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 - Grace MacPhee
Grace is always eager to help in the classroom, whether it is collecting or passing out materials, cleaning up after class or offering to help with other tasks. She is a very kind, helpful, and conscientious student.

Grade 10 - Kyra Cameron
Kyra puts forth her best effort each and every class. If Kyra is quick to finish her in-class assignments, then she will always look to help her other classmates whenever possible. Kyra will help out without being asked.

Kyra is a hard worker who is always seeking out ways to help others. She is humble in her abilities and is dedicated to which ever task she is working on.

Gr. 11 - Jaclyn Fitzpatrick
Jaclyn is an all around kind, caring, empathetic girl. Each day she comes with a warm greeting, and speaks in a compassionate manner. Jaclyn is diverse in her thinking and is able to recognize the importance in being positive and understanding in a range of situations, no matter how difficult it may seem at the time. Jaclyn is a great role model for students and adults and hopefully her wonderful attitude can spread like wild fire to others.

Grade 12 - Jake Richard
Jake is a sweet young man with a kind heart. He always puts the interests of others ahead of his own. He is working toward becoming a stronger advocate for himself academically and socially. Jake has a dry sense of humor. He is able to make people laugh without ever being unkind or hurting anyone's feelings. On many occasions Jake has quietly gone out of his way to do small, but very meaningful things for others. He is nice to everyone and shows a tremendous amount of respect for other people’s feelings, thoughts and ideas.

Calendar of Events

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Please be advised that due to the passage of the Education Reform (2018) Act on March 9, 2018, some changes resulted effective April 1, 2018.

As of April 1st, the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board was officially renamed the Chignecto-Central Regional Centre for Education. Superintendent of Schools, Gary Adams’ title has been changed to Regional Executive Director of Education.

On another note ... the Celtic Family of Schools Office has moved to 37 Dickie Street in Trenton. The phone number remains unchanged, 902-755-8132.
Student Services

Course Selection
Student services personnel met with NNEC students in grades 9 to 11 to review their course options for the 2018-19 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.

Career Exploration Program
Our CEP is accepting applications for the 2018-2019 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 April 24th. These students will be at the school from 9:30 to 11:30 am on that day. This day 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.

Mid-term Transcripts
For many NS Post Secondary institutions students can request their transcript at www.mynsfuture.ca where they can be included with their post secondary applications.

Students requiring a paper copy of their official transcript must sign up in the binder located in Student Services, indicating the number of transcripts required. Transcripts will only be made for those who sign-up in the binder. It is the students responsibility to ensure their transcript is sent to their post secondary institution.

Measurement for Grad Gowns
Grads are asked to see Mrs. Lochead to get measured for a grad gown. Grads can get this done during break, lunch time or during their free period. Students who are completing their studies in the first semester are asked to go to Student Services to get measured for their grad gowns before January exams.

Scholarships & Bursaries
A listing of currently available scholarships and bursaries can be found on the table in Student Services as well as on the NNEC Grad website http://www.tinyurl.com/nnecgrads.

Music Report
We have a very busy month coming up with all Music Festival classes. There will be many students from both band and choir performing in multiple classes throughout the month. April starts off with all of the Music Theatre classes, and moves into Band and Instrumental, and Vocal classes. Many students are performing solos and in small ensembles, which mostly take part during the school day, either at NNEC, or various other locations throughout New Glasgow. All the details can be found at NewGlasgowMusicFestival.org. This means that ALL rehearsals are very important leading up to this performances. Here is a list of the NNEC large group performances:

North Nova Education Centre
- Tuesday, April 17
  - Jazz Combo - 6:30PM
  - Jazz Band - 8PM

- Wednesday, April 18
  - Concert Band 8:10PM

Trinity United Church
- Thursday, April 19
  - Nova Jazz Singers - 6:50PM
  - Novatones - 7PM
  - Concert Choir - 7:30PM

We are also busy preparing for our Spring trip in May, as well as our Uptown Jazz Party on Saturday, May 12th.

NNEC Music Auxiliary Presents

Uptown Jazz Party
- Saturday, May 12th, 2018
  - 6:00 to 11:00 pm
  - Tickets $ 10
  - Licensed 19 and over

PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE

Missing Immunizations
Has your child missed or refused any of the Grade 7 school based immunizations offered at that time? If so, they are eligible to receive them free of charge, up to and including the age of 18. For more information, contact New Glasgow Public Health Services (902) 752-5151.
Survival Skills
Our Phys. Ed. 10 students have been learning about wilderness survival and have been able to learn skills through practical experience. Students have had opportunities to build shelters as well as Hypowraps.

