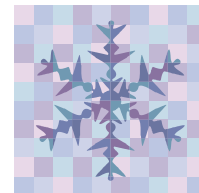




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REDSKIN PARENT NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016

November and December are often the busiest months of the year. Not only are there numerous school events, at home we're preparing for the holiday season and trying to spend more time with our families. As the semester draws to a close, it is important to take the time to sit down with your child and discuss their progress in the classroom. Please continue to reinforce the importance of your student's performance in school. Thank you for being a positive role model in your student's life and for the support you lend to Knox Community High School.

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.

Sincerely, Dr. Elizabeth Ratliff, Principal

WINTER FINAL EXAMS

Remember, the first semester ends on December 20, and Final Exams are scheduled for Monday, December 19, and Tuesday, December 20. **Students must be in attendance for Final Exams, so please plan accordingly.** Parents, if you have questions about your student's grades, please contact your student's teachers either by phone or by email or you can check your student's grades by using the Power School website. If you are not receiving your student's grades via weekly email, please contact the school and we will be happy to help you set this up!

BOOK RENTAL FEES

Letters for book rental fees were sent in October. Your prompt response would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Tow at 772-1678. The High School accepts all Master Card credit/debit cards. There will be a 2% convenience fee added to credit card transactions. Parents may also pay fees by check, cash, money order, or payment plan.

FOOD DRIVE

Once again, the Knox schools will collect food for those in need. The Redskin Council and the National Honor Society are sponsoring a friendly contest between the classes and staff to see who can collect the most items. Donations are being accepted through December 14th in the Main Office. Food baskets will be delivered on December 16th. Any requests for assistance can be directed to the Student Services office at 772-1677.

GRADUATION QUALIFYING EXAM IN DECEMBER

Juniors and Seniors: The graduation qualifying exams will be given to juniors and seniors who have not passed them yet between Dec. 7th - 16th. These tests are required for your student to receive a diploma. If you have questions, please contact the guidance office.

HOLIDAY TOURNAMENTS

The girls' basketball team will participate in the Hanover Central Tournament on December 27th and 28th. The boys' basketball teams will participate in the Caston Tournament on December 29th and December 30th. The wrestling team will participate in the Crown Point Tourney on December 17th and the Rochester Invitational on December 23rd.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Please ensure that your student's laptop bag is being used to transport the computer. We are having students place their computers in backpacks that do not have protective padding. When dropped, the laptop may be damaged resulting in a repair. **Please encourage your students to not leave their computer in the car with the freezing temperatures. This will cause damage to the computer.**

We have seen amazing work from our students with the laptops and are committed to ensuring appropriate use.

GRADUATION DATE

Graduation for the Knox Community High School class of 2017 will be on Friday, June 9th, 2017. Although it seems early, we are now collecting pictures for the senior video. We need three pictures of the family's choice for the video and one young age picture for when the student walks across the stage. Please turn them into the guidance office or email to sbolen@knox.k12.in.us. We would like these before Thanksgiving please.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

November 19	KHS Speech Tourney @ KHS
November 23- 25	Thanksgiving Vacation
November 28	Jostens will meet with seniors
December 2	Life Skills Ugly Sweater Dance
December 3	SAT at Knox High School 7:30 am
December 5	Jostens taking orders for senior items.
December 7	Football Awards Program
December 7	Band Concert at 7:00 pm in Weinberg gym
December 7-16	Graduation Qualifying Tests for Jrs. and Srs. who need to retake them in Eng. 10 or Alg. 1
December 13	Choir Concert at 7:00 pm in high school auditorium
December 14	Last day for food drive donations
December 19-20	Final Exams – Students must be in attendance for Final Exams, so please plan accordingly.
December 20	Christmas Vacation begins when school is dismissed
January 5	Students' First Day of Classes for the Second Semester
January 13	Winter Homecoming
January 16	Snow Contingency Day (Snow Makeup Day if needed)
January 18	ASVAB will be given at Knox High School at 8:05 AM. This aptitude battery is used for career exploration. Any sophomore, junior, or senior may sign up in the High School Guidance Office to take this test.
January 25	"Paying for College" meeting in Knox High School Cafeteria from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Representatives from Ancilla College Financial Aid Department will be here to help you complete the FAFSA. Questions about the financial aid process will also be answered. Local scholarships will be distributed that evening. All seniors and parents are encouraged to attend. 21 st Century Scholars seniors are required to complete the FAFSA and it is necessary for any government financial aid for all seniors.

HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY!