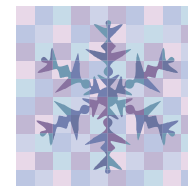




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REDSKIN PARENT NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2018

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 7:00-7:30 am and Monday – Thursday 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 the site for current events and pictures. Links are located on the High School Webpage.

OUTSTANDING FEES / e-Funds OPTION AVAILABLE

The KCSC continues to offer a credit card option to support our parents and community with the payment of fees and school expenses. Please visit www.knox.k12.in.us to view the Online Payment option. If you would like more information on this service or to obtain a balance on your student's fees please contact Jenny Tow @ 574-772-1678.

SCHEDULING CLASSES FOR THE 2018-2019 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 and type of training needed to reach these goals. The discussion about what classes they need to take in high school to reach their post-secondary education goal should 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. The high school course description book is on the school website, under the guidance tab.

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 levels. Schools identify families with excessive attendance problems. The family then works with local agencies to develop a written contract designed to reduce unexcused absences. The program's objectives are to educate families and children about the importance of school attendance, to increase communication and collaboration between family, school officials, and community agencies, and to increase student attendance. This program is available to all Starke County Schools.

SCHOOL MESSENGER PARENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

School Messenger is an automatic notification system that allows Knox Schools to communicate with 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 19th during the boys' basketball game with Kankakee Valley. Coronation ceremonies will take place between the JV and Varsity games. A student pep rally will be held Friday afternoon. There will be a dance following the game at the middle school.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

There will be a **FAFSA Workshop** on **January 22nd** from **5:00 to 7:00 PM**, in the high school cafeteria. Bring your 2016 tax information, your student and their computer to get help filing the FAFSA during this workshop. If you do not have access to a portable computer come anyway laptops will be available for your use. If your FAFSA is not completed by April 15, 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 Northern Indiana Community Foundation Scholarships are now available on line at <http://nicf.org/> the application must be completed by March 2, 2017 at 2:00 pm CST.

- **ASVAB** — The ASVAB test will be given on January 17th. 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 January 15th.
- **Juniors and Seniors:** Sign up to take the **SAT** on March 10th; to avoid late fees this must be done by February 9th. Sign up to take the **ACT** on April 14th; this must be done by March 9th. If any junior or senior who are 21st Century scholars have not yet taken the SAT or ACT, you must take the SAT or ACT to get your 21st Century Scholars money.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 13	Hall of Fame game with John Glenn
January 17	ASVAB Test 8:05 a.m.
January 19	Homecoming – Boys Basketball with Kankakee Valley Dance after the game
January 20	Boys & Girls Varsity Basketball with North Judson-San Pierre
January 20	Wrestling - Hoosier North Athletic Conference at Triton
January 22	FAFSA Workshop 5:00 – 7:00
January 27	Girls/Boys Hoosier North Athletic Conference Swim Meet at North Judson
January 27	Wrestling Sectionals at LaPorte
1/30-2/ 2&3	Girls Basketball Sectional at Knox
February 3	Girls Swim Sectional at Chesterton
February 10	Winter Semi-Formal