Dear KHS Community,

Welcome back! We are so excited to see you.

The Kennett High School Administrative Team has undergone a few changes this summer. Our Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Victoria Gehrt, has taken the position of Superintendent of Schools in New Castle County, Delaware. We thank Dr. Gehrt for her guided leadership and continued support of our school and students. In addition, Mr. Jeff Thomas has assumed the role of Assistant High School Principal. Mr. Thomas will still oversee athletics as part of his duties. We welcome Mr. Thomas down to the main office area and look forward to his contributions.

Speaking of administrative duties…we will no longer assign students to administrators by grade. Administrators will work with students according to the first letter of the last name (similar to guidance assignments). The assignments are as follows:

- **Mr. Thomas:** A-F
- **Dr. Jenkins:** G-N
- **Mr. Fernandez:** O-Z

As we resume classes, we would like to encourage all of our students to get involved in school activities. These co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are your way of becoming vested in your school. Our administration will continue to support these programs and ensure that whether you want to partake in our board game activity, participate in student council, or play field hockey, you have these and many more opportunities. Always remember that the high school administration is here to support you in all your endeavors. We are proud to have you as students and look forward to continue building positive relationships with all our students. If we can help in any way, please feel free to see us.

*Blue Demon Pride and Excellence – Always!*

Dr. Michael A. Barber
Principal
On the evening of June 10, members of the Class of 2011 were graduated from Kennett High School. Music featured members of the Concert Band, Concert Choir and Chorale with Anton Romano and Katie Soukup directing. Following the invocation by Elizabeth Arizaga and remarks by Class President Alessandra Piscitelli, commencement speakers Lindsay Reindl, Alexandra Rizzo, Laura Davidson and Taylor DeVoe (all members of the graduating class) addressed the crowd. A musical presentation by senior concert choir and chorale members preceded the reading of the scholarships by Assistant Principal Ray Fernandez and the presentation of the class by Superintendent Dr. Barry Tomasetti for acceptance by Mrs. Heather Schaefer, School Board President.

Dr. Tomorrow Jenkins, Assistant Principal, called the roll of graduates after which Mrs. Jeanne Hutton, Chairperson of Guidance Department, announced the awards. The graduates were welcomed as alumni by association member and teacher Kelly Hunter a member of the Class of 2000.

Dr. Michael Barber, Principal, ended the graduation ceremony with his closing remarks. Senior class advisor Mr. Michael Kelly assisted throughout the exercise where the following prizes were awarded:

### Commencement 2011

The American Mushroom Institute’s Community Awareness Scholarship: Cesar Gaytan Lemus, Uvel Rodriguez Cintora
The Coren Amoss Award: Elyssa Skerik
The Susan B. Amann Creative Writing Scholarship: Tessa Amram
The Susan B. Amann Memorial Scholarship: Brandy Rybinski
The Applestone Foundation, Inc. Scholarship: Angela Baz Casteaneda, Olga Bernal Mondragon
Jennifer Flores Ayllon, Melanie Newman, Cesar Sanchez Lopez, Jason Zavala
The Art Honor Society Award: Coleman Petriello
The Kennett Rotary Club Harvey Atkinson Memorial Scholarship: The Andrew J. Augustine PTO Scholarship: Kaitlyn Ferree
The Be Driven Scholarship in Memory of Jay Middleton*: Cesar Gaytan Lemus
The Be The Change Scholarship: Bradley Rybinski
The Watchman Service Scholarship: Emily Solomon
The Jonathan Beech Scholarship*: Elyssa Skerik
The VFW Post 894 Carter-Miller-Johnson Scholarship: Justin Lardani
The Horace W. Cloud, Jr. & Sara E. Thomas Cloud Memorial Scholarship*: Alessandra Piscitelli
The Helen Conon Peace Prize: Ryan Delion
The Barbara DeCarlo Scholarship: Sagar Karandikar
The Victoria Fidanza Dickens Scholarship: Mallory Sinton
The Eugene & Mary DiFilippo Scholarship: Stephanie Silva Rodriguez
The Garage Community and Youth Center Scholarship*: Nicole Lewis & Karina Quintana
The Genesis HealthCare Scholarship: Wenting Han
The George Family Award for Outstanding Creativity*: Colleen Shiflett
The Greenwood Elementary PTO Scholarship: Kelsey Joy Lafferty
The Kennett Rotary Club George Holton Memorial Scholarship: Kaitlyn Clark
The Carol Karkosak Scholarship*: Caroline Tets
The Kennett Consolidated Education Support Professionals Scholarship: Daicy Magana Lopez
The KCSD Board of Education Award for Greatest Growth: Richard Kletter & Winthrop Stevens
The KCSD Board of Education Award for Excellence in Vocational Education: Heriberto Duran Martinez, Maria del Carmen Villagomez Cortez

