

# North Kingstown High School Newsletter

November 02, 2020

## Administration 2020 - 2021

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## Hello NKHS Educational Community,

NKHS is fast approaching the end of quarter one on November 17. This would mean the end of a half credit class or being halfway through a full credit class! We are extremely thankful for our dedicated staff who are continuing to do the hard work of instructing various groups of students ranging from in- person to full distance learning. We are equally proud of our students for persevering through a very different school experience this year. We are always thankful for the support from our parents and community members. Enjoy the updates in this newsletter for this week and have an outstanding week!!!

### [Key](#) \*

*\* NEW information in the newsletter*

*\*\* UPDATED information in the newsletter*

## Important Dates

### November [Calendar](#)

- 02 Booster Club Meeting 7pm
- 03 No School - Election Day
- 04 Group A
- 05 PTSO Meeting 7pm
- 11 No School - Veterans Day
- 16 Distance Learning for all students (PD Day for all staff)
- 17 School Committee Meeting 7pm
- 18 Second Quarter Begins - Group A
- 25 - 27 No School - Thanksgiving Break

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## [NKHS Student Recognition \\*](#)

Congratulations to **Sophia DeGenova** who has been selected as North Kingstown High School's DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Good Citizen. Sophia earned this prestigious award through her consistent demonstration of her dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. We wish Sophia well as she represents NKHS in the DAR Good Citizens scholarship contest.

## [News from the nurse](#)

Flu clinics, in case you missed the flu clinic at the high school: vaccines are still available at another school location: Nov 9 at Hamilton Elementary School. To register, go to: [schoolflu.com](http://schoolflu.com). Appointments book quickly so register soon.

Contact information: Many students have contact information that is not up to date. It is essential that we have a way to reach you. Please login to your parent ASPEN account to check your child's contact information and update if needed.

## [Mason Tours\\*](#)

Looking to travel this July? Mason Tours is off on two separate and diverse adventures. Email Ms. Mason for more information, daily itinerary, and activities on either trip.

[South Africa](#)

[South America](#)

## [School Improvement Team \(SIT\)](#)

The high school administration is looking for volunteers to serve on the School Improvement Team (SIT). The purpose of the SIT is to examine data and procedures relevant to all aspects of the school environment, and acts as an advisory board for setting and monitoring school-wide goals aligned to the district goals. We are seeking wide representation of stakeholders who are willing to make a two-year commitment to serving on the team. We will be meeting four times this year and typically hold meetings from 2 to 4 pm. Our first meeting is scheduled for November 9th. We anticipate that all meetings this year will be virtual. If you are a parent, student, or community member who is interested in volunteering, please email [Barbara\\_Morse@nksd.net](mailto:Barbara_Morse@nksd.net).



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## [NKHS Open House \\*](#)

In this unusual school year, in lieu of open house, teachers have sent links to videos or emailed special messages. As always, feel free to reach out to them about individual concerns. We look forward to an Open House next year on Campus

## [Office of Teaching and Learning](#)

### [Advanced Placement Test Registration & Payment](#)

Just a reminder that AP Registration will begin Monday morning, from 7:00 - 7:30 outside the Guidance Office, or 1:00 - 1:30 for Distance Learners. We will accept cash or check for \$95.00 per test (checks should be made out to North Kingstown High School). Remember to bring your completed AP Test Registration form ([attached here if needed](#)) which should list each AP Test you are scheduled to take. Please note that the College Board charges a late fee of **\$40.00 per test** for any S1 test ordered after the November deadline. If you still haven't joined your AP course on the College Board; please see Ms. Caromile or Mrs. Buckley in the guidance office.

### [Stats on School Day SAT for Seniors held on Oct 14 at NKHS \\*](#)

86% of NKHS Seniors took the SAT school day test held on October 14 and on the makeup day held on October 27. We are so proud of the persistence students demonstrated to do their best on the test. The scores are expected to be released beginning November 9 to students by the College Board. We excitedly await for results!

