Winter Weather Is Coming!

The days are getting colder and with each dip in the thermometer we are challenged with the icy roads, snow and freezing rain that comes with the Winter season. For CCRCE schools, winter weather means the potential closure of schools when conditions are considered unsuitable for our students and staff.

Here are a few helpful hints and reminders about inclement weather and schools:

- Decisions regarding school cancellations are made by 6:30 am or at times mid-day. We try our best not to have a mid-day cancellation, but sometimes an unexpected change in the weather makes the decision for us.
- If a mid-day cancellation occurs, it's important your school has your most up-to-date contact information.
- Mid-day cancellations can be complicated by busing. Many CCRCE buses transport students to and from multiple schools, in a set order. This same order of pick-ups and drop-offs will still apply in the case of a mid-day cancellation. So, though schools may close at 10:00 am, for example, students may not be dropped off until an hour or more later, depending on where their school is on the regular pick-up and drop-off order.
- It's also a good time to pre-plan alternative childcare arrangements.

Whether first thing in the morning or mid-day cancellations due to weather conditions will be communicated in several ways:

- The “All Schools Open” button on the CCRCE home page (www.ccrce.ca) changes to red. By clicking on the button, you can get closure information specific to your school.
- A message regarding the cancellation is posted to the CCRCE Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CCRCE), and to our Twitter feed (@CCRCE_NS).
- Information is sent to all local radio and television stations within CCRCE, including CBC radio in Nova Scotia.

Also, remember that we hold our student and staff safety as a top priority. All decisions regarding winter school cancellations are made with great care to ensure everyone stays safe during the winter season. We thank you for your patience and understanding!
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 – Jeidys Horta Querol
Jeidys has come to NNEC from Cuba and is a new student to Canada. She has been working incredibly hard, has a very pleasant attitude and is very dedicated to her school work. Jeidys is admired for how focused she is and how quickly she is developing an understanding of the English language.

Grade 10 – Jolie Thibodeau
Jolie is concerned with every aspect of our school community and the well-being of her peers. She is a great asset to her class and her fellow classmates. Keep up the great work Jolie!

Grade 11 – Ethan MacDonald
Ethan is doing an amazing job at juggling many aspects of school. He participates in both athletics and the arts and continues to do well with his academic course load. He gives great high fives after every rehearsal!

Grade 12 – Trey Lawrence
A huge improvement has been noted in Trey’s attitude, the respect he shows for teachers and in his work ethic. Well done Trey!

Athletes of the Month

September
Keighan Decoff & Taylor Long – Golf
Keighan & Taylor were able to capture the regional banner and finished 3rd in the province.

Cameron Young – Baseball
Cameron is an unbelievable pitcher and led the team in E.R.A. during the regional championships!

Ethan MacDonald – Cross Country
Ethan is an integral member of the cross country team. He led the senior boys team and finished 2nd at Provincials.

October
Alicia Thomsen – Varsity Girls Soccer
Alicia was the team’s “Steady Eddy” in the back row. Her leadership was appreciated throughout the season and especially in the team’s play-off run.

Allie Sandluck – Cross Country
Ali ran her way to a 7th place finish in the Provincial cross-country championships during the month of October. This came after dominant regional runs where Ali was the top finisher in all of her regional meets.

Ryan Alexander – Cross Country
Ryan came into this season as an underdog on the cross-country scene but soon established himself as a consistent runner, helping to pace the intermediate boys team to a great regional performance. Ryan was one of NNEC’s 4 runners to advance to the provincial championships!

Max van Zyl – Boys Soccer
Max was an offensive force to be reckoned with on the soccer pitch. For the 2nd year in a row, Max led the team in scoring, often having multiple goal games to pace his team to victory. Max’s scoring pace was tops in the Northumberland region!
**Unified Sports**
Here are some photos of our lunch time intramural activity called "Unified Sport". This program happens every Thursday at lunch and is facilitated by the Fitness Leadership 11 class. Sponsored by Special Olympics Nova Scotia, the programs goal is to provide meaningful sporting experiences for our learning centre students! So far, it has been a HUGE success and all students cannot wait for Thursdays to roll around each week to "hoop it up"!

**Rock Climbing**
On November 6th the Community Based Learning class traveled to the Rath Eastlink Community Center. The trip was a lot of fun and we learned a lot about climbing and about ourselves. We learned technique that helped us go higher on the wall, about the equipment that we use and about challenging ourselves. I was terrified of heights and did not want to go very high and others went to the top of the wall. It was a great day and we all talked on the bus back to North Nova about wanting to go again. Written by Jaiden MacLean

**Telling Your Story**
Ms. Lawrence and Mrs. Delorey’s English 10 Plus classes have been discussing advertisements and the effects that marketing has upon us all. All students produced marketing campaigns for products they created while considering a particular target audience. They pitched their ideas to the class in multiple forms, such as posters, recorded ads, drawings, and PowerPoint.

