Education Week (April 14 to 20) provides a special opportunity for the education community to acknowledge educators, school support staff and partners for their outstanding work relative to this year’s Education Week theme of Inclusive Education.

We are pleased to announce that two of our staff members will be receiving awards on April 15th in Halifax.

**Nick Davison** - Mr. Davison has been selected as a recipient of the Teacher/Specialist Award (Celtic NSTU local). Mr. Davison is a specialist teacher at our school. He goes above and beyond teaching our students important life skills they will need when they leave high school. Mr. Davison and his students have been learning about meal preparation and this spring will begin gardening in our new Greenhouse. This will help to educated our students on food from seed to plate. We are proud of Mr Davison; the dedication he has to his students and the impact he makes in his classroom every day. Congratulations!

**Tamika Borden** - Ms. Borden has been selected as a recipient of the African Nova Scotian Educator/Student Support Award for CCRCE. Ms. Borden spearheaded NNEC’s successful grant applications (Out of Time Learning & Cultural Empowerment Grants) for the past two years. These grants have given our students access to cultural activities in both school and community; access to tutors and opportunities to venture on overnight cultural trips. She has helped to build cultural awareness and is an essential part of our school community. Congratulations!
Gryphitude Award
Nominations for this award come from teachers and staff who wish to recognize the positive attitude and strong character of the students of North Nova. This month’s award winners are listed below. Congratulations on being the kind of gryphons we are all grateful for, here at North Nova!

Grade 9 - Faith Taylor
Faith has been an outstanding student since she first arrived at NNEC. She consistently strives to achieve the highest academic results on all that she does. Faith has a very dedicated approach to her school work that has allowed her to have excellent success within all of her courses.

Grade 10 – Shy Denny
Shy is having a great semester in Science 10. She is a conscientious student; when she misses time due to her community commitments she is quick to catch up on her work. Shy is engaged in her learning, participates in all class discussions and helps her classmates as needed. Shy is a hardworking, pleasant and positive member of our class.

Grade 11- Colby McDonald
Colby has had an excellent start to second semester. He is fully engaged in his learning in Human Biology, answering questions, participating in discussions and getting all his work completed. He is a pleasant and positive member of our class.

Grade 12 – Lauchie Malcolm
Lauchie is always friendly and has strong interpersonal skills. He relates well with peers and maintains a great work ethic in class.

CEP Students of the Month
Congratulations to Emily Scott (Health and Human Services), Sheldon Paul (Food Studies), Justin Fraser (Building), and Landen Guthro (Auto)! They were each recognized as the Student of the Month for their positive contributions in their respective shops! Way to go!

Grade 9 ELA
Mrs. Calder’s Gr. 9 ELA classes are working on an Independent Novel Unit. Students are reading books of their choice and completing various assignments. Vocabulary, connecting and questioning, story elements, plot, and reader reflection activities will comprise the unit. Students will finish with a presentation book talk.

Don’t forget to stop by the NNEC library and check out this year’s TRCA top 10 titles. Voting for CCRCE students in grade 7-12 runs from May 6th to May 31st.

Clash of the Classes
is an initiative of this year’s School Advisory Council. All classes from grades 9 to 12 are participating in a weekly Trivia Tournament. Random draws are made each week for a class prize.

The class winning the weekly prize on March 15th was Miss MacDonald’s grade nine English class. They enjoyed some sweet treats, presented by SAC chair Rebecca Fraser, on Friday before March Break.

Class of the Classes will finish with a school-wide assembly in May. The class with the most points for each grade level will compete in the finale. A grand prize, trophy and bragging rights for the grade level will be awarded to winning class.

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Student Services

Course Selection
Student services personnel met with NNEC students in grades 9 to 11 to review their course options for the 2019-20 school year. Students have been provided with a course description booklet and are now in the process of doing on-line course selections. The booklet is also available in the student services section of the school website. Students must select their courses in PowerSchool by April 5th.

Career Exploration Program
Our CEP is accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Applications are available in the office! For more information please contact Mr. Parsons or check out CEP online at http://nnec.ccrsb.ca/.

Grade 8 Orientation
Grade 8 students attending NNEC feeder schools will be at NNEC on May 1st. These students will have a tour of the school, meet teachers and have time to find out about what NNEC has to offer. NNEC students are encouraged to extend a warm welcome during their visit. A Grade 8 Parent Information session will take place that evening at 6:00 pm.

2019 Grad Fee Structure
Grad Fee - $75
Diploma Only - $20
Payment can be made by cheque, cash or debit in the main office 8 am to 4 pm.

Deadline May 31st

Graduate Info Sheet
The 2019 NNEC Graduation Information Sheet (light blue sheet) must be completed and returned to Student Services by Thursday, May 1st. Please provide as much information as possible. If you are listing a scholarship/bursary to be included at graduation, you must attach a copy of the letter you received as proof of the award. As you receive additional bursaries, you can come down to Student Services and update your sheet.