Click [HERE](#) for a sample of what to expect in the score report

### [PSAT test for all juniors at NKHS](#)

To accommodate our current juniors that were unable to test for their PSAT last year due to school closure, NKHS has decided to host PSAT offered by the College Board on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. Due to distancing protocols, school will require to use several testing rooms and several teachers as proctors. Due to this reason, students in grades 9, 10, & 12 will be on a distance learning day accessing asynchronous model of instruction that day. . Please note that this day was originally scheduled to be an in-person day for B group students. Please note this is a change in the calendar. This test is not mandatory for juniors. Juniors planning on taking this test will need to sign up in advance and will need to pay for this test. More information to follow on testing in the upcoming weeks. Stay tuned!



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## Weekend SAT Dates

We will be administering the **Saturday, SAT**'s at North Kingstown High School on the following dates for 2020-2021:

- November 7
- December 5
- May 8
- June 5

Any student who wishes to take the Saturday SAT must register through the CollegeBoard website, <https://www.collegeboard.org/>.

If you receive free or reduced lunch, you qualify for a fee waiver. Please contact Ms. Florenz for the information. You may also find additional here: [SAT fee waiver](#)

If you have any questions, please email Ms. Florenz, who is the **Saturday**, SAT coordinator, at [rosemarie.florenz@nksd.net](mailto:rosemarie.florenz@nksd.net)

## Candidates Day facilitated by NKHS Social Studies students

This year's Candidates Day took place virtually. All North Kingstown candidates were invited to participate. Offices included, the North Kingstown School Committee, Town Council, Rhode Island General Assembly and Senate, and the United States House of Representatives and Senate. An impressive number of candidates answered student questions. Those sessions can be viewed via the link to the [North Kingstown High School Social Studies page](#). If there are any questions regarding this program, please contact Mr. Verria at [lawrence\\_verria@nksd.net](mailto:lawrence_verria@nksd.net).

## Fall Learning Opportunities Directory from RIDE \*

In an effort to support students and families, RIDE created a "[Fall Learning Opportunities Directory](#)," which is an attempt to capture all of the wonderful learning opportunities taking place across the state, compiled into an easily accessible format, and open to **all students** statewide. We hope the following offerings can enhance learning opportunities for students during these unprecedented times. If you have any questions pertaining to the opportunities below, please contact the organization directly. If your organization has any Fall Learning Opportunities not reflected in this directory, please contact Wendy Wallace at [wendy.wallace@ride.ri.gov](mailto:wendy.wallace@ride.ri.gov).

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## **[CTE Program News for Engineering and Robotics](#)**

The Academy of Engineering and Robotics offers students two great after school activities: **NORTH Robotics** and the **Technology Student Association (TSA)** as part of the Career and Technical Student Organizations. We are excited to say that both organizations will be offering virtual competitions later in the year. Any student who is interested in becoming a member of either or both organizations is encouraged to contact Mr. Powell at [richard\\_powell@nksd.net](mailto:richard_powell@nksd.net). For more information please see a brief description of each organization below.

**NORTH Robotics** - Students involved in NORTH Robotics compete in the FIRST Tech Challenge competition each year, a competition where students design and build robots to compete against other teams in a competitive game which is different each year. NORTH Robotics is the largest school associated program in the state and has teams win the state competition each of the last two years to qualify for the World Championships. This year we are meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays afterschool in virtual meetings as we prepare for remote competitions later in the year. You can click on this link to find out more about the FIRST Tech Challenge including information about this year's game.

**Technology Student Organization** - TSA is a student organization aimed at enhancing leadership and career opportunities in the STEAM field (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) by integrating concepts learned in school to extra-curricular competitions and other programs. This year, Rhode Island TSA will be holding Virtual Competitions in categories such as: Computer Aided Design, Engineering and Architectural Design, Coding and Cybersecurity, Photography, and Fashion Design. We will be meeting virtually after school on Wednesdays this year. You can check out this link to find out more about TSA.

