

North Kingstown High School Newsletter

May 18, 2021

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Hello NKHS Educational Community,

Spring testing is almost over. We are in our last week of AP testing. One more week to go and all testing will be accomplished. We are particularly very proud of our students who have proved through our high testing participation rates that they are continuing to persevere through the Pandemic to maintain their academic rigor. We are now preparing for our senior events and focusing to finish up the year strong for our underclassmen.

[Quote of the week!*](#)

"An Investment in knowledge pays the best interest" - Benjamin Franklin

[Key *](#)

* NEW information in the newsletter

** UPDATED information in the newsletter

Important Dates -

May

[Full Calendar](#)

- 20 Senior Athlete Banquet
- 21 AP Spanish and Music Theory
- 24 AP Calculus and Physics
- 25 School Committee Meeting 7pm
- 28 NKHS COVID Clinic (ages 16-18)
- 31 No School - Memorial Day

[News from the Nurse*](#)

KIDS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We have heroes among us and I would like to give them a “shout out”. We have many students in North Kingstown who participated in the Pfizer Covid 19 vaccine trials. Because of their bravery, we now have vaccine approval for children over the age of 12 years. If you know any of them, let them know how important they are.

The vaccine will set us free!

Covid Testing Update

North Kingstown High School will begin a pilot program for pool testing beginning **May 18th** each Tuesday morning. This program is voluntary. Below you will find a link to complete to give consent for your child to be tested. This new program will replace the Binax testing and therefore **a new consent is required to participate**. You need only complete the consent **once** for the remainder of this school year. [Click here](#) to fill out the form

Stay safe,

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[Attention Seniors](#)

Last week Graduation Expectations forms were mailed to all seniors. Please return the signed bottom portion to Mrs. Leich in the main office by Friday, May 21st.

[Yearbook](#)

[Click here](#) to order your 2021 yearbook. Please feel free to email Ms. Holcroft with any yearbook-related questions at leslie_holcroft@nksd.net.



[Adopt a Senior 2021](#)

"Adopt a Senior 2021!" Here is a [link to their 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!

[NKHS student recognitions **](#)

Catch with the Coach **

Click [HERE](#) to watch the next inning of Catch with the Coach with our Senior Samantha Ronci
Courtesy - Coach Quinn

U. S. Figure Skating

Nicole Molloy has been awarded the Silver level Graduating Seniors Award.

The U.S. Figure Skating Graduating Seniors Award recognizes the hard work of student athletes who have participated in figure skating throughout high school; awards are given at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level based on a skater's level of competitive achievement in high school. Selection for this award speaks to a skater's continued commitment to succeeding in their athletic and academic endeavors.

Rhode Island General Treasurer's Young Leaders Award

Each year the Rhode Island General Treasurer's Office hosts the Young Leaders Award event where a promising student from each high school is selected based on their extraordinary achievements in leadership and academics. This year, **Penelope Tejada, a junior at NKHS**, a member of the school's Leadership Academy, Business and Finance Academy, and an officer in NK's DECA chapter has been selected to represent NK. The ceremony to recognize Penelope will be held in May where she'll be recognized by Seth Magaziner, Rhode Island's General Treasurer. This is a prestigious award - please join us in congratulating Penelope!



DECA Rhode Island State Career Development Conference:

At the closing awards ceremony for the DECA International Career Development Conference on Thursday, May 6th, **Nicholas Chabot**, a student at North Kingstown High School and a long standing member of NK's DECA Chapter, was awarded a \$103,824 scholarship from the US Army and Army ROTC. Many other students from around the country and Canada were awarded sizable scholarships from DECA sponsors with Nick representing Rhode Island. **Nick** will be attending the University of Tampa. Congratulations **Nick!**

DECA International Career Conference:

This year 27 members who earned qualifying scores at the statewide conference competed at DECA's International Career Development conference - 27 in total against a backdrop of over 20,000 student members, internationally. Congratulations to the 27 for earning this honor! The conference, originally to be held in Anaheim, was conducted virtually, but with a rigorous 3 week agenda that also included educational and leadership growth sessions. There are gifts to be awarded to each member in May!

Rhode Island's Financial Literacy Challenge:

Each year Jump\$start Rhode Island, the treasurer's office, and the Economic Council for Education hosts the state-wide literacy challenge where student teams from each school compete for top positions based on exams averaged among team members. This year, NKHS took first place tied with East Greenwich High School! The team of **Will Medeiros, Owen Moynihan, Sean Dempsey, and Nolan Trask** are now in their finalist competition to break the tie...with winners moving on to the nationals hosted by the University of Nebraska. Whether they earn 1st or 2nd place this year...it's another trophy for NK's room 110 and another tribute of these students and to the talent this district represents!

