



KNOX COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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The 2017-2018 school year is off to an exciting start. We have a wonderful school that has seen success in a number of areas and we look forward to a year of exciting and enriching experiences for our students. The month of September is loaded with many important activities and events. We feel that it is important to keep the line of communication open between the teachers of Knox High School and the parents of the students that attend.

KHS staff is committed to excellence and we know, as a team with our parents, we can create an environment that allows many opportunities for our students to excel. I wish to thank you and our staff for making such an important positive difference in the lives of so many of the district's students. This newsletter will contain information on how you as parents may contact any of your student's teachers. Also, please feel free to contact me at your convenience if you have any questions or concerns.

Dr. Elizabeth Ratliff, Principal

Parent –Teacher Relationships

The Knox High School Faculty will attempt to keep parents informed of the positive things that the students are doing at Knox High School, as well as any academic concerns or behavior problems that might arise. We always encourage active parent participation and we try to make it as convenient as possible for parents to contact faculty members. Parents are also eligible to receive weekly emails regarding their student's grades. To create your PowerSchool Parent Account, go to the PowerSchool Parent Portal Setup Instructions listed on the Knox High School Web page. To get your access codes to our online grade system, please contact the guidance office at 772-1675 or Student Services at 772-1677.

You may contact any faculty member by telephone at 772-1670 or by the internet; call 772-1675 for a direct line to the counselor's office. The website for Knox High School is <http://hs.knox.k12.in.us>. In addition to emailing a teacher, you may also visit the website to review homework assignments or find information related to upcoming projects or tests.

Student Assistance

Free tutoring is available from all teachers every morning between **7:30-8:00**. If your student needs help with homework or has to make up work, it is important that they use this dedicated time to work with the teacher. Student Resource Time (SRT) has been added to our schedule allowing four days for students to receive additional help during the school day from teachers. There is also free tutoring Monday through Thursday from 3:00 – 4:00 in the afternoon and every morning from 7:00 – 7:30 in B122. Please don't forget to use the PowerSchool parent portal to keep up to date on student progress.

School Communication

The High School will continue our use of technology for parent information and communication. Please don't forget to update the school with your email if you would like to receive electronic updates. Parent email accounts will not be utilized for any purpose other than parent-school communication.

Please take the time to check out our websites:

- Knox High School Website: **hs.knox.k12.in.us (General HS Information)**
- Parent Powerschool Portal: **ps.knox.k12.in.us/public/ (Student Grades & Attendance)**
- Knox High School Facebook: Simply search for Knox Community High School or <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Knox-Community-High-School/1374309829475225?fref=ts>

SAT and ACT

The SAT will be given at Knox High School on Saturday, October 7, 2017. Regular registration deadline is September 8th. The late registration deadline for this test date is September 27th. The SAT is for students who are considering attending a four-year college. The SAT is also given in December and March at Knox High School. It is given at other times at other locations. To sign up, visit the College Board website, www.collegeboard.com. Please check with your student's coaches and directors for activities that conflict with a particular test date before signing up for the test. The ACT is also given throughout the year. The ACT website to register is www.actstudent.org. The ACT is given at Knox High School in April. Most colleges will accept either the SAT or the ACT. Please check with the college or college website of the colleges that the student is interested in. When registering for a test, you can have a limited number of scores sent directly to colleges at no extra cost. Some colleges will only accept scores directly from the testing company and not from the high school. Be sure to put KHS code 151870 on the application so your scores will come to KHS and be recorded on your high school transcript

Book Rental

Book rental for the 2017-2018 school year was mailed home August 24th. Remember to view the E-Funds online payment option for Textbook & Activity Fees at the Knox website: www.knox.k12.in.us . Cash, check, money order or payment plans are always available. If you have questions, call Mrs. Tow at 772-1678. Those students on free and reduced will receive their statements when we get more information from the state. Free and reduced applications must be turned in by October 31st.

College Applications and FAFSA

Colleges are taking applications now for the 2018-19 school year. Seniors should look at college websites and check deadlines. Some colleges have November 1, 2017 as the priority deadline for applications and scholarships.

The FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) form can be filled out online starting October 1, 2017. It uses information from 2016 taxes. Some colleges require it to be completed by December 15 or earlier for scholarships. Please check college websites.

Knox High School will have its first informational FAFSA meeting Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 6:00 pm CDST in the high school cafeteria. Come learn about completing the FAFSA and filing options.

ISTEP Spring Scores

ISTEP Spring scores are being sent home with the newsletter. They are also on line. A claim code was emailed to you and they are included on the results being sent home today. We can help you with that in guidance at 772-1675.

Students Should Always Remember Breakfast

Benefits of Eating Breakfast: According to WebMd, Wayne Campbell, PhD, a researcher at Purdue University states that "Protein blunts your hunger the most, and is the most satiating". Reduce your kids' hunger with powerful protein. Children who eat breakfast also behave better in school. Those who eat a school breakfast tend to have fewer absences and incidents of tardiness than those who do not. Eating breakfast as a child increases likelihood of developing healthier habits later in life.

Homecoming

Knox High will have homecoming activities the week of September 4th. The Ironman competition will be held on Tuesday, September 5th at 7pm in the high school. Powderpuff will be played on Community Field on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30pm. Admission for these is \$3. Homecoming Parade and Pep Session will be Friday, September 8th, starting from downtown at 1:10. Knox will host North Judson for the football game on Friday, game time is 7:00. Crowning of the homecoming queen will be at halftime. There will be a dance after the football game, admission is \$5.

Upcoming Events

- College Go! Week is September 25-29, 2017. Students can search for colleges at <http://www.learnmoreindiana.org/?s=college+go+week> Seniors are asked to examine colleges and start completing applications. Many Indiana colleges are having free applications during this week or the month of September or when applying on online. Check out the College Go website: <http://www.in.gov/collegegoweek/index.htm> Juniors can set up a college visit for some time later in the year. Sophomores and Juniors will get information on the PSAT they will be taking October 11, 2017. The State of Indiana uses this test for career and college readiness assessment.
- The Redskin Brigade will participate in the following contests this fall: September 9 @ Goshen, September 16 @ Concord, September 23 @ Penn, September 30 @ Plymouth and October 14 @ regionals at Lafayette Jeff. The times will be announced later.
- Picture retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, September 27th.
- FAFSA for college financial aid opens up Oct. 1st.
- Filing the FAFSA meeting Oct. 4th @ 6:00 pm at the high school cafeteria.
- A choir concert is Thursday, October 5th in the high school auditorium at 7:00.
- The end of the 1st nine-week grading period is October 6, 2017.
- Senior night for fall sports will be October 6, 2017, the night of the Triton football game.
- The SAT will be given at Knox on Saturday, October 7, 2017
- Check out the Indiana College Costs Estimator at www.indianacollegecosts.org . This website has valuable information on calculating Expected Family Contribution (EFC), college profiles with costs, and much more for parents and all students.
- Learn More Indiana website: <http://www.in.gov/learnmoreindiana/> is a free website on preparing, planning and going to college for all students and parents.
- 21st Century students and families check out the 21st Century Scholars website: <http://www.learnmoreindiana.org/students/21st-century-scholars/>

You, the parent, make the critical difference between Knox High School being a good school and Knox High School being a great school. It seems to me that a simple thank you is never enough for all the energy you have put forth for our students and school community; however, I offer heartfelt thanks from all of us at Knox High School. School staff looks forward to visiting with you at the many events being held at the school.

