

# North Kingstown High School

## Parent Newsletter

### April 5, 2019

Today is the deadline for override forms to be submitted to the guidance department for scheduling courses next year.

Students will be testing for the PSAT10 (sophomores) and SATSD (juniors) on **April 9th**. See information in the State Testing Updates for ways to help your student be prepared for their test. It's important that student have plenty of rest the night before along with a healthy breakfast. All students will be released at 12:55 pm that day. ARC will not run since students will be dismissed early on April 9th.

Please note that due to College Board regulations requiring all students to remain in the testing room until the completion of the test, no 10th-grade students will be allowed early dismissal between 7:45 and 11:30 am and no 11th-grades students will be allowed early dismissal between 7:45 and 12:30 pm.

#### **Important dates:**

April 3rd - CTE Registration Night 6:30

April 4th - PTSO Meeting 7pm

#### **State Testing Updates**

Sophomores can practice using the online PSAT10 testing stie by logging into [digitaltesting.collegeboard.org](http://digitaltesting.collegeboard.org) and finding the link that says [Preview the Student Digital Test Experience](#). Students will be able to practice a few questions and become familiar with the functions available to them, such as formula sheets, calculator, and line readers.

Juniors can find testing practice and full length test practice on [KhanAcademy.org](http://KhanAcademy.org)

**It is important that all 10th graders bring their Chromebooks fully charged.** The full testing time will be about 4 hours. Snacks and water are allowed during breaks but cannot be at their desks during the test. Students are also allowed pencils, pens, or erasers. Scrap paper will be provided and collected.

Juniors should bring at least two #2 pencils, and eraser, and a calculator (calculators cannot be loaned to students on the day of the test). Snacks and water are allowed on breaks but not at their desks. Colored pencils and pens are not allowed. No scrap paper is provided as all work is to be done in their test booklet.

**At no time will electronic devices capable of receiving or sending information or photography be allowed in the testing rooms.** Any of these devices found during a test session must be confiscated. Any

student who is found to be in possession of these devices during the testing session will be subject to discipline and/or canceled test scores.

## **Guidance News:**

### **PrepareRI Youth Apprenticeship informational sessions on April 4 and April 10**

The PrepareRI Youth Apprenticeship program is an opportunity for Rhode Island students (entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade in Fall 2019!) to start a pathway directly into a career while still in high school. The program combines a classroom component and a work-based learning component, leading to a *paid, full-time job and/or paid Registered Apprenticeship* upon successful completion. Through CCRI's Running Start program, students will take college-level courses at CCRI their senior year to build employer-demanded technical skills, meet high school graduation requirements, and earn college credit.

There are four high-demand pathways available during this pilot year:

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- Pharmacy Technician
  - Medical Assistant
  - Process Technologist
  - Horticultural and Landscape Technician
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To learn more visit [www.prepare-ri.org/apprenticeships](http://www.prepare-ri.org/apprenticeships) and [sign up online to attend one of our two scheduled two information sessions](#) on April 4 (Lifespan in Providence) or April 10 (CCRI in Warwick).

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- Third quarter report cards will be published on Friday, April 12th. A notice will go out via ASPEN.
  - Parents will be able to view 2019-2020 student course requests on April 11th. A notice will go out via ASPEN.
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### **Training Opportunity for Electric Boat Jobs**

NKHS has an exciting new partnership with Electric Boat that will combine skill training at New England Technical Institute, coursework at NKHS, and internships at Electric Boat for welding skills and computer integrated manufacturing. The goal is to provide job training in the summer between 11th and 12th grade with employment opportunities upon graduation from NKHS. Students who are interested should contact Dr. Morse, Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning, at [Barbara\\_Morse@nksd.net](mailto:Barbara_Morse@nksd.net). A field trip for later this month is being planned for interested students.

### **Minding Your Mind program**

On Tuesday, April 9th at 6:00pm Wickford Middle School is hosting a mental health awareness presentation in their cafeteria from 6:00 to 7:00pm.

Their guest speaker comes from "Minding Your Mind", the same agency that presented at the March 13th PD at DMS. WMS has a different speaker; a young adult, who shares his personal story about mental illness, warning signs and coping strategies. There will be time for questions and answers following the presentation and light refreshments will be served.

WMS students will be attending the same presentation during the school day, so WMS is delighted to offer an evening presentation for parents and community members. Please consider attending!

### **Community Health**

Chantal Abbott is the new Community Health worker through the Office of Family Learning. Together with Cindy Bowe, she has developed a community needs assessment tool in hopes to identify the needs of

northern North Kingstown residents. Please look for future announcements about the upcoming assessment.

### **Student Art Awards**

Ninth Grader Emilia Cormier placed as a Notable Awardee in the International *2019 Healthy Whale, Healthy Ocean Challenge*

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This particular competition helps to raise awareness of and inspire action for North Atlantic right whales, as well as for a healthier ocean and society. As a Notable Awardee her piece titled "Endangered" will be featured on [healthywhale.org](http://healthywhale.org) and on their social media channels over the next several months, and her work will be part of their ongoing campaign to inspire awareness, care, and action for right whales and our ocean.

Her awards ceremony and celebration will be Sunday, May 5th in Boston, Massachusetts, where she will be presented with a special certificate in recognition of her achievement. This event will feature keynote speaker Brian Skerry, National Geographic photojournalist and *Challenge* judge; as well as a student art exhibit, film screenings, guest speakers, and art-making and community-building activities.

## **2019 YEARBOOKS**

Yearbook is looking for pictures of the following ASAP: Students with their pets, students with their parents who are teachers at NKHS (this pic can come from students or teachers), students at their jobs, students who are twins, triplets, etc., pictures from spring sports that may have started practices already, and any other awesome photos you may have taken this year and would like to see in the book. Pictures can be sent to teacher [Jessica\\_Grant@nkhs.net](mailto:Jessica_Grant@nkhs.net)

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](mailto: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.

"There are three spaces for yearbook ads that are still available. If you want an ad in the yearbook, the deadline is no later than this Friday, April 5. If you are interested please contact [sabrina\\_fiore@students.nksd.net](mailto:sabrina_fiore@students.nksd.net)

## **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!](http://aaa.com/PosterContest!)

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## **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](mailto:NKHSPTSO1901@gmail.com)*

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**Donate to PTSO**

**Buy a Brick!**

# ATHLETICS

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

Link to boys signup

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

Link to girls Signup

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

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## NK ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB

### **Booster Club News**

#### **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.

#### **Concessions & Gate**

We are in need of help for the spring season. If you have an hour to spare please use links below to sign up to volunteer to help out in the concession stands.

We need volunteer to help at Boys & Girls Lacrosse and Boys Volleyball .

Boys LAX

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



Girls LAX <http://signup.com/go/WHqomBf>

Boys Volleyball <http://signup.com/go/qXNjGKQ>

## FINE ARTS Department

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**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](http://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 May. 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 month of May. 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 met with students in grades 9-11 one on one during the first three weeks of March to review teacher 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

### **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](mailto: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.

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

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