

KENSINGTON INTERMEDIATE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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UPCOMING

November 2.....Take Our Kids to Work
November 3/4.....Gr. 10 T&T Students Eastern PEI Tour
November 8.....Remembrance Day Assembly
November 8.....Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 9.....Parent/Teacher Interviews & PD – no classes
November 10.....Provincial PD Day – no classes
November 11.....Remembrance Day – no classes
November 15.....Grade 12 activity
November 23.....Grade 12 Students to UPEI & Holland College
November 24.....Report cards
November 24.....Junior high dance
November 25.....School Development – no classes
November 26.....KISH Craft Fair

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

With access to Students Achieve online and regular communication with teachers (whether it be through email or phone calls), parents have never had so much access to student progress at school. It begs to question why schools continue to offer parent-teacher interviews. Well, nothing can replace a face-to-face dialogue between parents and teachers that involves student achievement, and these conversations are beneficial for all.

I read a study recently about male disengagement at school. This study focused on males who were highly engaged in athletics but very disengaged at school. One thing that the males indicated was the fact that their parents regularly attended their athletic practices and games, but rarely, if ever, attended parent teacher interviews. The males indicated that they assumed that this meant that parents valued athletics over academics, so they put more effort into their athletics. I doubt this was the message that the parents were trying to convey, but the males perceived it this way. While this is just one study, it does give us something to think about. We have parent teacher interviews

scheduled for November 8 from 5:30-8:30 and November 9 from 1:00 to 3:00, and I hope to see many of you around.

Terry Foster,
Principal
Kensington Intermediate-Senior High School

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interviews will be held on Tuesday, November 8 from 5:30-8:30pm and Wednesday, November 9 from 1:00-3:00pm. To help interviews run smoothly, we schedule times for 10 minutes. You can sign up using the online form or by contacting the school at 836-8901. If you are contacting the school, the office will put you into an open slot on this online form. To get to the online form, go to the school website (www.edu.pe.ca/kish) and click on enter site. A list of the teachers will be displayed and you simply click on the sign-up button on an available space and enter your name. (There is no need to create a sign-up account, just select the option to enter your name).

Usually parents of junior high students book an interview with the homeroom teacher and senior high with the subject teacher(s) of their choice.

SAS HELP

During parent/teacher interviews on Tuesday, November 8, help will be available to parents in regards to Students Achieve. This is the online program that teachers use for attendance and marks. If you're interested, just drop by computer lab #1 (room 255) between 5:30 and 8:30pm and students will help you with logging in and checking attendance and marks.

BINGO

Our next bingo will be held on November 14. Doors open at 6:00 and the games begin at 7:00. Come out and enjoy an evening of bingo while supporting the fundraising efforts of the KISH Student Council.

Half of the admission at the door will be put back into the prize pool for the games and there will also be a special 50/50 full card game.

Admission – 3 up - \$6.00

6 up - \$12.00

12 up - \$20

Special 50/50 cards - \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

A basic canteen service will be provided. Children under 12 are not permitted and under 16 only permitted when accompanied by an adult. Hope to see you there!

GRADE 12 NOTES

November 22 – A Dalhousie University rep will be at KISH to meet with interested students.

November 23 – Grade 12 students have the option of travelling by bus to UPEI or Holland College in Charlottetown. As a part of both sessions, there will be general sessions about 'What a nursing degree involves', 'What a business degree involves', etc. Even if you're considering programs at other universities, but have program questions, you should still attend as specialists in many areas will be available to answer your questions. The same applies to Holland College. Mrs. Black will be visiting classes for students to sign up.

November 28 – A representative from St. Thomas University will be at KISH.

December 15 - Last year's graduates will be at KISH during 4th period to talk to grade 12 students about university life.

RECYCLE MY CELL

Did you know that old cell phones are valuable and using the **Recycle My Cell** program helps keep them out of landfills. You can help the environment by recycling your old cell phone, pager, PDA, charger and batteries. A collection box is in the KISH office and on November 17 the box will be sent for recycling. Join the school challenge and keep these items out of landfills. The winning school will receive prizes.

MOVEMBER

In recent years November has been referred to as Movember as a way to promote awareness about prostate cancer. This year the students and staff of KISH have chosen to take part in Movember by holding activities such as trivia, contests and games. As well, some male staff & students will be growing a mustache for the month.

KISH SPIRIT WEAR

KISH spirit wear is back!! We'll start taking orders on November 8 at parent/teacher interviews and on several days at lunch time. Students can show off our school colors with newly designed letterman jackets, t-shirts, sweat pants, sweaters and track suits. Adult and youth sizes are available. For more information contact Kristi Bernard at kristileiann@hotmail.com.

LIBRARY NOTES & BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to KISH. What better way to promote reading than by supporting the book fair. We invite the whole family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. You'll find hundreds of quality books at all reading levels.

The book fair schedule is:

<u>Thur. Nov. 3</u>	junior high preview (all day)
<u>Fri. Nov. 4</u>	senior high preview (8:30-10am)
<u>Fri. Nov. 4</u>	book fair open for purchasing (10am-2:30pm)
<u>Mon. Nov. 7</u>	book fair open for purchasing (8:30am-2:30pm)
<u>Tues. Nov. 8</u>	open during parent/teacher interviews (5:30-8:30pm)
<u>Wed. Nov. 9</u>	open during parent/teacher interviews (1-2:30pm)

We accept cash or cheques made payable to KISH.