SIFMA Stock Market Challenge:

Each year, our Personal Finance and Investment courses at the high school competes in the state-wide Stock Market Game hosted by major financial institutions. This year **Colin McBrier and Matthew Gibbs from Mr. Garland's** finance class earned 2nd place in the year long stock market challenge. They'll be recognized by the SIFMA organization in the upcoming months. Congratulations to these two NK seniors!



Office of Teaching and Learning

[FREE Support to go to College!](#)

The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) and the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner (OPC) are working on a new initiative to provide free college enrollment resources to the graduating Class of 2020. Many Rhode Island students have had their college plans disrupted by the pandemic and our goal is to provide these graduates with free information and support to re-start their path into college. To get these services, all students need to do is complete this [survey](#). Please share this opportunity with your networks! Feel free to reach out to CollegeEnrollmentSupport@ride.ri.gov with any questions related to the survey.

[School Day SAT and PSAT for Spring 2021](#) **

In Spite of the Pandemic, NKHS's participation rate for standardized testing held recently has remained high. We are so proud of our students and their continued perseverance through the challenges of this year. The completing rates are given below;

- 92% of NKHS Juniors participated in taking school day SATs.
- 86% of NKHS Sophomores participated in taking the school day PSATs.

Score Release

Current expected score delivery is:

Digital Testing Window	Student Scores Release Beginning On	Educator Scores Release Beginning On
April 13-15 – SAT	May 5	May 6
April 27-29 – SAT	May 20	May 21
April 13-May 5 – PSAT 10	May 10	May 11

NOTE: Some scores may be released later than the dates above because their tests were received after the regular scoring window or there was an exceptional condition that required additional attention or investigation. These scores will be released on a rolling basis, as the issues are resolved.

If a student is signed-in to their College Board account but doesn't see their scores, one of the reasons may be that we were not able to link their score report and account automatically. For security reasons, a student must verify additional information before we can display their scores. They will need either their SAT registration number (found in the roster report of the K-12 Reporting Portal) or the SASID they were pre-identified/registered with by RIDE.

To match, the student will:

1. [Log in](#) to their College Board account.
2. Scroll down and click the Matching **Tool**.
3. Review their personal information.
4. If any information is incorrect, click **Update** to revise. (Students will be prompted to re-enter their password.)
5. If the information is correct, click **Get My Scores**.
6. The student will have to select one of the following options:
 - a) I can supply my test information (test date and registration number).
 - b) I can supply my student ID (using the SASID the student was pre-identified with).

There may still be cases in which students won't be able to view their scores using the steps above because their information is inconsistent, the student has multiple College Board accounts, or their scores haven't been released yet. If students cannot view their scores, they should call the College Board's Student SAT Helpline at 866-756-7346.

Questions?

- **College Board:** RISchoolDay@collegeboard.org or at 855-373-6387
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[NGSA \(Next Generation Science Assessment\) **](#)

87% of NKHS Juniors participated in taking the Science testing held this spring. Students that did not participate will receive make up date and other information in their email. Stay tuned!!!

[SEAL of Biliteracy *](#)

Message from NKHS's World Language DEpartment Chairperson Mr Mark DeLucia

It gives me great pleasure to announce the 2021 recipients of the RI Seal of Biliteracy. Along with the Commissioner's Seal and Pathway Endorsements, the Seal of Biliteracy is one of three council designations that a student can receive on a Rhode Island diploma. Students must demonstrate competence in both English and a world language through multiple measures.

In spite of a global pandemic and the academic challenges that accompanied it, our students once again rose to the occasion. Students proved their language abilities in all four languages offered at NKHS (plus Russian!). Students are tested in four different areas (Speaking, Reading, Writing and Listening) and then rated on a scale ranging from "Novice Low" (N1) to "Advanced Low" (A1), the highest possible on this exam (see scale below). Students achieving A1 will receive "Gold" status, while those receiving "Intermediate Mid", the minimum required, will receive "Silver".