Grad Gowns
Please see Mrs. Lochead to get measured for a grad gown. Grads can get this done during break, lunch time or during their free period. Grad Gowns will be picked up at the Wellness Centre following grad rehearsal on the morning of graduation. Gowns must be returned immediately following graduation ceremony.

Transcripts
Grads do not need to request final transcripts. Three transcripts will be included in the envelope you will receive when you return your gown graduation night.

February Athletes of the Month

Max MacKinnon
Ski

Dylan Wagner
Snowboard

Tristen McCabe
JV Girls Basketball

Taliyah Knight
Snowboard

A big NNEC shout out to Carson Scholes and Tivor Stewart. They will be boxing in the 2019 Super Channel Championships, the largest Olympic boxing competition in Canada. The competition will be hosted by Boxing BC on April 23rd, 2019.

Congratulations to Keigan DeCoff who competed at the Canadian Indoor Track & Field Championships in Montreal, Quebec over March break. Keigan ranked #2 in the Athletics Canada Female U18 Indoor Shot-put coming home with a Silver Medal and throwing a personal best of 13.70 m. She also won bronze in the 16 lb weight throw, which brought her rank to #11 in Athletics Canada U18. Pictured here are Keigan DeCoff and her coach Pat Carty.
Europe 2019

Thirty-two excited students and seven equally excited chaperones gathered at Stanfield International Airport (Halifax) on Thursday, March 14, to begin a ten day, three country odyssey that had been anticipated since October of 2017.

The first stop was Zurich, Switzerland. After some free time to catch their breath following their transatlantic flight, they visited the FIFA Museum. This is to soccer fans worldwide what the Hockey Hall of Fame is to Canadians. Among the beautiful displays were the actual men’s and women’s World Cup trophies. Pretty impressive.

They then travelled by bus to Lucerne, where the majestic Swiss Alps rise behind the shores of Lake Lucerne. A stunning backdrop to one of Switzerland’s most picturesque cities. Highlights included the Lion Monument, Chapel Bridge, Jesuit Church, and a cog wheel train visit to the top of Mount Rigi.

On to Venice, Italy and a stop at Lake Como for a boat tour and lunch. Among the highlights of the cruise was Villa del Balbianello, an elaborate estate used as a setting in Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones, as well as the James Bond movie Casino Royale. They continued on to Venice, the Floating City. Highlights included St. Mark’s Square, the Grand Canal, Doge’s Palace, Bridge of Sighs, an awesome ride on a gondola, and a pretty amazing glass blowing demonstration at Murano glass.

The next day they heading south toward Florence. Along the way, they stopped in San Gimignano, an Italian hill town encircled by 13th-century walls where everyone enjoyed the medieval architecture. They spent the rest of the morning in Florence, the birthplace of the Italian language, Opera and the Renaissance. Highlights of their visit included the Duomo, the Baptistry featuring Ghiberti’s Gates of Paradise, Piazza della Signoria and the Ponte Vecchio Bridge.

They then headed west to Pisa for the afternoon, where they walked to the Field of Miracles. Highlights of this visit included tours of the Cathedral and Baptistery, and free time around the Leaning Tower, which thanks to the soft soil, had begun to lean by the time its builders got to the third story in 1178.

They were back on the bus the next morning for their drive south to Rome. Along the way, they stopped at Assisi to visit the Basilica of St. Francis, a massive, 2-level church, consecrated in 1253. The Basilica is adorned with 13th-century frescoes portraying the life of St. Francis. They then travelled to Rome where they spent two days touring the Eternal City including Piazza Navona, Piazza di Spagna, Capitoline Hill, the Forum, Colosseum, Trevi Fountain and Pantheon. They also visited Vatican City, the world’s smallest country, to tour the Vatican Museum. Highlights included the vast collection of art and sculptures, the Sistine Chapel featuring Michelangelo’s breathtaking ceiling, St. Peter’s Basilica and Piazza San Pietro. They attended an Opera dinner on their last evening, then departed in the early hours of Saturday, March 23 for their long journey back home.

On behalf of all of the chaperones, Mr. Pelerine would like to congratulate the students for their high level of interest with all of the educational opportunities, and for their exceptional cooperation and behavior with each other, their guides, bus drivers, and chaperones. Mr. Pelerine would also like to thank Ms. Pye and all of the other chaperones for their help and guidance during this fabulous tour. Finally, our tour director, Gwen, sends his heartfelt thanks to everyone for making his experience a memorable one.

Student Council Supports Purple Day

What is Purple Day? Purple Day is an international grassroots effort dedicated to increasing worldwide awareness about epilepsy. Annually, on March 26th, people in countries around the world are invited to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy awareness. NNEC’s Student Council understands the importance of acknowledging Purple Day in support of persons with Epilepsy. They hosted a booth where students and staff were encouraged to get their nails painted purple and donate to the Epilepsy Foundation of Nova Scotia. This provided an opportunity to not only educate everyone on epilepsy but also show that we care about those affected by this condition.