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REDSKIN PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Grades, grades, grades.....

We all know how important grades are to our student's future. With the parents' help, students can see the value of achieving high grades in their high school classes. Progress reports will be sent home with this newsletter. Please continue to check your student's grades online if you have internet access. Good communication between parents, students, and teachers is essential. If you want to discuss your student's progress, you may call or email the teachers or call guidance to set up a conference. Your student can get help in a class from 7:30 am to 8:00 am every morning with their teacher. Most students that ride the bus are here by 7:30 am. If you bring your student or they drive themselves, have them here by 7:30 am so they can get any extra help they need. Tutoring is also available every day from 7:00 – 7:30 in B122. The third nine weeks grading period ends March 10th.

KHS/STARKE COUNTY - PROJECT ATTEND – 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 (Probation, CPS, School and Prosecutor) to develop a written contract designed to reduce **unexcused** absences. The programs objectives are to educate families and children about the importance of school attendance and decrease unexcused absences. This program is available to all Starke County Schools.

Scheduling for 2017-2018

Scheduling for the 2017-2018 school year has begun. The counselors have seen the students by class to hand out scheduling information. The course description guide and graduation requirements are on your student's computer or on the school website (under Guidance tab, Course Description Guide 2017-18). Your student's schedule requests for next year's classes should be returned by February 22nd. If you have questions or concerns regarding your student's courses, graduation requirements or career path, please contact the guidance office at 772-1675 or email one of the counselors.

Seniors, Complete FAFSA, Money for College, March 10th Deadline

Seniors and their families need to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal and State Student Aide, for college) before March 10, 2017. Go to this website: www.fafsa.ed.gov. For a student to be considered for financial aid from the State of Indiana, federal government, and/or the individual college, the FAFSA must be completed before March 10, 2017. Please check with your son or daughter's college as some colleges may have a deadline of March 1 or before. We can help parents complete the FAFSA online. Ancilla College also provides FAFSA workshops. Please check their website for dates and times: <http://www.ancilla.edu/financial-aid/>. If you need access to an online computer, please contact the guidance office at 772-1675 and we can make arrangements to assist you. **21st Century Scholars must** also complete the FAFSA by March 10, 2017 to be eligible to get their scholarship money.

February 12, 2017 is College Goal Sunday. Help is available then for filing the FAFSA. Locations for College Goal Sunday can be found at: <http://www.collegegoalsunday.org/>. There is also free help at the Knox United Methodist Church February 26th from 1-3.

Scholarship Deadlines

Local Scholarships have been passed out to seniors in class. Please check the school website for a list of the scholarships. Watch the deadlines and turn them in on time. Missing a deadline will put you out of the scholarship competition. March 1, 2016 is the deadline for the Starke Co. Scholarship Foundation Scholarships and March 3rd for the Community Foundation Scholarships.

ACT Test for college at Knox High School

The ACT will be given at Knox High School Saturday, April 8, 2017. This is a test that colleges will accept for admission as well as the SAT. Juniors may want to take the ACT if they have not taken the SAT yet. Sign up must be completed online by March 3rd. Have your student come to the guidance office for assistance with this.

SAT Test for college at Knox High School

The SAT will be given at Knox High School on Saturday, March 11th. The deadline for regular sign up is February 10th, late registration ends February 28th.

21st Century Scholars Freshmen & Sophomores

21st Century Scholars have requirements they must complete each year. As a freshman, the student and the parent are to watch Paying for College 101. Go to this website to view the freshman requirements and the Paying for College 101 video. <http://www.in.gov/21stcenturyscholars/2513.htm>. The freshmen are also required to participate in an Extracurricular or Service Activity and update their graduation plan. Sophomores and parents also must go to the website and watch the Estimating Your College Costs video and more. Juniors must take the SAT or ACT, visit a college, and do a scholarship search. These students must complete the scholar track each year to receive their 21st Scholars money. If you do not have internet access, please contact the guidance office, 772-1675; we will arrange a time to meet with you.

Required Testing by the State of Indiana

ISTEP testing for sophomores and biology 1 students are required Graduation Qualifying Exams. Part One if this is Feb. 27 – March 10. Part two of the ISTEP will be April 17 – May 5th. Seniors will retake the Accuplacer Test if they did not pass the Accuplacer last year. The Accuplacer measures college readiness. The seniors are having remediation sessions and will be retested before spring break. Juniors and seniors who have not passed the ECA Graduation Qualifying Exam will take it again in May. Please contact the guidance office if you have any questions at 772-1675.

Senior Night

Senior night for all winter athletes will be held during the boys' basketball game with Triton on Friday, February 24th. Senior posters (on foam board only) are due in the athletic office by Wednesday, February 22nd. All senior athletes should stop at the athletic office and tell Mrs. Albright if they and their parents will be attending.

Book Rental Fees

Just a reminder that any outstanding book rental fees or laptop deductible fees are due. Your prompt response is appreciated. If you have any questions or would like a balance due, please contact Mrs. Tow at 772-1678. Visit our Knox.k12.in.us website to access the on-line payment option.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR RELEASED

INDIANAPOLIS—The Indiana State Department of Health has published the school immunization requirements for the 2016-2017 school year for students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade.

New requirements include

- Kindergarten through 12th grade: Two valid doses of varicella vaccine or a documented history of having chicken pox disease. Students in grades kindergarten through 5th grade will need to have their history of chicken pox disease documented by a healthcare provider.
- Kindergarten: Two doses of Hepatitis A vaccine.
- **11th and 12th grade: Booster dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine.**

Hoosiers can access their immunization records through MyVaxIndiana, a user friendly website which allows parents and other individuals to connect with their immunization records from any computer through the use of a personal identification number (PIN). PINs can be obtained from healthcare providers and used to log in to the secure website, where users can then download, print or fax records. Each record also displays the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended immunization schedule. To learn more, visit www.MyVaxIndianain.gov.

The requirements are in alignment with the routine vaccination schedules from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). For a complete listing of all school immunization requirements, visit <http://www.state.in.us/isdh/17094.htm>.

To learn more about the Indiana State Department of Health, visit www.StateHealth.in.gov.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

February 11	Semi-Formal Dance
February 15	2017-18 Freshmen/Parent Informational Meeting , HS Cafeteria at 6:00
February 16	Boys Swim Sectional at Chesterton
February 20	President's Day/a contingency day/no school
February 23	Choir Concert
February 24	NHS Blood Drive
Feb. 27 – March 10	ISTEP Testing
February 28	Boys Basketball Sectional at Winamac
March 11	SAT
March 15	Winter Sports Awards