Here are our results by the numbers:

- 58 students passed the Biliteracy exam or AP Spanish Language exam as juniors in order to earn the seal
- 47 of those students are members of the class of 2021 and 11 are underclassmen
- 24 students (19 seniors) received "Gold" status, meaning they achieved a level of "Advanced Low", the highest possible on the exam.
- 37 students achieved a score of "Advanced Low" (A1) on at least one section.
 - This is particularly impressive, as Advanced Low is the status usually given to undergraduate language majors. For context, this is the minimum passing score for aspiring language teachers.

I would also like to publicly acknowledge the skillful teaching of the NKHS World Language Department, English Department, ELL teachers throughout the district, and the World Language



faculty of Davisville and Wickford Middle Schools and the Jamestown Lawn School. Thank you for all that you do for our students.

Additionally, a tremendous thank you to all who support what we do, but especially NKHS faculty, the leadership team at NKHS, WMS, DMS, Dr. Auger, Dr. Mancieri, and the North Kingstown School Committee.

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

Please click [HERE](#) for the schedule to view the date and venue for the tests.

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

[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 were : ***March 10 and March 31 2021***



Quarter 3 ended on **April 14 and grades are due April 27 2021**

Quarter 4 started **April 15, 2021**

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

Semester 2/ quarter 4 ends on **June 24, 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/>

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

Academic Resource Center runs virtually every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00-3:00pm. (No ARC the week of April vacation 19-23) 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.

[Visual Art Announcements**](#)

****View this week's new virtual art gallery show**

["Magiciens De La Terre"](#)**

PS2020/2021 RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL ART



Show Dates: **May 3-27 , 2021**

Location: **University of RI, Providence Campus**

Award and Recognition Ceremony: **May 20 6:30**

PROVIDENCE GALLERY NIGHT AND RECEPTION: **MAY 20, 2021 5-9 P.M.**

Featured NKHS Students:

Anthony Broccoli, Charles Wright, Eve Piazza, Iris Rogers, Tyler Shammas, Pearl Sears, Olivia Wood, Aurelia DuShane, Tyler Porter, Madeline Kment, Joseph Confessore, Bridget McPhillips, Zahra Khan, Jacqueline Russello, Jared Samson, Alexa Danis, Bowdyn Mooney, Cadia Greene, Cordelia Higgins, Lauren Thole, Marissa Zannini, Juliana Coghlin, Josephina Fortune, Griffin Roby, & Naideen Breadheft.

Zahra Khan, Olivia Evenson, and Faith Veasley were just awarded Honorable Mention in this year's Jim Lanegvin's "Artistic Discovery" 2021 Congressional High School Art Competition! All entries including pieces created by **Olivia Wood, Jacqueline Blair, Cian Leach, Griffin Roby, Juliana Coghlin, Alexa Danis, Cadia Greene, & Sullivan Barnes**, are currently being showcased on [Flickr](#) and [Facebook](#). Congratulations to all on being selected to participate in this prestigious show!

Music and Theater*

Congratulations to the students, directors and adults involved in the performance of **Jekyll & Hyde**. The virtual performance was streamed for three shows this weekend and received great reviews. Bravo to another wonderful NKHS musical!

Solo & Ensemble Virtual Performance uploads are now open. The submission window is May 15 - May 22.

Students must upload their video as well as a PDF of their music. Please be sure to follow directions exactly so your solo is not disqualified. Go to rimea.org/solo_ensemble for more information.

We're having a **Band Concert!** Parents are invited to attend our Awards Concert Thursday, May 27 at 7 pm in the large gym.

Details regarding number of guests, audience seating, concert dress, and more will be released later this week.

Senior Jazz students must return their tuxedos and dresses by Friday, May 28. Tuxes should be dry cleaned. Dresses should be machine washed.

Modern Band students must return their shirts, ties and slacks.

Please make sure your name is attached to the item so you can be checked off the list.



Office of Student Services

Attendance *

Full distance learning students will be coded VP (virtually present) or A (absent) for their daily attendance codes. They will have the same codes for their individual class attendance.

Full in-person students will be marked A or P by their teachers for all attendance codes. Students who stay home for an illness need a doctor's note to excuse the absences. COVID test results can be provided to the school nurse in lieu of a note. In-person students who miss an assessment due to an in-person absence can be asked to make up the assessment in-person.

If your child is going to be absent from school (virtually or in person), please notify the Students Services Office.

- 401-268-6239
- Kerry Langlois - kerry_langlois@nksd.net

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

The parking lot doors will close at 7:15. Students who arrive after that time will have to walk to the front entrance to check in.

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.