Some students developed packaging to showcase what their actual product would look like. Students had freedom to display their work in the best way that suited them and the results were fantastic!

The CCRCE Library Services’ Teen Reader’s Choice Award top ten titles for this school year will be announced in January 2019. Stay tuned for more details on this year’s top ten titles and contests by checking out the TRCA blog https://ccrsbteenchoice.wordpress.com/. While you are waiting, be sure to stop by the library and check out our many new books, you just might find a great read for winter break! 5 months: 10 books: 1 Winner! #5:10:1 and #TRCA2019

A few of the new books in the NNEC library:

**Sadie**
by Courtney Summers
Sadie hasn’t had an easy life. Growing up on her own, she’s been raising her sister Mattie in an isolated small town, trying her best to provide a normal life. But when Mattie is found dead, Sadie’s entire world crumbles. After a botched police investigation, Sadie is determined to bring her sister’s killer to justice and hits the road to find him. Radio personality, West McCray overhears Sadie’s story at a local gas station, he becomes obsessed with finding the missing girl. He starts his own podcast as he tracks Sadie’s journey, hoping to find the missing girl before it’s too late. Sadie is propulsive and harrowing and will keep you riveted until the last page. – adapted from Amazon.com

**The Cruel Prince**
by Holly Black
Jude was seven years old when her parents were murdered and she and her two sisters were stolen away to live in the treacherous High Court of Faerie. Ten years later, Jude wants to belong there, despite her mortality. But many of the fey despise humans. Especially Prince Cardan, the youngest and wickedest son of the High King. To win a place at the Court, she must defy him - and in doing so, she becomes embroiled in palace intrigues and deceptions, discovering her own capacity for bloodshed. As civil war threatens, Jude will need to risk her life in a dangerous alliance to save her sisters, and Faerie itself. - World Cat.
Remembrance Day
This year’s Remembrance Day school assembly was held on November 8th. The entire student body attended the assembly to remember our brave military heroes who lost their lives defending our country.

We also use this time to honor our Veterans, who give us a glimpse into the realities of so that their fallen comrades may be remembered forever. It is important that we pause to listen to these stories and carry on their memories. Sharing these experiences with others will help to ensure that Canada’s rich oral history will never be lost.

Goodlife Fitness
Pictured here are photos of our Fitness Leadership 11 class trip to Goodlife! Goodlife provides free access for our classes to help enhance their curricular experiences!

Career Exploration Program
Our CEP Food class recently hosted a roast turkey dinner, with all of the traditional trimmings, for everyone in our Career Exploration Program to enjoy. The students worked long hours preparing and getting the café ready. The meal was delicious and much appreciated. Congrats to the Food class on a job well done!

LET’S TALK
RECREATION AND ACTIVE LIVING

Come share your thoughts on recreation opportunities in the Municipality of Pictou County.

We are hosting “kitchen table” chats to learn how we can enhance recreation and physical activity opportunities in your community. Your input will be an important part of the Municipality’s new strategic recreation plan that will focus on recreation and active living to meet the needs of Pictou County residents.

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Community Session Dates
8:30-8:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 29
Royal Canadian Legion, River John
Tuesday, Dec. 4
Scotstoun Fire Department
Wednesday, Dec. 5
Alma Fire Department
Thursday, Dec. 6
Eureka Fire Department
Monday, Dec. 10
Little Harbour Community Centre
Wednesday, Dec. 12
Marigouche Community Centre
Thursday, Dec. 19
IOOF Hall, Thorburn

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Sports

School sport continues at NNEC as we have now entered the winter sport months and said farewell to the fall sport season! Our fall teams did a great job representing us on the fields and we greatly appreciate the volunteer efforts of our coaches leading our teams into competition! Here is a breakdown of the fall sport results:

**Soccer**
NNEC fielded three soccer teams this year – varsity girls, varsity boys and junior varsity girls. The varsity teams competed in the Northumberland Region Soccer League and both did very well. The girls team finished 3rd and the boys finished 4th in the respective league standings. Both teams advanced through quarter final playoff competition but lost in the regional semifinal games, ending fantastic seasons.

The JV girls’ team had a solid fall season and participated in a variety of games versus JV teams and D3 schools across the region. They lost to Amherst in the regional semifinal game 2-1, ending their spectacular season!

**Baseball**
Our baseball team had a full fall schedule! The boys hosted games against regional rivals CEC, NRHS, and PA, as well as teams from Amherst, Hants North and Hants East. They did very well but the depth of eventual regional champion CEC knocked them out of the regional final game.

**Cross Country**
Our cross country team had a very successful season! They attended meets at Trenton Park, Truro, and Antigonish. Several of our student-athletes dominated regional competition. The team sent 5 athletes into Provincial Competition. Ethan MacDonald (Provincial 2nd) and Ali Sandluct (Provincial 7th) had great showings at provincials in their respective divisions! Congrats to all our runners!