The Commencement 2011

The Advisor’s Cup: Alessandra Piscitelli
The Kenneth R. Webb Citizenship Award: Jessica Schubbeo
The Scott Thompson Student Assistance Scholarship: Casey Gray
The Susan Spahn Memorial Scholarship: Connor Finnegan
The Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship: Megan Ziegler
The Rubinstein’s Office Plus Visual Arts Award: Amy DeNenno
The Ray Lyman Ott Memorial Award for Music*: Melissa Cassel
The Sara Chandler Merrick Scholarship: Leah Brenner
The Sara Chandler Merrick Scholarship: Emily Solomon
The Kenett Square Historical Commission Award for Excellence in History: Daicy Magana Lopez
The KHS All-Around Student Scholarship*: Julie Miller
The KHS Faculty Sunshine Scholarship: Kaitlyn Morson
The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., PTO Scholarship: Nicole Lewis, Jalisa Miles, Shakeemah Rochester, Maria del Carmen Villagomez Cortez
The Kraf Bus Company Scholarship: William Garrett
The Lions Club of Kentuck Square Scholarship: Melissa Griffin
The Cameron Logan Scholarship: Kenia Sedano Garduno
The London Grove Grange #63 Scholarship: Ana Zavala Zavala
The John Michael Manfredi Memorial Scholarship: Brandi Skodzinski
The Jeanne Ramsey McConnie Scholarship: Laura Davison
The Wesley McDowell Scholarship: Ryan McCabe
The Donald McKevelv Memorial Chemistry Award*: Glen Williams
The Mercer Restorations, Inc. Scholarship: Kelsey Joy Lafferty
The Sara Chandler Merrick Scholarship: Emily Solomon
The Eric Allenstein-Lyon Memorial Scholarship: Jessica Tets
The Claire M. Mulvaney Prize: Kaitlyn Morson
The Mary Myers McComsey Scholarship: Kaitlyn Morson
The Nelns Economics Prize: Daniel Dicke
The New Garden Principal Be The Change Scholarship*: William Tyler Small
The New Garden PTO Scholarship: Morgan Samples
The New Garden Monthly Meeting of Friends Scholarship: Carlos Alvarado
The Anna M. Ott Memorial Physical Education Award*: Taylor Deve
The Ray Lyman Ott Memorial Award for Music*: Melissa Cassel
The Ralph Parrett, Jr. Memorial Scholarship*: Juan Almanza Garcia
The Roseo Peters Memorial Award: Mark Koninckx
The Richard J. Posey Law Enforcement Scholarship: Raul Cruz Ortiz
The Principal’s Award: Elizabeth Benson
The Russell A. Reidinger, Jr. Memorial Prize: Amy DeNenno
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The Forbes R. Schaeffer Scholarship*: Emily Solomon
The Omega Lachelle Shaw Photography Award: Emily Solomon
The Sinton Air Conditioning & Heating Scholarship: Shawn Stewart
The Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship: Megan Ziegler
The Susan Spanh Memorial Scholarship: Connor Finnegan
The Nancy Stites Memorial Biology Award*: Adrian Russki
The Aaron Taylor Summers Memorial Scholarship: Jesus Ramos
The Swain-Campbell-Testa VFW Post #5467 Award: Karen Avellaneda Valente
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The John M. Whiteside Scholarship: Molly Visk
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--- the four-year-long eternity that just happened to run out from under our feet when we blinked. A lot can happen in a blink.  
- Lindsay Reindl

These experiences that we’ve shared make us more than just classmates, more than just friends. They make us a family. A family made up of different races and cultures, and Kennett High School is our home.
- Elizabeth Arizaga

So, let’s link arms, close our eyes, and run as one toward the intangible future before us.
- Laura Davidson

So, to all of you wearing the blue and white, congratulations.
- Alessandra Piscitelli
Summer - A Time for Learning

Mr. Vanderslice

Goes to Hollywood

Frank Vanderslice (in the Phillies shirt, pictured with Lance Stubblefield) teaches Video Production at KHS. The 2011 KENNETTEER was dedicated to him. In 2010 he won a $10,000 grant supported by Exelon and the Kennett Education Foundation for his program "Bringing Hollywood to Kennett." Below, in his own words, is his summer experience.