If you are an **in-person learner**, bring your Chromebook to the Media Center for repairs. Our media specialist, Ms. Rowland, can assist you. We can now loan you a Chromebook while yours is out for repair.



[Parking Information*](#)

All students with parking passes must park in their assigned spots. If someone is in your child's spot when they arrive, please ask them to park at the end of the bus loop until we resolve the issue. Once resolved, we can ask them to park in their assigned spot. Please understand that them finding another open spot compounds the problem.

Alo, if and when spots become available in the lower lot, they will continue to assign those spots by using a lottery system.

[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

***NKHS Alumni Night - May 27, 7pm**

Students in grades 9-12 have been invited to NKHS Alumni Night for an opportunity to hear the experiences of four NKHS alumni who have recently completed their freshman year of college. The panel consists of representatives from in-state four-year colleges, out-of-state four-year colleges and CCRI.

Students can RSVP for this event via their Guidance Canvas Classroom. The RSVP form also includes an opportunity for students to submit questions for the panelists that may address topics including academic preparedness, transition experiences, campus life, athletics and extracurriculars--or any other topics.

Registered students will receive a Google Meet join code the week of the event.

Senior Exit Survey

All seniors must complete the senior exit survey which can be accessed via student Xello accounts. A message will be sent to seniors this week with directions on how to access and complete the survey.

Junior Parent Survey

This is an opportunity to share information about your junior as we help him/her consider post-secondary options. Your junior's school counselor may use the information you share to enhance his/her letter of recommendation for a college or employer. Please complete this survey no later than Friday, June 18, 2021.

Junior Parent/Guardian Survey

All Course Network (ACN)

ACN preregistration for Summer 2021 and SY2021-22 is live on [EnrollRI](#) through May 21. The **All Course Network (ACN)** is a statewide course catalog that lets students take free courses at colleges, schools, or online. The ACN helps students access foundational educational opportunities and explore various areas of interest.



The Rhode Island Department of Education is hosting a **Virtual Provider Showcase!** Course Providers will talk about their Summer 2021 and SY2021-22 course offerings. Students and families will have an opportunity to meet the Course Providers, ask questions and learn more about program choices. Please reach out to acn@ride.ri.gov with any additional questions.

May 12, 2021 6:00-7:30pm: ACN Virtual Provider Showcase

Join the ACN Virtual Provider Showcase Zoom here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85643367223?pwd=K2M5c0Jrbis1SVVRbEE3YkxYdm9sUT09>

Save the Date - NKHS Alumni Night - Thursday, May 27 at 7pm

A virtual panel of recent NKHS graduates will reflect on their college experiences. The panel currently consists of students attending in-state and out-of-state four year colleges/universities. Students in grades 9–12 will be invited to submit questions for the panel and attend the event virtually. More information to follow on submitting questions and registering to attend.

[NCAA Eligibility Center Spring Webinar for College-Bound Student-Athletes](#)

Thursday, May 13 at 6:30pm. This webinar will teach you about the initial-eligibility requirements you must meet in order to study and play sports at an NCAA Division I or II school.

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

[HS Spring Registration Information](#) and (RIIL HS mandate) [Assumption of Risk Form](#)

[PTSO](#)

Next Meetings: Thursday, June 3

In honor of Staff Appreciation Week and on behalf of all NKHS families we would like to thank the staff for your dedication and perseverance during this particularly challenging year.

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*](#)

Booster Club's 2021 Evening of Champions Event

Ticket sales are now open for the NKHS [Booster Club's Evening of Champions fundraiser!](#) Please act quickly to secure your spot!

Ticket link: north-gear.square.site/s/shop

BOOSTER Update

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 ~ QUONSET O' CLUB!!

Our Senior Athlete Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, May 20! State Covid guidelines allow for 200 people at an indoor catered event so we are thrilled to be able to host all Senior Athletes and honored guests. Keep an eye on this ListServe, as well as our social media accounts for updates.

SENIORS: Please be watching your email for an email from NKHS BOOSTER CLUB - an online invitation will be going out this week - you will need to RSVP in order to attend the banquet!!!

PARENTS OF SENIORS: Please check in with your senior athletes to make sure they RSVP for the banquet! Also, please forward any pictures from this year of your seniors - action shots, pictures at practice - whatever you might have so we can include them in a slideshow for the seniors! **Send all photos to GetsocialNK@gmail.com**

4) **Send Boosters any pictures from this year or prior years - we love to share on social media!**

Send to: GetsocialNK@gmail.com

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