Special thanks to Anne Brunet for donating a porcelain doll from Scotland as a special prize during the Book Fair.

Library Week – Thank you to students and staff for making library week such a success and thank you to Greco Pizza for donating prizes.

Veteran's Week – We will be celebrating our veterans during the week of November 5-11. Check out the display in the library.

JUNIOR HIGH DANCE

A junior high dance will be held on Thursday, November 24 from 6-9pm and the dance that was scheduled for December 1 has been cancelled.

There will be no senior high dance this month due to a lack of interest at September and October's dances.

KISH HOCKEY POOL

Thank you to parents, friends and neighbors for supporting the KISH hockey pool this year. Participants can check their status at www.officepools.com. The pool name is ***KISH Hockey*** and the password is ***guest***.

The top seller for senior high was Zachary Bryan and for junior high it was Brandon Johnston. Great job selling!

FCC DRIVE AWAY HUNGER CAMPAIGN

Students in the KISH Agriculture Certificate program would like to thank all staff and students for participating in this campaign. Congratulations to Mrs. Gallant's Eng521

class and Mr. Andrew's 8B homeroom for winning the top senior and junior high competition. Thanks to our hard work we raised over 3800 pounds of food for the Summerside food bank. We received a thank you card from the Salvation Army which reads: *"The Salvation Army in Summerside would like to thank you for all of your hard work. The food bank looks great with the shelves full and back up for a later date. We have to bring in more volunteers to sort and pack all of this food. What a great problem to have. To each one of you a huge thank you from us here at the Salvation Army to help those who cannot help themselves."*

FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

November marks the first edition of Financial Literacy Month in Canada. The aim is to highlight the need for increased financial literacy in Canada. Unfortunately too many young Canadians leave high school lacking financial life skills and don't know the harsh financial realities they'll face in the 'real' world.

Parents are encouraged to initiate discussion with their teenagers about personal money management so that they can be better prepared and have the tools they need to navigate through the financial realities of adulthood. For more information, contact Jessica Reeves at the school or visit [financialliteracymonth.ca](http://mail.google.com/mail/financialliteracymonth.ca)<http://mail.google.com/mail/financialliteracymonth.ca>.

KENSINGTON CRAFT FAIR

The 18th annual Kensington Craft Fair will take place on Saturday, November 26 from 9am-4pm at the high school. The proceeds will be shared between the KISH band and the Malpeque Bay Area Lions Club, both non-profit organizations. Please plan to attend. You may be able to cross some names off your Christmas list and win one of the many door prizes. For those wanting a table to sell, you can call Kate Waite at 836-3075.

THANK YOU!!

The staff and students of KISH would like to thank all participants in the Town of Kensington pumpkin carve-off and the Island Stone Pub for donating the proceeds of this event to the school. Thank you for thinking of us!

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Our annual school assembly in recognition of Remembrance Day will be held in the school gym on Wednesday, November 9 at 9am. Representatives from the Kensington Legion, as well as local cadets and the KISH band will be in attendance. Parents are also welcome to attend the assembly.

On Friday, November 11 the KISH band will provide the music at the Kensington Cenotaph and representatives from Student Council and the 2012 grad class will lay wreaths on behalf of the student body.

KISH SPORTS NOTES

Our fall sports teams had a busy season.

Midget 'A' girls soccer team, coached by Alan Richardson and Ian Murray, finished the season with a silver medal.

Midget 'AA' boys soccer team, coached by Louis Andrews and Adam Sherren, finished the regular season in 2nd place, but lost in the quarter-final on a shoot-out to the eventual provincial silver medal winner.

Senior 'A' girls soccer team, coached by Ghislaine Duplain and Jamie Ramsay, had a successful season. Johanna Reid and Amy Burt were named to the all-star team.

Senior 'A' boys soccer team, coached by Jamie Caseley, had a perfect 10-0-0 season and won gold against Souris. Harmi Singh, Gabe Subanovich, Alex Montgomery and Aaron Nunn were named to the all-star team.

Cross country team, coached by Faro Halupa, competed in the zones and provincials. Johanna Reid had a 4th place finish in the provincials.

Midget girls volleyball team, coached by Johanna Privett are still playing out their season. However, they hosted a tournament recently and finished 3rd.

Senior girls volleyball team, hosted by Richard Younker, are also still playing. They recently attended a tournament at Westisle and won gold.

Congratulations to all athletes and many thanks to the coaches who volunteer so much of their time!

SOCIAL SKILLS GROUPS

Social skills groups will be offered in Summerside for children ages 4-18 beginning in January. The objectives of these groups include increased communication, problem solving, relationship building, coping skills and behavior management. Interested parents can contact Christina Countie at chrissy.countie@gmail.com. Registration is now open and will close December 1 with a limited number of seats per age group.

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

Once again the KISH band students are selling Christmas wreaths. The deadline for ordering is November 22 with delivery on December 2. You can order one from any band student or by contacting Pat Adams at 303-2127 or 836-5233. A wreath with a red or burgundy bow is \$16 and a plain one is \$13.