 2D design • 3D design and modeling • Animation and game design • Fashion • Film • Graphic design • Performing arts • Photography • Writing

The next step for junior and senior entrants is to complete an undergraduate application for admission. Online applications and SCAD Challenge entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. ET Friday, Feb. 1, 2019. Winners will be announced **March 8, 2019**.

2019 Lindsay Ann Burke TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST

February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month and this contest is meant to raise awareness during February.

Prizes are: First Place \$1000.00, Second Place \$500.00, Third Place: \$250.00.

This year's theme "**Break the Cycle of Violence**" focuses on what a teen can do to end an abusive relationship; for example: tell a friend, a parent, a school counselor, the police, & create & follow a safety plan, etc. Go to <http://www.labmf.org/> "FACTS" pages for more info

Deadline **April 5, 2018** - See Mrs. Strain for more details and paper for this contest.

2019 Ocean Awareness Contest: Presence of Future

Create a piece about a coastal/marine species, place, or system in 2019 that will be threatened, altered, or lost due to climate change.

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Contest [information](#) or click [here](#)

Theme: Presence of Future

Awards: Gold Award: **\$1,500**, Silver Award: \$1,000, Bronze Award: \$500, Honorable Mention: \$250

Making Waves Award: The Making Waves Award will be awarded to one submission in each age division that demonstrates a powerful, engaging, and original voice of ocean activism. Winners receive a \$250 cash prize.

Additional Awards Available in 2019: Over the course of the Contest, other awards may become available and will be listed on bowseat.org/contest. The winners of these awards will be chosen and announced at the same time as the category awards.

Deadline **June 17**, 2019

Guidance Information

Scholarships

Please refer to the Guidance Website and The Class of 2019 Google Classroom for updated lists of scholarships for seniors.

Final Exam Schedules

Final exams are held the last four to five days of the school year, and students are expected to be present. Please remember to leave plenty of time for calendar adjustments for snow days. As a reminder, family vacations, or other activities that could have been scheduled for after the exam times, are not excused absences. Weddings, graduations or other special occasions over which families have little control in scheduling will be considered, but please make your request for excusal as soon as possible. For students who do have excused absences for final exams, make ups will be provided during the summer months by appointment. There will be no provision for early exams, and all exams must be make up by August 1st in order to update the transcript in time for the new school year.

GirlsGetMath Program at Brown University

The Institute for Computational and Experimental Research in Mathematics ([ICERM](http://icerm.brown.edu)) is seeking math-curious high school students to participate in its GirlsGetMath@ICERM program being held at Brown University for a week this August: <https://icerm.brown.edu/girlsgetmath/2019/>

The program is for current 9th and 10th-grade students who are curious about how computers and experimental mathematical thinking can help address society's changing needs, are interested in how their mathematical abilities can lead them to a variety of career opportunities, and who are eager to work and learn with like-minded peers and mentors.

GirlsGetMath@ICERM

August 12-16, 2019

Tuition is \$100 (full scholarships are available)

[Applications are now open](#). Deadline for full consideration is May 20, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact jenna_sousa@icerm.brown.edu.

From our Student Services Office

SURVEYWORKS!

Attention all parents, on Monday January 14th, our SURVEYWORKS! Window was opened across the district for parents to give feedback to each school. We value this information to help make informed decisions about programming and culture at our school.

Please take a few minutes to give us feedback at NKHS, we will also follow up with a personal email next week. Here is the sign in for the window that opened on January 14th;

[SURVEYWORKS!](#) The code to log in is: [23108family](#)

Thank you in advance!

Change in semester 2 protocols for students

Starting in the second semester (January 28th) students will no longer be able to have backpacks and coats in their last period classes. We have altered our schedule slightly to give students two additional minutes at the end of the day before buses leave to get their items. This time will not impact instructional time. Students are asked to get all of their items at the end of the school day. We will hold buses for the first few days as students get use to the new pattern.

The other change in protocol is that students will only be allowed in one of three entrances at the start of the school day. Students can access the Main Office doors for bus drop off, the rear set of doors near the Senior Lot and drop off zone in the back of the school and by the Weight Room for those students coming up from the Junior Lot. All other entrances will be locked.

Attendance Counts:

NKHS was VERY pleased to be given a 5 STAR rating on RIDE Accountability report card. However, it was noted that NKHS has a chronic absence rate of 11% of students beyond the acceptable 18 days absent. Let's please try to be diligent about consistent attendance.

As we approach cold and flu season, please be mindful of absences. It takes just two days per month to be truant. If a student is ill and contagious, then keep them home.

Once a student has accumulated 5 days, a letter is automatically generated. The letter serves several purposes. First, is to increase communication between home and school about attendance. It also provides an opportunity to correct any errors in a timely fashion. Please bring doctor's notes with three days of scheduled appointment. If you receive a letter and have questions, feel free to call the Student Services office. Additionally, if you have documentation that needs to be submitted, the letter will be a nice reminder.

Are you interested in engineering, technology or other STEM-related fields?

Check out The Undersea Technology Apprenticeship Program which was developed to provide an opportunity for up to 20 students to study part-time for three weeks during the summer alongside NUWC Division Newport scientists and engineers. In the process, you will gain valuable insights by working with advanced technology while developing real world applications of science and math lessons learned at school! For more information, see the application:

https://www.navsea.navy.mil/Portals/103/Documents/NUWC_Newport/careers/application2019%20Open.pdf?ver=2019-02-06-174258-990