Students learned about the dangers of Hypothermia and how quickly a patient's condition can deteriorate. While waiting for help, a hypowrap can be created by using tarps, blankets, sleeping bags or other materials to wrap the patient and help prevent heat loss.

Library News
Stay tuned for details about the 2018 Teen Reader's Choice Award! CCRSB Library staff are anxiously awaiting divulging the top 10 titles for 2018! Interested in learning more? Check out the TRCA blog at for information on the award, past award winners, and other books by TRCA authors.

The seventh annual CCRSB library services Teen Reader's Choice Award is back and the top ten titles have been announced! Students are encouraged to read one or more of the TRCA Top Ten titles and share their thoughts on the TRCA Blog https://ccrsbteenchoice.wordpress.com/.

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
The Mystery of Hollow Places by Rebecca Podos
The Marrow Thieves by Cherie Dimaline
Lily and Dunkin by Donna Gephart
The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

The Reader by Traci Chee
The Serpent King by Jeff Zentner
The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon
They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera
When Dimple Met Rishi by Sandhya Menon

Copies of the top ten nominees are available in the NNEC library. If the title you wish to read is out - be sure to leave your name with the librarian so you can be put on the request list when a top ten title is returned! You can also check out the public library page for more copies or possible ebook copies. Follow the TRCA on the CCRSB page or Facebook. If you tweet be sure to use and look for our hashtags #4:10:1 and #TRCA2018.

Vote for your favorite between May 14th and June 1st. The winning book will be announced June 12th. Students who vote will have their name entered into a draw for a prize. So read one, read some, or read them all and have your say in this years TRCA!
Europe 2018

Ireland, Wales and England were the setting for this year’s ten day March Break trip. Twenty seven students and four chaperones departed Halifax for our first destination – Killarney, Ireland.

The first morning started with a horse drawn carriage ride through the National Park, with a stop at Killarney Cathedral. Then it was onto the bus for a drive around the Ring of Kerry (Ireland’s Cabot Trail). Stops at a Bog Village and Museum (similar to Sherbrooke Village) and a working sheep farm were enjoyed. We passed Skellig Island which doubled as the secluded home of Luke Skywalker in The Force Awakens (2015).

The following day was a journey toward Dublin, with stops to kiss the Blarney Stone and a look at the Rock of Cashel. Once in Dublin, city highlights included St. Patrick’s Cathedral and the Book of Kells at Trinity College. An afternoon of shopping was enjoyed by all!

A ferry ride took the group across to Holyhead, Wales. The afternoon was spend touring Beaumaris, a Victorian seaside town, where we visited the impressive ruins of one of Edward I’s castles. Stratford Upon Avon was next on our agenda. Here we visited the birthplace and final resting place of William Shakespeare.

The final three days were spent in the greater London area. Historic sights included the Houses of Parliament, Piccadilly Circus, St. Paul’s Cathedral, Buckingham Palace, Harrods, Windsor Castle and grounds, Tower of London, Westminster Abby, National Gallery, and the British Museum. The group took a flight on the London Eye and enjoyed a Jack the Ripper evening walk.

Everyone returned with a greater awareness of many historical events and buildings that, as well as the cultural experiences of local food and customs. Our guide Mike did a tremendous job of making sure everything went according to plan, and everyone was safe and comfortable.

Mr. Pelerine would like to commend the group for their great attitude and excellent behavior. The bus drivers and day guides commented on how the group was polite and friendly, the typical Canadian way!

For more information see Mr. Pelerine in room 2019, or email pelerinelw@ccrsb.ca. There are a couple of seats still available for March Break 2019, with Switzerland and Italy as destinations.

The Youth Health Centre is open daily for all students. All appointments are kept confidential. Some of the services we provide are: birth control, Plan B, Pregnancy testing, Counselling, referrals to Mental Health. We also have lots of Feminine product samples and free condoms on hand.

The GSA handed out fresh fruit skewers and smoothies as part of Nutrition Month. School board funding allowed us to provide healthy treats. Look for more healthy treats in the near future!

The Mental Health Committee is busy planning for mental health week coming up in May. If you would like to join this committee, drop in and see Kathy, Ms Giles or Mrs. Hewey. We’d love to have new members for both GSA or Mental Health Committee.

Happy Spring everyone!

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