

North Kingstown High School Newsletter

March 29, 2021

Administration 2020 - 2021

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Hello NKHS Educational Community,

Happy spring! It is certainly great to see students and teachers back in the building. While things are starting to look up, please continue to be vigilant about social distancing, use of masks at all times, and regular hand sanitizing so we do not find ourselves in a situation requiring to pause from in person learning. We have been so impressed with everyone's perseverance this year. Keep up the good attitude!

[Quote of the week!*](#)

"Not every day is good but there is something good in every day" - Alice Morse Earl

[Key](#) *

* *NEW information in the newsletter*

** *UPDATED information in the newsletter*

Important Dates -


April [Calendar](#)

- 1 PTSO Meeting 7pm
- 2 No School - Good Friday
- 5 Booster Club Meeting 7pm
- 13 School Committee Meeting 7pm
- 14 Grades 10 & 11 PSAT/SAT. **Grades 9 & 12 Distant Learning**
- 19 - 23 Spring Recess
- 28 NGSAT Testing for grade 11. **Grades 9, 10 and 12 will be DL**

[News from the Nurse*](#)

The school Nurse Teachers of North Kingstown have been working tirelessly to keep our school communities healthy and safe. Now more than ever we are asking for your help. We can almost see the end to this covid health crisis. Now is not the time to give up the important health practices recommended by the CDC and RI Department of Health.

You have the power to help us over the finish line, keep our schools open and bring back celebrations in our community by continuing the following CDC guidelines:

1. Encourage your children to wear their mask correctly-covering their nose and mouth and model that practice for them.
 2. Wash hands frequently for 20 seconds or use sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
 3. Maintain an appropriate distance.
 4. Stay home if you have covid symptoms and keep your children home too. This includes a headache or runny nose.
 5. If your child has been tested for covid 19 for a close contact or symptoms, wait for the result before sending them to school.
 6. Beware of minor symptoms such as: a headache or "allergy like symptoms". Covid is a great pretender and can look like many other illnesses. We have seen many students test positive with only a headache, "allergy like" symptoms or even no symptoms at all. Contact your health care provider now if your family has allergies to find out how they can be controlled during the upcoming allergy season.
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Our hope is that by minimizing the number of cases at the high school, we might be able to share in some of the traditional celebrations that are so important to all of us.

In School Testing:

Letters were sent on Wednesday March 24th to all parents, students and staff about our in school testing. The enrollment link and information was in this letter. Please encourage your child to report to the testing area when their group is called. Only a small percentage of those who signed up are coming to be tested. This is another way we can keep everyone safe and in our building.

As always if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 268-6279 or linda_twardowski@nksd.net.

Linda Twardowski
Certified School Nurse Teacher

[Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher Contest](#) * (Have a teacher you are thankful for?)


The 2021 My Favorite Teacher contest will run the entire month of March from 3/1 to 3/31. The winning teacher will receive \$5,000 for themselves and \$5,000 for their school, and the student who writes the winning entry will receive a \$500 Barnes & Noble gift card! To enter and see official rules, please visit the Barnes & Noble [website](#).

[Adopt a Senior 2021](#)

It's time to start the "Adopt a Senior 2021!" Here is a [link to their page](#). There will be detailed directions to follow on the page. Seniors can be nominated for adoption, and other families can also volunteer to "adopt" a senior. Typically, folks will post a couple of photos, as well as some message describing their senior - what interests they may have, favorite places to eat or shop, t-shirt size, favorite candies/snacks, what their plans are for the next year - or whatever else you want to share! Message us with any questions or concerns! Let the "adoptions" and fun begin...

[Mason Tours:](#)

For 2022, we are off on a brand new adventure. June 28th - July 6th, 2022...we will explore New Zealand 🇳🇿: The Southern Island Trek on an exciting 10 day trip. Email Ms. Mason for daily itinerary & more details.



[Yearbook](#)

The NKHS 2021 yearbook will document an incredibly unique year together! Purchase your student's yearbook here: www.jostensyearbooks.com

Please feel free to email Ms. Holcroft with any yearbook-related questions at leslie_holcroft@nksd.net.

[PTSO](#)

Next Meetings: **Thursday, April 1 and Thursday, May 6**

We would like to thank our 341 supporters of the Stop and Shop A+ program. You helped us raise \$1627.24! Please help us take advantage of this program next year and register your card with NKHS (ID #06982).

