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### REDSKIN PARENT NEWSLETTER

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#### STUDENT SERVICES UPDATE

A message from the Assistant Principal:

Parents: Your on going help with making our school a safe and productive place is greatly appreciated. We need your help in 3 particular areas:

1. Dress Code – As we warm up, please remind your student to follow the school dress code. We do not want to trouble parents with bringing in changes of clothing. As part of the dress code, we ask students to keep their back packs in their lockers during the school day, to remove hats before entering the building, and wearing blankets in school is not allowed. In school suspension or other consequences can result from students violating the dress code.
2. Bullying – We have reminded our students that words and unkind social media posts can hurt and can cause significant problems. Please monitor your child's text messaging, Facebook, and computer time to help in this area. Significant consequences can result if problems arise at school.
3. East Parking Lot (near tennis courts) - Please remind students that all traffic, including parents, should exit to the south at the end of the school day. This can help prevent accidents.
4. Attendance Policy – Please remember that absences or tardiness can only be exempted with a note from the doctor, dentist, etc. Parents should call the Student Services Office if the student will be absent or tardy from school. A parent call will NOT exempt the absence unless there is a note from the doctor, dentist, etc. **Students who receive more than 4 unexcused absences in any given semester**, will receive NO CREDIT for that class during the 9-week grading period in which it occurred.
5. Cell Phones - Cell phones and electronic devices of any kind that are brought to school should not become a distraction or disruption in any way. Classroom rules for electronic device use have been reviewed by your child's teacher and will be enforced with the assistance of KHS Administration. Parents can leave important messages for their children by calling Student Services at 772-1677. Parents are discouraged from calling/texting student cell phones during classroom hours.

\* Parents must contact Student Services if they need to pick up their child from school. Students leaving school grounds without permission from Student Services are subject to Administrative sanction.

\* Students may not photograph or record (video, audio, etc.) any person (student, faculty, visitor, etc.) without their consent in a situation not related to a school purpose or educational function. Recording in no way should disrupt the school environment. Teachers and other staff have the authority to regulate cell phone (electronic device) use in their classrooms and can enforce this policy outside of their classrooms if necessary. Students not complying with teacher directions and refusing to surrender an electronic item will face disciplinary consequences. Parents may be called to retrieve the items if determined by KHS administration. The KHS Administration has the final say on the appropriateness of any cell phone/ electronic device use.

#### KHS FACEBOOK AND SCHOOL BLOG

Check out Knox Community High School on [Facebook](#) for school updates. Community members should not need to be a member of Facebook to see the page. Links are located on the High School Webpage. The KHS web Page has been updated with a current list of events located at all schools.

## **KHS FINAL EXAMS**

KHS Final Exams will be given on Wednesday and Thursday, **May 31st and June 1<sup>st</sup>** to all students. Please remember that these exams account for 20% of the student's final semester grade. **No early finals will be given, so please plan accordingly.** **Seniors** –Seniors must have all classwork and final exams completed by June 1<sup>st</sup> to participate in graduation exercises.

## **STUDENT FEES OUTSTANDING**

The State of Indiana requires that all students attending Indiana public schools be assessed fees for the use of textbooks and materials. Please ensure that your student's fees for laptop rental, library/book damage, Athletic/Band fees and laptop breakage deductibles are up to date. We strive to maintain good relationships with everyone we serve, but it is the policy of the School Corporation to assign delinquent accounts to outside sources for collection. Please visit the Knox website to see the options available to pay online; [knox.k12.in.us](http://knox.k12.in.us). Payment plans have also been available to assist our parents. Please check your statements or stop in and visit with Mrs. Tow if you would like to review your student's fee payments. We would like to thank our parents that have paid their accounts in full.

## **FREE TUTORING**

The end of the school year is only a quarter away, and we look forward to the exciting activities that close out the year. Remember, each teacher is available for **FREE TUTORING** every morning from 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. and **FREE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING** is also available each morning from 7:00-7:30 am and after school from 3:00-4:00 pm in Ms. Burke's room, B122. Please encourage your student to take advantage of this additional support for their classes.

## **SCHOLARSHIP DUE DATES**

More scholarships are coming due. Please see the KHS website for a complete list of scholarships and their deadlines. If you do not have internet access, please call the Guidance Office at 772-1675.

## **SUMMER SCHOOL SIGN UP – One session June 5-June 29**

KHS will be running one session of summer school this year from **June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 – 1:00 Monday-Thursday, free busing, free breakfast and free lunch. Summer School sign up will be starting soon. Students that do not make sufficient progress academically in Math or English class will be expected to attend. The classes that are being offered are: Eng. 9, Eng. 10, Eng. 11, Eng. 12, Alg.1 2<sup>nd</sup> Sem., Alg. 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Sem., Econ., Gov., Spanish 1, World Lit., PE1, Aquatics, Strength & Conditioning, and Science. If there are not enough students enrolled in a class, it will not be offered. Be looking for the information to sign up your student. Please continue all your work at home to have your students be successful in their classes.