Mr Powell, Science/Engineering Teacher, District STEM Coordinator  
Engineering and Robotics CTE Curriculum Coordinator  
[NK SELAC 2020](#)

NK SELAC is a collaborative partnership group consisting of various North Kingstown Educational community members that strive to enhance the educational experience of our students. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

### **[ARC \(ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER\) Message from Mr Silveira](#)**

I am happy to announce that ARC, Academic Resource Center, will be starting on October 6th. It will run virtually every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00-3:00pm to help any student who needs help with History, English, Math, Science, and Spanish. In addition, we will have teachers to work with students who may benefit from help with organizational skills and support. Please click [HERE](#) to view the flyer for more information.

Rob Silveira, ARC Coordinator



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## **Multimedia and Journalism**

The Current Wave is being published solely online this year. The Multimedia Journalism class has been hard at work publishing articles, with some contributions from the COM students.

Please check it out at [www.currentwave.org](http://www.currentwave.org).

Thank you to Mrs. Elizabeth Kenworthy for her leadership and guidance to maximize the talent of our students in our Journalism class!

## **Music Department**

The CTE Music Academy is working with the Communications Department to keep music performance happening during Covid-19. We are happy to share these videos with our school community.

Since we cannot gather together and commend our talented musicians with applause, we encourage our supporters to send the students an email if you enjoyed what you heard.

We hope to be sharing more in the near future.

Thank you for your support - NKHS Music

["The Avengers' Theme", composed by Alan Silvestri and performed by cellist Carolina Roy carolina\\_roy@students.nksd.net](#)

["My Love" written and performed by Kyle Takata kyle\\_takata@students.nksd.net](#)

["Always" by Keshi, performed by Dylan Gentile dylan\\_gentile@students.nksd.net](#)

## **URI Brass Day**

The URI Music Department is offering a [Virtual Brass Day](#) on Sunday, November 8 at 2 pm. The cost is free but students must register.

Please refer to this link and the [attached flyer](#).