Attention seniors and families, your voices have been heard! A subcommittee dedicated to celebrating our seniors has been formed by Christine Trask. If you would like to contribute ideas, time, or funds please reach out to Christine at ctraskshop@gmail.com.

The PTSO is in the early stages of planning Teacher/Staff Appreciation week. This year our goal is to reach all 163 staff and faculty members. They have given us so much of their care, concern, time, and patience, let's show them how grateful we are. We are in need of donations, please keep an eye out for a sign up genius. nkhsptso1901@gmail.com.

Make a difference while you shop, simply shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/27-2188788 or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app and AmazonSmile donates a portion of your purchase to NKHS PTSO.

[NKHS Booster Club](#)

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2021 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. **Parents of senior athletes - memberships had to be purchased by December 31, 2020, in order for your senior athlete to apply for a Booster Scholarship in the spring.**

<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) SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021 SENIOR ATHLETE BANQUET AT QUIDNESSETT COUNTRY CLUB!!

Our Senior Athlete Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, May 20! This is contingent on state Covid guidelines but we are hopeful the numbers will continue to get better. Keep an eye on this ListServe, as well as our social media accounts for updates. Invitations will be mailed out in April!!

4) Send Boosters any pictures from this year or prior years - we love to share on social media!
Send to: GetsocialNK@gmail.com



[NKHS student recognitions](#) **

Mixed Chorus Project

Click [HERE](#) to view the performance of our very talented Mixed Chorus Class. Thank you to Ms Caiazza for sharing their amazing work with everyone.

NKHS students participating in DECA Career Development Conference

The following NKHS students came in either 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th place in the state-wide Industry aligned competitions. Those in 1st - 3rd place receive medals...those moving on to the international competition (the ICDC - International Career Conference) are also noted. For the ICDC - there are some 20,000 DECA members expected to attend - the toughest of all from Canada who's curriculum aligns to DECA assessments -

- Business Finance Series:
 - **Grant Giguere - 1st place**
 - **Bryce Shabo - 2nd place**
- Business Services Marketing - **Alex Owens - 1st place**
- Business Services operations - **Tanner Wadovick/Jack Schartner - 1st place**
- Buying and Merchandising: Troy Fielding/ **Mason Giusti - 2nd place (ICDC)**
- Entrepreneurship - Olivia Joly / **Kelsey Khalfayan - 2nd place**
- Finance operations - Business operations Research:
 - **Matthew Gravier/Conall Gately - 1st place (ICDC)**
- Financial Service - **Keith Mancini/Liam McGovern - 2nd place (ICDC)**
- Franchise Business Plan - **Luke Berthelot/John Rensulli - 2nd place**
- Hospitality Services - **Will Medeiros/Nolan Trask - 1st place (ICDC)**
- Accounting Applications - **Ailey Costantino - 2nd place (ICDC)**
- Hotel and Lodging Management:
 - **Mackenzie North - 1st place (ICDC)**
 - **Amanda Miccolis - 2nd place (ICDC)**
- Human Resource Management - **Penelope Tejada - 1st place (ICDC)**
- Independent Business Plan -

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- **Sierra Cuthill/Cassidy Cole/Sophia Tingley - 1st place (ICDC)**
 - Innovation Plan -
 - **Isabella DeGregory/Nicole Sammarco/Elliott Mascena - 4th place**
 - **Nicholas Chabot/Jaidan Blanchette - 3rd place**
 - Marketing Communications - **John Bellemore - 2nd place (ICDC)**
 - Marketing Management - **Riley Wojtyszyn/Aidan Lafferty - 4th place**
 - Principles of Business management and Administration -
 - **Adora Perry - 1st place (ICDC)**
 - **Sydney Allen - 2nd place (ICDC)**
 - Principles of Finance -
 - **Aroo Jang - 1st place (ICDC)**
 - **Rhys Raupp - 2nd place (ICDC)**
 - **Sean Roberts - 3rd place (ICDC)**
 - Start-Up Business Plan -
 - **Grace Mackrell/Katherine Martone/Katherine VanGorden**
 - Travel and Transportation Team Decision Making - **Dan McNeil/Ty Shapiro - 4th place**

Thank you to **Mr Richard Garland** (Business CTE teacher at NKHS) for updating us with this information and guiding our students to achieve at this global competition