**Golf**
The NNEC golf team fielded a full team roster this year, sending 7 student-athletes into regional competition. The girl’s team of Keighan Decoff & Taylor Long did exceptionally well as they won the regional banner for the 2nd year in a row (back-to-back)! The boy’s team finished fourth in the region. With the regional win, the girl’s advanced to the Provincial Championships where they would finish in 3rd place!

**Volleyball**
NNEC established 3 volleyball teams this past fall. The varsity girls’ team returned ¾ of their roster from last year and had a strong season refining their skills around the net. Led by new head coach, Scott Thomas, the girls surprised many on the regional circuit but could not quite put enough offense together to advance through the regional championships.

The JV girls team had a full season and although their wins were few and far between, they represented NNEC with great sportsmanship and passion for the sport! They would finish 4th in the region.

The grade 9 girls volleyball team are finishing up their season this week! They too have had a full season of league play and attended two big tournaments this past fall! We wish the girls luck competing in the division 1 regional championships!

As we move into the winter months, our sporting focus now shifts to the sports of hockey, basketball, ski, and snowboarding.

**Hockey**
The boys and girls hockey teams are once again off to dominant starts in their respective leagues and should fare well moving through their tough regional schedules. Good luck to our hockey teams!

**Basketball**
NNEC has established 6 basketball teams this year. The two varsity squads have had 3 full weeks of exhibition and league play. The boys varsity team will host their annual invitational tournament December 14th & 15th. Our JV teams have a full league schedule this year and both teams, on paper, look poised to finish at the top of their respective leagues. Our grade 9 teams have each played a couple of games and are keen to put together a fabulous season! Wishing all of our ballers a successful winter sport season!

**Ski & Snowboard**
Ski and Snowboard team fitness and hill practices will begin in January. All interested students in grades 9-12 should see Mr. Stewart (room 2030) or Mr. Ebbett (room 2061) for further details.

**Phys. Ed. 10 & PAL 11**
Pictured here are some students from the PE10 class understanding the components of a bike. Students learned about bike parts and applied their literacy skills to label their bike components!

Our Phys. Ed. 10 and PAL 11 students also spent some time in the woods learning how to build a wilderness shelter.

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Music Report

The Arts department has had a very busy November! The choirs and band were an important part of the well run Remembrance Day Service. The hugely successful four show run of “The Little Mermaid” came to an end on Sunday, Dec. 2nd. We would like to thank the parents and staff for their continued support to the many students involved in this production.

Tickets are being sold for $2 each for a Trip for 4 to Cuba! Now that’s a deal! Tickets may be purchased from any band or choir student.

The music department is continuing the hard work as they prepare for the Holiday Concert on Sunday, Dec. 16th at 2:30. Doors open at 2:00 pm and is general seating. This will take place in the Presentation Centre. Tickets can be bought from music students.

There will be a cake auction taking place before the concert and during intermission. Cookies & Hot Chocolate will also be on sale.

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If you are interested in learning more, please feel free to contact:

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Drop-in or schedule an appointment
Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday
(Located beside Student Services)

Grade 9 Movie Night
December 12th
6:00 pm
Healthy Snacks Provided
Pictou County Athletics will hold its 2019 registration for both Full year (Jan. to Mid Aug.) and Winter (Jan. to April 1st) on Jan. 2nd at 7 to 9 pm at the Wellness Center and on January 4th from 4 pm to 6 pm at the Indoor Soccer facility in Stellarton. PCA has programs for ages 9-12, 13+ and our Masters team ages 35+.

The 13+ program begins on Wed., Jan. 2nd at the YMCA from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Other practice days are Fridays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm and Sundays from 3 to 5 pm. Trailblazers (ages 9-12) and Masters begin Friday, Jan. 4th from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Indoor soccer facility. The other practice day is Sunday from 2 to 3:30 pm.

All necessary information on fees, programs, contacting our registrars and other related information can be found on our website - pictoucountyathletics.com. Our Run, Jump, Throw and Wheel programs begin after March break.

**Student Blood Donor Clinic**

On Thursday November 22nd students from NNEC continued the tradition of giving blood. This opportunity allows students to become donors and have the support of their peers. First time donors can experience anxiety as they are not familiar with the process of giving blood. However as usual the Canadian blood service staff did an amazing job with our students, and of course the gryphons came through. Mr. Bell would like to express his thanks to all the students who participated.

**Buy Your Yearbook Today!**

Yearbook $45
Name Stamp $5 (optional)
Purchase with CASH or CHEQUE or DEBIT in the Main Office. Online options coming soon.

**North Nova Education Centre**

**January 2019 Exam Schedule**

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**Assessment and Evaluation Day**