

North Kingstown High School

Parent Newsletter

March 22, 2019

Guidance counselors have completed their individual meetings with students and the next phase of the scheduling process is beginning. Please see the Guidance section for updates.

Please remember that if a student wishes to override a teacher recommendation, the form must be submitted to guidance no later than **April 5th**.

A reminder to all students and parents that next Wednesday we will begin the day with an extended Skipper Block for all students to report to their state testing locations. Freshmen will go to the auditorium, senior to the cafeteria, 10th graders to their second floor testing rooms, and 11th graders to their third floor testing rooms.

Important dates:

March

26 School Committee Meeting

State Testing Updates

On March 27th, we will be having our pre-administration day for the state testing. On that morning, students will bubble in student information on the SAT forms or type it into the online PSAT form. Students will have an opportunity to complete a survey that will aid in their college and scholarship search. **Juniors who are taking the SAT and want their scores reported to colleges of their choice must have the college codes available on the day of the pre-administration.** Students can send their scores to up to four colleges at no cost. After the SAT testing date, the College Board will assess a \$12 fee for each college code added. If a student is unsure of which college they might be interested in attending, we recommend that they add the University of Rhode Island code (3919) as a backup. Students will be given a book of codes on pre-administration day, but if they want to look them up ahead of time they can be found at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/sat-score-reporting-code-list.pdf>

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>

Student Recognition

Gabriella Nieves has placed 1st in this year's Annual Donate Life Rhode Island High School Art Competition. Her work was selected by a panel of judges based on criteria of originality, artistic merit, and effective use of theme. Gabriella will be recognized at the Donate Life Month Celebration at the Rhode Island State House coming up on Monday, April 1st at 11:00 AM and will receive a \$100.00 Amazon gift card for her positive and accurate messaging about organ and tissue donation. This is Gabriella's second consecutive win in this contest, last year placing second.

Student Poster Contest

The AAA is committed to educating children of all ages about traffic safety. We want to engage students in our efforts — and our annual Traffic Safety Poster & Video Contest provides young learners the opportunity to demonstrate safe practices to their peers.

More than \$11,000 in prize money will be awarded and featured in our 2020 contest calendar! To be eligible, all poster and video entries must be postmarked by April 5, 2019. Poster entries will be judged on a state-by-state basis. A first- (\$300), second- (\$200) and third-place (\$100) poster winner will be selected from each of the three grade levels for each of the five states — for a total of nine poster winners per state!

For additional information about submitting posters, traffic safety topics, and entry rules feel free to visit aaa.com/PosterContest!

PTSO NEWS

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](#).

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.rschoolday.com/>

Link to boys signup

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

Link to girls Signup

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

NK ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB

Congratulations to the Boys Basketball team for winning the STATE Championship and the D1 Championship!

Evening of Champions

Evening of Champions Is just around the corner! April 6th at the **Quonset O' Club** starting at 6pm.

It's not to late to reserve a table for this great adults only night out!

Reservations can be made online:

squareup.com/market/north-gear or bit.ly/EOCTicket

any questions email Marisa Green mmgreen2@verizon.net

please see attachments for more information

Winter Sports Awards

The Winter Sports Awards have been **RECHEDULED** to March 31st at 6pm in the Auditorium.

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 the letter with you.

Jackets must be tried on because they are a custom ordered there are no returns.

Jackets must be paid in full at the time of order.

Cash, Check, or Credit card accepted.

Gear

If you are in need of some new NORTH gear for the Spring, Boosters will be selling gear at the Winter Sports Awards!

Scholarships

NK Booster Scholarship, Jeffrey Monica Memorial Scholarship, and Darren Schongold Memorial Scholarship applications are available on the athletic website under the Booster Club Tab.

There are also paper copies available in Guidance if needed. All three applications are due back in Guidance by April 26, 2019

Save the Date

Senior Athlete Banquet will be held May 23, 2019 at Quidnessett Country Club
More information to follow.

FINE ARTS Department

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

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

Career Speakers

The NKHS Guidance Department is sponsoring a career speaker series that will take place during the last week of March through the end of April. Various community members will be visiting our high school to discuss their profession. Please take a look at the attached document that lists the speakers that will be here during the last week of March. If you are interested in attending a session, please come to guidance to sign up. A pass will be given to you during advisory, however, you must have permission to miss advisory/class from your teacher. You are responsible for all missed work. These sessions will last approximately 30 minutes.

Scheduling

Counselors will be meeting with students one on one during the first three weeks of March to review recommendations, answer scheduling 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 in the 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. Override forms are due in the Guidance Office by April 5th.

Cap and Gown Orders

An email is being sent to all seniors regarding the options for purchasing a graduation cap and gown for the June ceremony. There are many options for “extras”, but students should be aware that all that is required is the basic \$40 for the cap, gown, and tassel. You will find this option at the bottom of the order form for individual items that is attached to the email. The extra tassel in the \$52.50 package is a nice souvenir but students will not be allowed to wear them on graduation day. Some parents have asked about reusing recent (within the past five years) cap and gowns. Please be cautious about reuse as the gowns are ordered based on height and weight, therefore you do not want your student to stand out because their gown is too short or too long!

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.

CTE

One of NKHS Robotics Teams, *The GONK Squad*, has qualified to represent North Kingstown High School at the World Championships held in Detroit in April. In order to help make this trip happen, the Robotics Club will be hosting a Pasta Dinner on Sunday, March 31st at 2:00 at the NK Community Center. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under. Tickets are available through team members or by emailing coach Rick Powell at richard_powell@nksd.net.

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 Apprentice 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