Office of Teaching and Learning

School Day SAT and PSAT for Spring 2021 **


- SAT with Essay for Juniors and PSAT for Sophomores will be held at NKHS on Wednesday April 14, 2021
- All students attending NKHS are automatically registered through the State of RI
- This test is provided to all students by RIDE at no charge
- More details on testing schedule, testings rooms, etc to follow
- Grades 9 and 12 will be DL on April 14, 2021 due to testing. Learning will be asynchronous that day due to teachers proctoring the test throughout the day
- Both PSAT and SAT tests are administered digitally this year. Please ensure you have a school issued chromebook and a charger to be prepared for that day. If your chromebook needs assistance, please see Ms Rowland in the Media Center immediately
- Essay section on SAT is mandatory per RIDE. This is not optional
- Students will receive their testing room numbers through their first period teacher as we get closer to the testing date

Resources for students to prepare for testing day

- Click [HERE](#) for 2021 Digital SAT School Day Student Questionnaire Instructions (Pre Administration directions) . This guide will help you complete your SAT® School Day questionnaire—including where to send your 4 free score reports
- Click [HERE](#) for 2021 Digital PSAT Student Questionnaire Instruction (Pre Administration directions).
- Click [SAT Practice at Khan Academy](#) offers College Board-approved practice activities for students preparing for the PSAT and SAT.
- On April 7th students will have the opportunity to practice taking the test digital in a sandbox environment.

See message below from RIDE on testing

Public School Students: It is expected that students attending public school in Rhode Island will participate in the required tests for their current grade level. Public school students are expected



to participate in the PSAT 10 administration in grade 10, and the SAT School Day or the alternate assessments in grade 11.

For more information Click [HERE](#)

Parents please Click [HERE](#) for student privacy letter from Collegeboard in regards to testing

[NGSA \(Next Generation Science Assessment\)](#) *

NGSA is administered to all juniors by the State of RI, Department of Education. This test is mandatory for all juniors to attempt. The test is scheduled for April 28, 2021. Only juniors will be attending school that day for testing. All other grade levels (9, 10 and 12) will be DL. It will be synchronous learning day for grades 9, 10 and 12 except for their science classes. More information to follow on testing details in the upcoming weeks


[AP Exam Schedule Options due to Pandemic](#) **

NKHS AP Administrators and Coordinators conducted a thorough survey after the college board released AP testing options for students for May 2021 testing. We collected feedback from AP teachers and students on the various options ranging from dates to formats (digital or paper pencil). We have incorporated all the feedback to the best of our abilities to create a schedule to provide the best testing conditions for our students. Please click [HERE](#) for the schedule to view the date and venue for the tests. Please note that every test listed on this schedule is paper and pencil.

If you have any concerns with the dates for your test, please contact Ms **Leslie Buckley** (leslie_buckley@nksd.net) or Ms Beth Caromile (bethany_caromile@nksd.net)

One very important factor that was taken into consideration was a restrictive format within the digital exam which would prevent the student from going back to previous questions and also prevent students from reviewing their answers. The inability to review, correct or make changes within the test puts students using the digital format at a disadvantage.

If you have any general questions or concerns about the schedule created, please feel free to contact me directly at shivali_finkelstein@nksd.net



[RIDE Seeking Advisory Group Members for Health Education Framework Review *](#)


RIDE is contracting with the RI Healthy Schools Coalition and Cairn Guidance to facilitate the process of review and revision of the current [Health Literacy for All: The Rhode Island Health Education Framework](#). Health education curriculum, adopted at the local level, must be aligned with the RI Health Education Framework and associated Comprehensive Health Instructional Outcomes and is required for all RI K-12 students. The revised Framework will be rooted in standards aligned with the National Health Education Standards and emphasize a skills-based approach to health education where health topics and content provide context for the critical development of skills, competence and motivation needed to lead a healthy life. Stakeholders (K-12 Health Teachers, Curriculum Directors, Parents, Students, School Nurse Teachers, School Committee Members, Higher Ed HPE, Community Non-Profits & State Agencies) are invited to **learn more and apply for membership to the Advisory Group by completing [THIS FORM](#) by March 8, 2021**. Stakeholder advisory members will commit to participating in two virtual public meetings on **Tuesday, March 23 and Wednesday, May 19 from 3:30 – 5:00 PM**, to inform and guide the review process.

