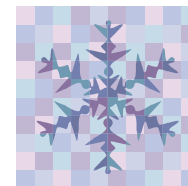




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REDSKIN PARENT NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2016

This school year is moving quickly, and we look forward to the exciting activities to come in the Spring Semester. 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 7:00-8:00 am and White Days 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.

At Knox High School we know that it takes a village to raise a child and we would like to thank our students, parents, teachers, and all KCSC staff that work hard to make success possible for our High School students. Thank you for being a positive role model in your student's life and for the support you lend to Knox Community High School. We look forward to visiting with you at our many school events.

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. Don't forget to check out the High School Blog at knoxhs.blogspot.com for current events and pictures. Links are located on the High School Webpage.

OUTSTANDING FEES / CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

The KCSC continues to offer a credit card option to support our parents and community with the payment of fees and school expenses. The High School can accept all MasterCard/Visa credit/debit cards with a small 2% convenience fee. Please contact Jenny Tow at 772-1678 if you would like more information on this service or to obtain a balance on your student's fees.

SCHEDULING CLASSES FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

It doesn't seem possible, but the scheduling for next year's classes for underclassmen will start in February. Parents, talk to your students and help them plan the classes they need to select. Your input is important in helping to make these decisions. Please discuss with your students their career path, career goals, type of training they will need after high school to reach their career goal, and type of classes they need to take in high school to reach their post-secondary education goal. The discussion would also include their diploma type and the requirements for that diploma type. If you have questions please call the guidance office at 772-1675. We will be happy to meet with you and your student.

PROJECT ATTEND UPDATE – Truancy Reduction Program

Project Attend is an educational program designed to assist schools in the reduction of truancy at the elementary, middle, and high school level. Schools identify families with excessive attendance problems. The family works with local agencies work to develop a written contract is designed to reduce unexcused absences. The programs objectives are to education of families and children about the importance of school attendance, communication and collaboration between family, school official, and community agencies, and increase in student attendance. This program will be available to all Starke County Schools.

SCHOOL MESSENGER PARENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

School Messenger is an automatic notification system that allows Knox Schools to notify parents, students and employees, via e mail, telephone, cell phone or text message. The notification system is used primarily for school updates, attendance calls, emergency notifications, and weather related situations such as school delays and closings. All parents and students that wish to be a part of this system should make sure the school has their current phone number, cell phone number and email address.

WINTER HOMECOMING

Winter homecoming will be on Friday, January 29th during the boys' basketball game with Washington Township. Coronation ceremonies will take place between the Junior Varsity and Varsity games. A student pep rally will be held Friday afternoon. The classes will be displaying their shopping cart floats in the cafeteria during the game. Be sure to vote for your favorite. There will be a dance following the game.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

There will be a "**Paying for College Meeting**" to help answer FAFSA questions on **January 20th** at **6:00 PM**, in the high school cafeteria. If your FAFSA is not completed by March 10, you will not be eligible to receive money from the state of Indiana or the 21st Century Scholars Program. Some colleges have a March 1 deadline, so check with the college you want to attend and file early. **Seniors** should be applying for college and completing scholarship forms now. Students cannot get into college or be awarded any scholarship money if they do not apply.

- The Lilly Scholarship is due online by 3:00 p.m. January 20th, 2016.
- **ASVAB** — The ASVAB test will be given on January 13th. This is an excellent tool to assist students in career exploration. It is free and given during school hours. Register for the ASVAB in the Guidance office or call 772-1675 by Jan.12th.
- **Juniors:** Sign up to take the **SAT** on March 5th; to avoid late fees this must be done by February 5th. Sign up to take the **ACT** on April 9th; this must be done by March 4th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 9	Wrestling Super Dual at Knox
January 13	ASVAB Test
January 14	Vocational Fair during Lunch
January 18	There will not be school – Contingency Day
January 20	Paying for College Meeting, 6:00pm High School Cafeteria
January 23	Boys & Girls Varsity Basketball with North Judson-San Pierre
January 23	Wrestling - Hoosier North Athletic Conference at Jimtown
January 29	Homecoming - Boys Basketball with Washington Township Dance after the game
January 30	Girls/Boys Hoosier North Athletic Conference Swim Meet at Knox
January 30	Wrestling Sectionals at LaPorte
January 30	Hall of Fame – Boys basketball with Kouts
February 2,3,5,6	Girls Basketball Sectional at Hebron
February 4, 6	Girls Swim Sectional at Chesterton
February 13	Winter Semi-Formal
February 15	There will not be school – Contingency Day