## **PROM**

Prom tickets will be on sale during lunch periods. Tickets are \$25 each. Each person attending the prom must have a permission slip signed by a parent. This year's prom will be held at the Knox Community Center with Enchanted Forest as the theme. Prom will have a live web cast and Facebook pictures posted throughout the night. Prom is Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate our parents respecting that this is a closed event and taking pictures prior to the dance. **As Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> is a contingency day, please remember all students going to prom must be in attendance on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> to attend the prom.**

## **ACADEMIC AWARDS**

This year's Academic Awards Banquet will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Knox High School cafeteria. Students that have made the honor roll and their families are eligible to attend. Refreshments will be served. Informational letters will be mailed. Questions can be directed to Student Services at 772-1677. ***Please plan on joining us for this special event. Students must be in attendance to receive major awards.*** Tickets can be purchased soon in the main office or Student Services for \$5.

## **MUSICAL**

The Knox drama department proudly presents **The Music Man**. Performances will be on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm and on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm.

## **PHYSICALS**

New physical forms for athletes are available in the high school main office after April 1st. There will be a mass physical session held on April 4, 5, and 7<sup>th</sup> at LaPorte Hospital for \$30.. If there is a chance that your student may play a sport next school year, you could have this part done. Summer conditioning and practice will not be allowed without a completed physical!

## **IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR RELEASED**

INDIANAPOLIS—The Indiana State Department of Health has published the school immunization requirements for the 2017-2018 school year for students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade.

New requirements include: **11th grade: Booster dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine before starting 12<sup>th</sup> grade/school summer activities.**

Hoosiers can access their immunization records through MyVaxIndiana, a user friendly website which allows parents and other individuals to connect with their immunization records from any computer through the use of a personal identification number (PIN). PINs can be obtained from healthcare providers and used to log in to the secure website, where users can then download, print or fax records. Each record also displays the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended immunization schedule. To learn more, visit [www.MyVaxIndianaingov](http://www.MyVaxIndianaingov). The requirements are in alignment with the routine vaccination schedules from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). For a complete listing of all school immunization requirements, visit <http://www.state.in.us/isdh/17094.htm>. To learn more about the Indiana State Department of Health, visit [www.StateHealth.in.gov](http://www.StateHealth.in.gov).

## **END OF YEAR SCHEDULE – School closings could still affect this schedule.**

This year has moved quickly. Without any further weather delays, we anticipate the following schedule for the end of the year. **It is very important that each student is in attendance during final exams on May 31 and June 1. Final exams will not be given early so please schedule your vacations around these times.** Seniors must complete their final exams by June 1<sup>ST</sup> to be considered for graduation.

## **ATTENTION SENIORS - LAST CHANCE**

June 9<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching! You need to be thinking about graduation and the pictures you will want presented on the screen at the graduation ceremony. As you walk up on stage, a senior picture will be shown as well as a younger picture, if you bring one in, as your name is called. As graduation draws to a close, group pictures of you and your friends and classmates will flash across the screen. Each student may submit up to three additional photos of family or friends. These photos will be returned as soon as the CDs are finished. Label an envelope with your pictures and give them to Mrs. Bolen in the Guidance Office. **All photos must be submitted by March 21st!**

April 13	Jostens will be here to pass out caps and gowns. Please make sure that all your school fees have been paid.
May 26	Senior breakfast/honors day – mandatory attendance for all students. Seniors will not attend traditional classes.
May 31/June 1	All school final exams - Mandatory attendance for all students
June 1	Students' last day
<b>June 9</b>	<b>Graduation practice at 9:00 am – mandatory for all graduating seniors</b>
<b>June 9</b>	<b>Graduation at 7:00 pm (Seniors report at 5:45)</b>

## **Dates to Remember**

March 21	Winter Athletic Awards	April 29	Prom
March 27-April 7	Spring Break	May 18	Choir Concert
April 8	ACT	May 26	Senior Awards Day
April 10	Students return to school	May 29	Memorial Day/No School
April 13	Pass our caps and gowns	May 30	Final Exam Review – All Classes/Pink Day
April 14	Good Friday/no school	May 31	KHS Final Exams – Mandatory Attendance
April 17	School in Session - NHS Induction	June 1	KHS Final Exams – Mandatory Attendance
April 19	Band Concert	June 1	Students' last day of school
April 21	Progress reports go home	June 5	Summer School Starts
April 22 & 23	Musical	June 29	Summer School Ends
April 26	KHS Academic Awards Banquet		