## **Art News \*\***

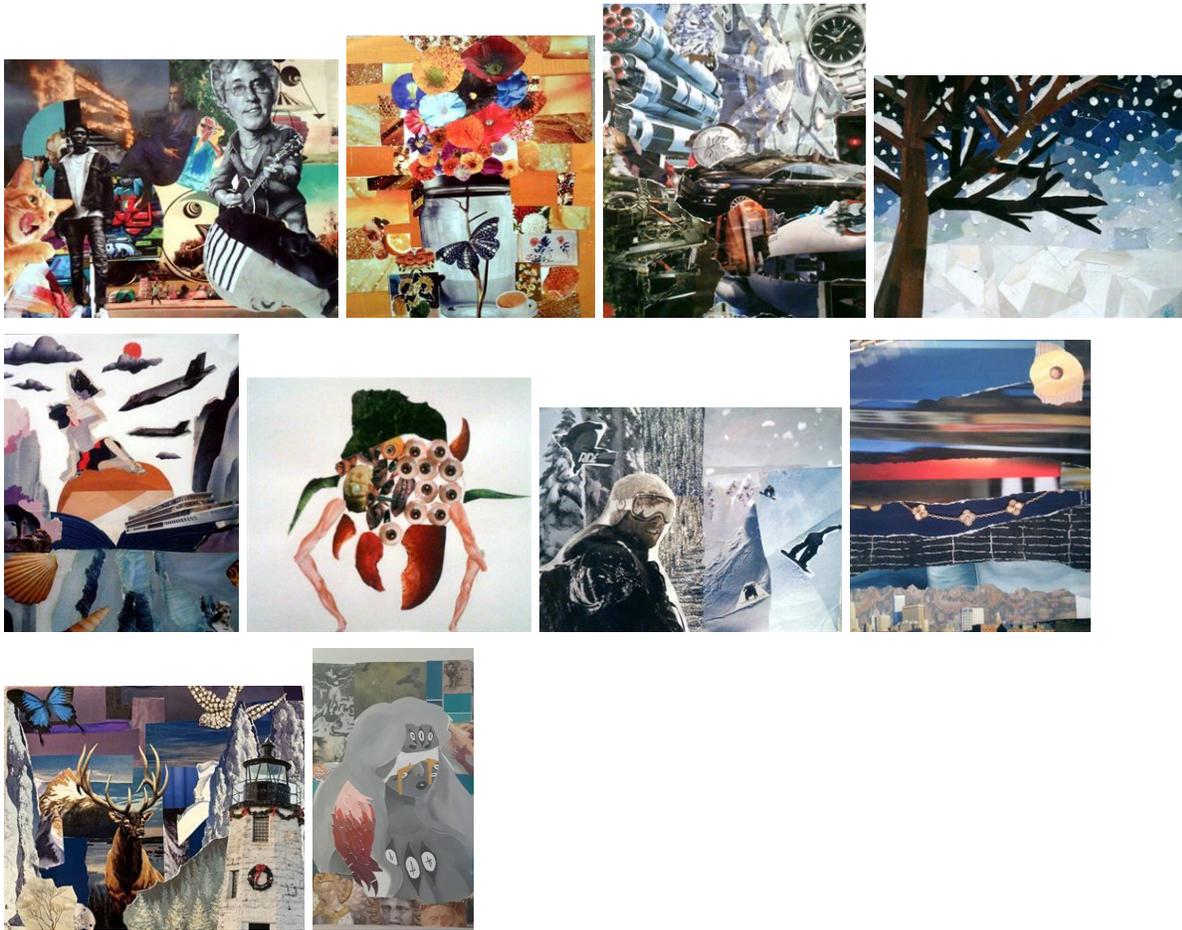
### **Ceramic News: Ms. Callaghan**

The end of the quarter is coming quickly so needless to say, there are a lot of different things going on in the ceramics studio! Students HAD to finish sculpting their hollow animal sculptures by Friday (10/30) so there would be enough time for them to dry and get bisque fired. We had our Glaze lesson and demonstration so that as students finished their animal sculptures they jumped right into glazing. I plan to have our first glaze fire on 11.4 - so check back for more artwork.



[Art 1 News: Mrs. Strain](#)

**Themed Collages** are currently being submitted. This lesson directs students to present a coherent vision of their choice of a theme. In this design process, they then bring together visual elements to explore commonality.



In addition, enjoy the Museum of Curiosities just submitted!



After projects are completed, students are asked to write an artist statement including a title and the element and principle of art they applied as well as which habits of mind they mainly focused on while creating.

You can enjoy more pieces by logging into Artsonia <https://www.artsonia.com/>  
Search North Kingstown and click on North Kingstown Sr. High.

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## Hot Off The Press

Student wanting their artwork, portfolios, and/or sketchbooks from last school year are encouraged to retrieve them by contacting [emily\\_callaghan@nksd.net](mailto:emily_callaghan@nksd.net) or [janice\\_strain@nksd.net](mailto:janice_strain@nksd.net)

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## Art Competitions/Contest News for All NKHS Students!

Any NKHS student can submit one piece of artwork for a chance to be published in this book! CelebratingArt Art Contest is now open: **Due December 3rd**

<https://www.celebratingart.com/students>



Lindsay Ann Burke Poster Contest: **Due Late March 2021**

<http://www.labmf.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Poster-Cont-HS-Ltr-Rules-2021.pdf>

Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Contest: **Due June 2021**

<https://bowseat.org/programs/ocean-awareness-contest/overview/>

Contact Mrs. Strain for more information: [janice\\_strain@nksd.net](mailto:janice_strain@nksd.net)

## Watch Catch with the Coach

Watch catch with the coach interview of our NKHS Senior Kyle Takata by Coach Quinn (Video courtesy Aaron Thomas). Click the link below;

[Catch with Coach with Kyle Takata](#)

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## Office of Student Services

### Attendance \*\*

If your child cannot attend school on their in-person day, we need to know. Please call the office and we can make a simple note in Aspen. Attendance office contacts are listed below.

