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REDSKIN PARENT NEWSLETTER

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The 2016-17 school year seems to be moving at a quick pace and we are already at October break! Knox High School is a wonderful school that has seen student success in a number of areas. Because of people like you, we will continue to enjoy success in the future. We would like to thank you for your support. None of this could have taken place without our community's personal commitment to excellence. KHS wishes to thank each of you for making such an important positive difference in the lives of the school's students.

KHS is working with Twitter and Facebook for community and parent notifications. Links to these sites have been placed on the Website. Please don't forget to check out current activities on the High School Website: hs.knox.k12.in.us for pictures and updates from the principal.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are being sent home with students with this newsletter. Any parent that does not receive a report card can stop in at the high school guidance office for another copy. Please feel free to contact your student's teacher directly if you need to set up a parent conference regarding a class grade. This is a great way for you to meet your student's teachers and open lines of communication that can only be a benefit for the students. You can also check your student's grades and attendance on a daily basis by using the PowerSchool Parent Portal. User names are available through either the guidance office or Student Services. If you prefer to contact a faculty member by website, please visit the Knox High School website at knox.k12.in.us.

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. There is also free tutoring Monday –Friday from 7:00-7:30, and from 3:00 – 4:00 in room B122. Please don't forget to use the PowerSchool parent portal to keep up to date on student progress.



Juniors Accuplacer Testing

Juniors will be taking the Accuplacer Nov. 14 – 18th. They qualify for this test depending on their ECA and PSAT scores. This is required to prove that the students are career and college ready. Your student's English and math teachers are working with your student on preparing for the Accuplacer. Students will be given help to bring them up to the level they need to pass the test.

TESTING

Knox High School will give the PSAT November 2nd at 8:05 am. The state covers the cost of this opportunity for all juniors and sophomores. Your students' English and math teachers are working with your student to prepare them for the PSAT and each student will get a practice booklet or review. It is a practice for upcoming SAT (college entrance exam) which all 21st Century Scholars are required to take and all students are encouraged to take. Also juniors qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Competition through the PSAT and sophomores' scores are indicators that they meet the career and college readiness requirements of the State of Indiana. Please have your testing student in attendance Nov. 2nd.

Retakes for the End Of Course Assessments Graduation Qualifying Exam in Algebra 1 and English 10 will be in December for juniors and seniors who have not yet passed these tests.

The SAT will be given at Knox High School on December 3, 2016 and March 11, 2017. Students may still register for the December test until November 3rd and the March test until February 10th without paying a late fee. See your guidance counselors for more information. Also the ACT will be given at Knox High School on April 8, 2017; last day to sign up is March 3rd. Again, see guidance for information on this test.

SENIORS AND GRADUATION

Even though it is "only" October, it is not too early to start thinking about graduation. Parents and students should contact their guidance counselor to make sure the student is on track to graduate, to inquire about college visits, and to check on scholarships and financial aid information. You may contact the guidance office at 772-1675 to inquire about any of these matters. The guidance office pages through the high school website also contain many helpful resources. Apply to college now; some schools like Indiana University in Bloomington and Purdue University in West Lafayette have a November 1st deadline for scholarships. Jostens will be here in November with information on ordering caps and gowns, announcements, and other graduation items.

Seniors, have you applied to college? If not, now is the time! College Application Day is Oct. 21st. Seniors can apply to some Indiana colleges for free. The web site is <http://www.learnmoreindiana.org/educators/k-12-counselors-and-teachers/classroom-materials/college-application-fees-and-waivers/>

PARENTS - BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP

Parents are reminded that students should be dropped off and picked up on the south side of the building, near the football field. This is a safer procedure and will not interfere with buses on the west side or student parking on the east side. Please refrain from entering the student parking lot (east side, near the tennis courts), especially at the end of the school day. If you must be in the east lot, please exit to the south. North bound traffic will interfere with the required south bound student traffic flow. Thank you for your cooperation.

TECHNOLOGY FEE

Technology fee assessments for the 2016-2017 school year were mailed home in August. It will be greatly appreciated if you give this fee your immediate attention. If you have questions, call Mrs. Tow at 772-1678.

Those students on free and reduced lunch will receive their statements when we get more information from the state. Free and reduced forms must be turned in by October 31st.

PREVENTING THE FLU

Flu season will soon be upon us and we would like to review some good health habits that can help stop the spread of germs and the Flu.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you have the flu and are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean your hands often.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Practice other good health habits.

SPORTS UPDATE

Don't forget, you may pick up a winter sports schedule in the Main Office of the high school or you may go to www.highschoolsports.net click on Knox High School and follow the links to find the sports you want.

- Knox has drawn Winamac in the Winamac Volleyball Sectional. They will play the second game on Thursday, October 20th at 7:00pm. Other teams in the sectional are Delphi, Hebron, North Judson, and North Newton.
- Knox will host Gary Roosevelt in football sectionals on Friday, October 21st at 7:00pm. Other teams in the sectional are Boone Grove, Bowman Academy, Hammond Bishop Noll, North Newton, River Forest, and Whiting.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- There will be no school for students October 17-21
- College Application Day on October 21st
- Volleyball sectional on Thursday, October 20th at Winamac
- Football sectional on Friday, October 21st at Knox
- PSAT November 2nd for all juniors and sophomores at 8:05 am
- The fall play "A Midsummer Night in the OC" will be presented on Friday, November 4th at 7:00pm and Sunday, November 6th at 2:00pm
- The fall sports banquet will be held on Wednesday, November 9th at 6:30 pm.
- The girls' basketball team opens their season at Hebron on Friday, November 4th at 5:30pm
- The girls' swim team opens their season at North Judson at 5:30 on Thursday, November 10th

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn

If children live with hostility, they learn to fight

If children live with ridicule, they learn to be shy

If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty

If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient

If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence

If children live with praise, they learn to appreciate

If children live with fairness, they learn justice

If children live with security, they learn to have faith

If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves

If children live with acceptance and friendship, they learn to find love in the world

12 Ways to Help Your Teen Succeed in High School

- Stay positive
- Help your teen make short and long term goals
- Help your teen explore his or her strengths and interests
- Foster independence
- Provide a space for home
- Keep in touch with your teen's school
- Help your teen stay organized
- Be aware and informed
- Be alert for any problems
- Keep the lines of communication open
- Discuss peer pressure together
- Talk with your teen every day