[Message from RI Commissioner of Education- Support for students during Pandemic](#)

The pandemic has impacted every aspect of our lives, in particular, student learning. Fortunately, there's a solution available to help struggling students catch up, and it's been around for millennia: tutoring.

RIDE is excited to announce this week an innovative partnership with Sal Khan, founder of Khan Academy and Schoolhouse.world. [Schoolhouse.world](#) is a new online platform from Sal Khan, the founder of Khan Academy, that matches students around the world with free tutors. The tutors provide small-group math and SAT prep tutoring for students in grades 6-12, building on the Khan Academy curriculum. Rhode Island is one of two state-level partnerships offering this opportunity to students across the state. Registration is now live on the All Course Network (ACN) and [students can sign up here on EnrollRI](#). There is no deadline for students to sign up (though schools will still need to approve their enrollment via the ACN), no cost to LEAs or students, and no requirement to participate. Please help us spread the word to your students, teachers, parents, and communities! [More information on the partnership can be found here.](#)

Students can sign up for these free tutoring opportunities, along with SAT prep courses through RIDE's recently launched [#EnrollRI platform](#).



[Progress Report Dates](#)

We have added some additional progress report dates to enhance our communication of grades. See important dates below

Progress Report Dates for quarter 3 : **March 10 and March 31 2021**

Quarter 3 ends on **April 13 and grades are due April 27 2021**

Quarter 4 starts **April 14, 2021**


Progress Report Dates for quarter 4: **May 7 and May 28 2021**

Semester 2/ quarter 4 ends on **June 23, 2021**

[FREE after School Program for High School Students Interested in Careers in the Arts](#)

FirstWorks after school pilot program through RIDE's All Course Network, Behind the Curtain, introduces viable professions in the arts to high school students. Instructors include actress Lynnette Freeman, musician Kim Trusty, singer Becky Bass, director Patricia Hawkrige, actor/director/theatre manager Ricardo Pitts-Wiley, make-up and wigmaker Amber Voner, Renaissance Dance with Catherine Bodner, dance improv with nikki lee, stage design with architect Caitlin Dippo, lighting design with Amanda Motta, Props Master Michael Getz, festival curation with Chachi Carvalho, arts management with Lisa Utman Randall, cruise ship stage management with Jan Melzer Thomas, and auditioning tips with Tyla Collier. All of the instructors have a connection to Rhode Island; some were born here, others moved here, but all make a living working in the arts!

Please share this registration link with your high school students and any parents or educators who know interested high school students: <http://first-works.org/education/behind-the-curtain/>



[Fine Arts News](#) **

Enter in Art Contests - Time is running out!

Lindsay Ann Burke Poster Contest / Due in room 133 by this Thursday April 1st

Pick up the paper for this show in room 133!

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

April 8th / CelebratingArt is now open for artwork digital submissions **Due April 8th**

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

It is free to enter but you can only submit one piece!

*[Click here](#) to view the NK K-12 Library Student Art Show

*Click [HERE](#) to view the New Virtual Art Gallery Show titled:

"Timely Intentions"

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

Academic Resource Center runs virtually every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00-3:00pm. It's 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



Office of Student Services

SurveyWorks!

The Rhode Island Department of Education is administering its yearly SurveyWorks Family Survey, which is an opportunity for parents/guardians to provide feedback about their child's school and learning environment. The survey results are most useful when all parents/guardians participate, so your participation is valued very much.

Responses are anonymous and cannot be linked to any individual.

Additionally, students in grades 3-12 will have the opportunity to give feedback about their learning environment. There will be no sensitive questions about drug and alcohol abuse and sexual activity. NKHS students will complete their surveys during Advisory on March 3rd (A-day) and March 4th (B-day). Full-time distance learners will also complete the survey on their respective day but from home.

To see sample surveys, visit SurveyWorks at Surveyworks.ride.ri.gov. As in previous years, all surveys are anonymous and taking the survey is voluntary. The topics include School Safety, School Climate, Valuing of School, & Rigorous Expectations.


All surveys are available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

To access the Family Survey for North Kingstown High School, please visit the following website and choose North Kingstown High School from the dropdown menu:

<http://bit.ly/ridefamily>

If you have more than one student enrolled at NKHS, you only need to complete one survey. However, if your students' experiences are different, you are more than welcome to complete separate surveys for each student.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. The results of these surveys help us tremendously as we plan for future improvements and initiatives, and we greatly appreciate your support!