- 401-268-6239
- Jennifer\_deblois@nksd.net

We expect your child will attend school on their in-person day. Choosing to attend virtually has a significant impact on the teachers' ability to plan and teach efficiently.

**All students who arrive after 7:15 will need to check in late the Student Services Office**

### Masks/Face Coverings

- All students are required to bring and wear their own masks. [Click Here](#) to access the [School Committee Mask Policy](#)
- Spare masks will be available if needed.

### Picture Day Make-up \*

Melino Photo will be here Wednesday, October 21st and Thursday, October 22nd.

- B Group - Wednesday, October 21st (11:30-12:45)
  - A Group - Thursday, October 22nd (11:30-12:45)
  - Distance Learners - Wednesday, October 21st and Thursday, October 22nd (1-2:30)
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**RIDE** Rhode Island  
Department  
of Education



## The Rhode Island Education Operations Center

# Back-to-School Bulletin

October 14, 2020

## Important COVID-19 Protocols for Families

The Education Operations Center Outreach Team has received an increase in reports from individual schools, the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE), and the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) that there is an influx of students who have been symptomatic or identified as close contacts, of either probable (tested and pending COVID-19 test results) or confirmed COVID-19 positive individuals, who continue to attend school instead of home quarantining as directed by RIDOH.

- If you, a household member, or your child is a probable case, have confirmed COVID-19, or have any of the symptoms as indicated in the chart below please keep your child at home. If your child is sent to school, this will cause an increased risk of exposure to classmates and faculty.

Cough (new)	If your child has <b>ANY ONE</b> of these symptoms, your child <b>needs a COVID-19 test</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call your child's healthcare provider for medical advice.</li><li>• Call 844-857-1814 to schedule a test.</li></ul>
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	
New loss of taste	
New loss of smell	
Fever (temperature higher than 100.4° or feels feverish to the touch)	If your child has <b>TWO OR MORE</b> of these symptoms, your child <b>needs a COVID-19 test</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call your child's healthcare provider for medical advice.</li><li>• Call 844-857-1814 to schedule a test.</li></ul>
Chills	
Muscle or body aches	If your child has <b>ONLY ONE</b> of these symptoms, <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call your child's healthcare provider for medical advice.</li><li>• Keep your child at home until they have had no fever for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medicine and they are feeling better (symptoms are better).</li><li>• Your child's healthcare provider may recommend testing.</li></ul>
Headache	
Sore throat	
Fatigue	
Congestion or runny nose (new)	
Nausea or vomiting	
Diarrhea	

If your child has been deemed to be a close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, RIDOH will notify you and your child and provide further instructions. Close contacts are determined by RIDOH, and by definition, means being within six feet of someone with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or longer.

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After being in quarantine, your child can go back to school when:

- 1. The 14-day quarantine time has ended; AND**
- 2. Your child feels good and has no symptoms of COVID-19 listed on the first page; AND**
- 3. Your child had a negative COVID-19 test result if they were tested.**

It is critical that parents/guardians follow this guidance very carefully. In addition, school personnel should ensure proper entry screening is conducted in a manner that would successfully identify these students who should not be in class but instead, home under quarantine.

**Should you have additional questions please contact the Education Operations Center at (401) 277-1440.**

**EdOC After Hours: (401) 451-1907**

**K-12 Testing Hotline (844) 857-1814 (To schedule a test)**

**RIDOH Hotline (401) 222-8022**



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## **Guidance Department**

### **NKHS School Counselor Caseloads 2020-2021**

#### **\*Grade 9 Guidance Department Lessons - November 4th and 5th - 1pm**

School counselors will be facilitating virtual lessons to all grade 9 students as part of their ILP (Individualized Learning Plan) this Wednesday and Thursday. Topics that will be covered include graduation requirements, academic plans, linking academic plans to possible majors/careers. All grade 9 students are expected to attend on their designated day (see below). Students will receive an email with the meeting link.

