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### REDSKIN PARENT NEWSLETTER

**April/May 2017**

At last, spring has arrived! As you know, it is much harder to keep the students' focus on academics when the beautiful weather is beckoning their attention. You, too, may be experiencing SPRING FEVER!

However, to whatever extent you can, please continue to encourage your children to be attentive to their schoolwork. The last weeks of school require great effort from students since "the end is in sight!"

The great strides students have made this year can be lost in the final weeks of school if the students lose their focus or miss their final exams.

**As always, your help is appreciated!**

#### **TESTING**

ISTEP is required by the state of Indiana. ISTEP for all sophomores and Biology 1 students continues April 24th – May 5th. It is vital that all sophomores and Biology 1 students are present each day of their testing. Thank you for getting your students here each day. Please make sure they are well rested, have a good breakfast and bring their computer fully charged.

End Of Course Assessment (ECA) testing will take place between the dates of May 8<sup>th</sup> - May 17<sup>th</sup>. Any junior and senior who have not passed the English 10 or Algebra ECA will be retaking it. They must pass both ECAs for graduation requirements.

AP tests will be given on the following dates; **AP Chem.** on May 1<sup>st</sup> in the a.m., **AP English** on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the a.m., and **AP Calculus** on May 9<sup>th</sup> in the a.m. If you have any questions about these tests, please contact the guidance department at 772-1675.

#### **PROGRESS REPORTS & REGISTRATION FORMS**

Progress reports for the fourth grading period are being sent home today with this newsletter. If you have any questions about these reports or have not received yours, please contact the Guidance Office at 772-1675. The new registration form and medical update were sent home recently as a Secure Document Delivery. Please update it and return this registration form to Student Services at Knox High School as soon as possible with all of the items completed. If you need a new one, contact Student Services at 772-1677.

#### **SEMESTER 2 REPORT CARDS**

Instead of mailing Semester 2 Report Cards home this year we will be sending them electronically. It is important that you keep your email address current with us. If you have not received a Report Card in the past and would like to receive one electronically please call the guidance office at 772-1675.

#### **STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICKUP**

Parents are reminded to use the east or south side of the building when dropping off and picking up their children. Please do not use the north or west side.

## **SCHOOL DRESS**

As the weather warms up and your student brings out their clothes for summer, please remind them that the clothes worn to school do not include pajama pants. Skirts or shorts must be close to the knee, even if leggings are worn underneath. Leggings alone are not permitted. Holes in pants are discouraged, but must be at the knee or lower and small. Shirts are to have sleeves and should not be cut low. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **FREE TUTORING**

The end of the school year is less than 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 Monday - Friday from 3:00-4:00 pm Monday – Thursday in Ms. Burke’s room, B122. Please encourage your student to take advantage of this additional support for their classes.

## **SNOW MAKEUP DAYS**

**KHS will be required to make up 1 snow day this year. School will be in session on Monday, May 1st.**

## **KHS FINAL EXAMS**

**KHS Final Exams will be given on Wednesday, May 31st and Thursday, 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.**

## **SENIOR AWARDS**

Any senior that received either an academic or athletic scholarship or award for college should provide the guidance office with a copy. Most colleges do not notify us of these awards and the only way we know of them is through the family. If we receive notification we can acknowledge these accomplishments at the Senior Honor Day on Friday, May 26th. Please contact the guidance office at 772-1675.

## **STUDENT LAPTOP CHECK-IN**

Students will turn in laptops on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Bags must include strap, pouch, and laptop case. Students must have 3 power charger parts turned in including a long wall plug, short wall plug, and the power module that connects to the computer. Laptops must be free of damage, stickers, and clean. Please contact Mrs. Tow to replace any missing items **prior to laptop check-in.**

## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

The National Honor Society is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, May 4th from 8:00am to 1:00pm. NHS members hope to once again break the record for number of donors. The minimum age to donate is now 16 with a parental consent. You can schedule a time to donate blood by calling the guidance office 772-1675. Walk-ins are welcome.

## **OPEN RECREATIONAL SWIM**

The KHS pool will be open for community swimming on Tuesdays until August 29th. Swimming will be from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Cost is \$5 per person or a discount card is available. Any child in 6th grade or younger must be accompanied by an adult or sibling over the age of 16. A swim test may be required as determined the pool supervisor.