[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
- Kerry_Langlois@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

[Chromebook/Tech Issues**](#)

Having issues with a Chromebook?

If you're a full time distance learner, enter a helpdesk ticket via email: DL_helpdesk@nksd.net. The IT help desk will respond to you in a responsible amount of time.

On your in person day, you can also bring your Chromebook to the media center for repairs. Our media specialist, Mrs. Rowland, can assist you. *We can now loan you a Chromebook while yours is out for repair.*


[License and Parking Information](#)

Need a parking spot?

Juniors, [click here](#) to fill out your application

Seniors, [click here](#) to fill out your application

Once your child has filled out the form, bring a copy of their license, registration, and proof of insurance to the student services office. We will provide a sticker and a spot number.



[Strengthening Families Program **](#)

The SFP curriculum is an 11-week virtual course with 90-minute sessions designed for families with children 7-17. Parents learn to increase desired behaviors in children by using attention and rewards, clear communication, effective discipline, substance use education, problem solving and limit setting. Children learn effective communication, understanding feelings, social skills, problem solving, resisting peer pressure, consequences of substance use, and compliance with parental rules. Families engage in structured family activities, practice therapeutic child play, conduct family meetings, learn communication skills, practice effective discipline, reinforce positive behaviors in each other, and plan family activities together.


[See Something Say Something - Anonymous Reporting](#)

The links below remind students how to anonymously report something they are concerned about. Please share it with them. Given the increase in mental health issues recently, this information has become increasingly more important. [To report something, click here.](#)

Below please find links to instructions for educators to create classes, access and play the recently updated SS-ARS student training videos:

- [Student Training Instructions for IN PERSON viewing \(students in physical classrooms\)](#)
- [Student Training Instructions for DISTANCE viewing \(students at home or in remote location\)](#)
- [Student Training Instructions Video – Helpful Hints \(editing/changing class info\)](#)

There are three (3) versions of the SS-ARS student training video..

1. **Say Something - ARS: Core Training** (for students who have Not been previously trained in SS-ARS and will view video in-person with teacher present)
 2. **Say Something – ARS: Refresher** (for students who were previously trained in SS-ARS during the 2019-20 school year and will view video in-person with teacher present)
 3. **Say something – ARS: Distance Learning** (for students who will view video from their home/remotely)
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Guidance Department

NKHS School Counselor Caseloads 2020-2021

Scheduling for the 2021/2022 School Year

From March 22 - April 9 school counselors will meet with students individually to...

- Review an updated student transcript
- Review the course request form
- Discuss high school and post high school goals
- Enter course requests into ASPEN for School Year 2021/2022

Please refer to the [2021/2022 Program of Studies](#) to view NKHS course descriptions, programs, and policies.

Internship opportunity through the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Newport

Undersea Technology Apprentice Program (UTAP)

CCRI - Running Start Program

The CCRI Running Start Program applications are now available for next year. Students in the Running Start Program attend CCRI classes full-time during their senior year.

[Applications](#) are Due April 1, 2021. High school counselors need the application by March 19, 2021 to submit for the April 1 deadline.

Virtual College Fairs

[College Fair Guide for Rhode Island students](#)



NACAC will be hosting a series of virtual college fairs this winter/spring. Please see the link below for more information. [NACAC College Fairs](#)

[Scholarships](#)

Please encourage your seniors to review the scholarship list below frequently. Please see Ms. Florenz in the Guidance Department with questions about scholarships.

[2020/2021NKHS Scholarship Document](#)

[Previous Posts from Guidance](#)

[Athletics](#)



Athletic Director: Chris Cobain (christopher_cobain@nksd.net) 401-268-6281

Schedule Updates:

Fall Season 2 has started!! Girls Volleyball played their first regular season match on 3/19

Football is scheduled to play their first game this Saturday at home.

HS Sailing and Unified Volleyball is getting ready to start this week!!

MS Soccer and Cross Country are also getting ready to start their season this week.

Spectators for fall season 2: NK will host 2 parents and younger siblings of rostered players for JV and V

(RIIL mandate) [Assumption of Risk Form](#)

HS and MS Spring Season Registration will begin on April 1st!!!

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