Group B Students: Wednesday, November 4 at 1pm

Group A Students: Thursday, November 5 at 1pm

#### **Rhode Island College Fair Guide - Digital**

Although the Rhode Island College Fair was cancelled, students can still connect with colleges. A virtual college fair is taking place on November 8. Students and parents will find important information to help in the college search process.

Virtual College Fair - Sunday, November 8

Students may register at [www.virtualcollegefairs.org](http://www.virtualcollegefairs.org)

#### **College Application Virtual Drop-In Sessions**

A school counselor will be available every Wednesday from 1:00 - 1:45 to help students with their College Applications. Students can drop in to the session via a google meeting link shared on the Class of 2021 Guidance Google Classroom.

#### **Virtual College Visits**

College admissions representatives meet with our students to share information and answer questions about their college/university and the specifics of their application process. See the calendars below for the list of participating schools and the link to join the session.

**\*\***[November Virtual College Visits and other virtual college fairs/open houses](#)



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## College Application Deadlines

Seniors are asked to notify their school counselor of an upcoming college application deadline two weeks in advance in order for the counselor to process and submit their portion of the application on time. Please see the table below for notification deadlines. An invitation to the student's common application account and selection of a decision plan is considered proper notification.

Application Deadline	Counselor Notification Deadline
November 15, 2020	November 2, 2020
December 1, 2020	November 10, 2020
December 15, 2020	December 1, 2020
January 1, 2021	December 7, 2020
January 15, 2021	December 23, 2020
February 1, 2021	January 15, 2021
March 1, 2021	February 5, 2021

## FASFA Assistance

[RISLA's College Planning Center](#) has been providing "free" FAFSA completion assistance since 1998 and would like to get their appointment calendar filled early so they can help as many families as possible.

Plan ahead and [book your appointment](#) today. Appointments are free and available 7 days a week. [Spanish](#) speaking counselors available upon request.

[Click this link](#) for a list of items you will need to have on hand for your appointment(s).

## Scholarship Opportunity

[Prudential Spirit of Community Award](#) - Applications due by November 10, 2020

\*NCAA Eligibility Center

Navigating Initial Eligibility During COVID-19 A Webinar for College-Bound Student-Athletes

Share this Copy in Your School's Newsletter Did you miss the NCAA Eligibility Center webinar in



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October? Join the EC for a repeat webinar on Saturday, November 7 at 2 p.m. Eastern to learn about initial-eligibility requirements you must meet and how COVID-19 impacts those requirements. [Click here to register.](#)

## [Athletics, PTSO, Clubs, Activities, Etc...](#)

### [ATHLETICS](#)

- RIIIL Member School decision to ban Gaiters during RIIIL contests
  - A considerable number of schools indicated they would not allow gaiters to be worn either by their own athletes or the visiting teams at their facilities.
  - After clarifying, the RIDOH indicated that gaiters of multiple layers are permissible however there is a concern regarding their effectiveness during competition because they can easily fall below the nose and mouth to create compliance issues.
  - Therefore, based on the feedback from RIDOH and our member schools, the RIIIL **will NOT allow gaiters to be worn during games this school year** to provide consistency across the state and avoid potential conflicts and confusion.