## **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.

## SENIOR PICTURES

At graduation, after your child receives their diploma, there will be a slide show with a combination of all the pictures the students have submitted. You may purchase a copy of the slideshow for \$3.00 in the Guidance Office.

## SENIOR AWARDS DAY AND COMMENCEMENT

The Senior Breakfast and Awards Day will be Friday, May 26th. Breakfast for the graduates will be at 7:00 a.m. in the high school cafeteria and the awards program will begin around 8:15 a.m. in the high school gymnasium. Parents and family members of graduating seniors are welcome to attend the awards program. Only Knox High School approved awards and/or recognition indicators may be worn by students during these two ceremonies.

Commencement practice will be Friday, June 9th at 9:00 a.m. in the Weinberg Gymnasium. **Students must attend the graduation practice in order to participate in commencement.** Commencement will be Friday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Weinberg Gymnasium. Seniors participating in commencement should arrive by 5:30 p.m. Each senior will be given 2 tickets for parents to sit in chairs on the floor. There is unlimited seating on the bleachers for family and friends that want to attend the graduation ceremony.

When planning for your graduate's clothing we want to review the senior dress code for our breakfast/awards day and commencement.

- Boys must be in dress slacks with **collared** shirt and **tie**. Dress shoes must be worn.
- Girls' choices include a dress, skirt and blouse, or blouse and dress slacks that follow the school dress code. Dress shoes must be worn.

Please remember that the awards day and commencement are important formal ceremonies so senior students may not wear jeans, shorts, tennis shoes, or flip flops of any kind at these events. We appreciate all efforts to assist the High School in keeping up this tradition.

## MUSICAL

"The Music Man" will be presented on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm and on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm by the Knox High School Drama Department. The cost will be \$7.

## SUMMER SCHOOL AT KNOX HIGH SCHOOL

Summer school sign up is continuing through April 25<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to sign your student up for summer school, please call the guidance office at 772-1675. If your student is behind on credits to graduate they should be enrolled in summer school. Summer school runs June 5<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 1:00. There is free transportation to and from summer school; free breakfast and free lunch will be served. Please plan your summer vacation around these times, as the **student may not miss more than 2 days of class for any reason.** There is still room in classes. If we do not have enough students enrolled to attend, we will have to cancel the class, so if you would like to sign your student up for summer school, please call the guidance office at 772-1675. This is an excellent opportunity for your student to get caught up on credits.

We are planning to offer 1 session of summer school for high school students. Classes will be offered from **8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday**, beginning on **June 5<sup>th</sup>** and ending on **June 29<sup>th</sup>**. Classes will be offered only in the a.m. and bus service will be available. The following classes will be offered: **English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12, Algebra I Sem. 2, Algebra 2 Sem. 2, World Lit, Animal Science, Spanish I, Government, Economics, PE Weights and PE.**

## **SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM AT KNOX SCHOOLS - FREE MEALS FOR YOUTH 18 AND UNDER**

The Summer Food Program will be offered at Knox High School from June 5 –June 29, Monday thru Thursday. This program will offer free breakfast and lunch meals to children, including teenagers through age 18. This program will help the KCSC provide free nutritious meals to local youth during the summer month.

## **ATHLETIC SPRING AWARDS BANQUET**

The spring sports awards banquet will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

## **PHYSICALS**

New physical forms for athletes are available in the high school main office. If your student thinks they may play a sport next school year, you could have this part done before practice starts! All athletes must have a physical before doing any conditioning this summer.

## **JUNIORS**

Junior parents are reminded that their students need the second meningitis shot prior to entering their senior year. Please bring your records to student services.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Academic Awards
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Contingency Day/No School
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Prom
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	School is in session
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	NHS blood drive
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Choir Concert
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Senior Class picture/Top Ten/Student Council
<b>May 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Laptop Check-In</b>
<b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Senior Breakfast and Honors Program (7:00 a.m.) Senior Dress Requirements</b>
<b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Underclassmen Honor Day (1:30 p.m.)</b>
<b>May 31/June 1</b>	<b>Final Exams for all Students – Mandatory attendance for all students</b>
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Summer School Starts 8:00 – 1:00
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Sports Awards 6:00 PM
<b>June 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mandatory Graduation Practice/Seniors (9:00 am) Casual Senior Dress</b>
<b>June 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Commencement Ceremony (7:00 pm) Senior Dress Requirements – Seniors report at 5:30 p.m.</b>
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Summer School Ends
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Graduating Senior email accounts will be removed from KCSC systems.