### [Fall Sports Coach Contact Information:](#)

Athletic Director: Chris Cobain ([christopher\\_cobain@nksd.net](mailto:christopher_cobain@nksd.net)) 401-268-6281

Boys Cross Country: Paul Tetreault ([Coachjpt@cox.net](mailto:Coachjpt@cox.net)); Matt Colavita ([Mcolavita1@yahoo.com](mailto:Mcolavita1@yahoo.com))

Boys Soccer: Paul Fanning ([Paul\\_Fanning@nksd.net](mailto:Paul_Fanning@nksd.net))

Field Hockey: Julie Maguire ([Julie\\_Maguire@nksd.net](mailto:Julie_Maguire@nksd.net)); Kris Graham ([Kris\\_Graham@nksd.net](mailto:Kris_Graham@nksd.net))

Football: Fran Dempsey ([Francis\\_Dempsey@nksd.net](mailto:Francis_Dempsey@nksd.net)) **season postponed**

Football Cheer: Shelby White ([Onsitestyle@gmail.com](mailto:Onsitestyle@gmail.com))

Girls Cross Country: Brian McNeiece ([Coachmcneiece@gmail.com](mailto:Coachmcneiece@gmail.com)); Matt Colavita ([Mcolavita1@yahoo.com](mailto:Mcolavita1@yahoo.com))

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Girls Soccer: Mark D'Arezzo (Mdarezzo9@gmail.com)

Girls Tennis: Tim O'Neill (tjorhody@yahoo.com)

Girls Volleyball: Brian Garrepy ([Brian\\_Garrepy@nksd.net](mailto:Brian_Garrepy@nksd.net)) **season postponed**

Unified Volleyball: Keith Higgins (Keith\_Higgins@nksd.net) **season postponed**

### [NKHS Booster Club](#)

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, November, 2 2020 at 7:00PM. The meeting will be a Zoom call - if you would like to attend, please reach out to NKBoosterClub@gmail.com for the link.

Ways to Support Athletics:

1) Join the Booster Club! The easiest way to support the athletics programs is to become a member of the Booster Club. There are 3 levels of membership with special rates this year due to our abbreviated seasons. Follow the link below to purchase your membership! Any blankets purchased with your order will be delivered to your address. Membership cards will be mailed.

<https://north-gear.square.site>

2) Follow Boosters on social media for the latest sports information:

Facebook: North Kingstown Athletics Booster Club (NKBoosterClub)

Instagram: nkboosterclub

Twitter: @NKBoosterClub

@NoKingstownHS (NK Athletics Twitter account)

3) Any varsity athletes looking to order a letterman jacket? Reach out to Boosters (NKboosterclub@gmail.com) by November 7. We will be setting up a specific date / time for you to come and place your orders but we need to know the level of interest in order to keep the number of people appropriate on the order day(s).

4) Continued Good Luck to our teams who are participating in their fall seasons ~ send Boosters any pictures of the teams in action - we love to share on social media! Send to: [GetsocialNK@gmail.com](mailto:GetsocialNK@gmail.com)

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## PTSO

Our next PTSO meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 5th at 7pm. Join us via zoom with the following link:

Topic: NKHS PTSO

Time: Nov 5, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[\[https://zoom.us/j/98520437353\]](https://zoom.us/j/98520437353)(<https://zoom.us/j/98520437353>)

Meeting ID: 985 2043 7353

Looking to give back? Here are a few ways your support can help us:

1. Stop and Shop's A+ Rewards Program, register your card with North Kingstown High School ID #06982. Follow the links below for instructions in English and Spanish. Don't forget, your friends and family can support us as well.

[Stop and Shop A+ Welcome/Supporter letter \(English/Spanish\)](#)

[Stop and Shop A+ How to sign up \(English/Spanish\)](#)

Or visit our [website](#) found under the Parents tab on the NKHS page

2. Make a difference while you shop, simply shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/27-2188788](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-2188788) or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app and AmazonSmile donates to NKHS PTSO.

3. The NKHS PTSO offers a simple way for parents to support our programs via a **tax deductible** donation. Our direct donation drive provides the majority of the funding for the PTSO- last year our donations were spent on teacher grants and staff appreciation. For further financial information please visit our website-from the NKHS school page, go to the parents tab then select PTSO or email us at [nkhsptso1901@gmail.com](mailto:nkhsptso1901@gmail.com)

Please consider [donating to help](#) us continue providing funds for our grant program.

Join us on Facebook for updates: search groups for "NKHS PTSO".

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