This summer I spent two weeks in Hollywood as a participant in the Independent Student Media (ISM) Film Workshop.

ISM is the resource film studies group I was able to enroll in using the Kennett Education Foundation grant I received last school year. (I paid most of my own expenses in order to be part of this experience.)

During the week I was able to meet with professionals from Hollywood and was also able to rotate crew positions on a short comedy film produced by the ISM group.

Some of the professionals I worked with included Chris Bacon (music composer for such films as "Source Code" and "Gnomeo and Juliet"), Lance Stubblefield, (video editor for TV series "LOST"), Brigham Taylor (former Vice President for Production at Disney Studios), Lisa Rocco (hair and make-up artist for new film "Hunger Games"), and Steve Christiansen (set decorator for "X-Men" and "Terminal").

The group of 16 teachers from all parts of the United States spent an 18-hour day shooting 14 pages of script. We learned about camera set-up, lighting, make-up and hair, set decoration, directing talent, audio operations, film editing, music scoring, and film distribution.

I also was able to visit the back lots of Warner Brothers, Universal, and Disney. I shook hands with Jay Leno and was three feet away from Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mario Lopez, and David Grohl (from "The Foo Fighters") and Nicole Scherzinger (from "Dancing with the Stars" and "The X Factor"). I also sat in during the taping of NBC’s “Tonight Show."

I plan to incorporate the experiences plus the new curriculum published by ISM this fall into my film class.

Hutton/KHS

Featured at Conference

Jeanne Hutton, Chairperson of the Guidance Department, was a featured speaker at the national Naviance convention in Austin, Texas, July 19-21.

Naviance is the parent company for the Family Connection program that Kennett High School students use for their graduation project career investigations and SAT preparations (Method Prep). It is also the tool KHS counselors use exclusively for college information, applications and acceptance data.

Mrs. Hutton described how Kennett uses this valuable resource.

Commenting on her participation, Mrs. Hutton said, "It was a rewarding experience that I really enjoyed and our school came across very well."

Statistics Teacher Leads at AP Reading

Anne M. Carroll, a member of the Mathematics Department, was selected as part of the leadership team in the annual reading and scoring of the College Board’s Advanced Placement Examination in Statistics this June in Daytona Beach, Florida. She has been participating in the Reading since 1998.

This year, more than 3.2 million examinations from more than 30 AP Courses were evaluated by over 10,000 AP Readers from universities and high schools. Representing many of the finest academic institutions in the world, AP Readers are made up of professional educators from the United States, Canada and abroad. The AP Reading is a unique forum in which an academic dialogue between high school and college educators is fostered and strongly encouraged.

“The Reading draws upon the talents of some of the finest teachers and professors that the world has to offer,” said Trevor Packer, Vice President of the Advanced Placement Program at the College Board. “It fosters professionalism, allows for the exchange of ideas, and strengthens the commitment to students and to teaching. We are very grateful for the contributions of talented educators like Ms. Carroll.”

This year Ms. Carroll served as a 2-day table leader, arriving in advance and joining a team of 40 leaders whose role was to help the Chief Reader and Question Leaders to refine the scoring rubrics. She then assisted in the scoring for the Alternate Examination, given to students who missed the regular exam.
ARTISTS SHOW WORK

Students from Kennett High School's art classes submitted their work for judging at the Chester County Art Association (CCAA) where awards were presented on May 7. Lisa Strengari and Emily Shiflet won awards for their works.

Teachers Jodi Davidson (Ceramics), Kathleen Caputo Nelms (Art, Graphic Arts, Photography), and Thomas Hironimus (Art) worked to help prepare the following students: Lucas Conrad, Ryan Cooper, Ashley Cox, Margaret DePippo, Lizbeth Lara, Loren McCarthy, Selina Faulkner, Christina Giancola, Cole Petrillo, Molly Visk, Russell Reidinger, Brandon Guevara, Jasmine Walker, Laura Ferraro, Emily Badis, Chelsea Commodari, Isaac Allred, Lisa Strengari, Amy DeNenno, Tori Himelstein, Kevin Macias, Albert Magana, Haley Milloway, Leah Orescan, Amelia Pagliaro, Lindsey Reindl, Emily Shiflet, Carolyn Waters, and Megan Ziegler.

Teapot (Ashley Cox)  Clown (Jasmine Walker)  Giraffe (Margaret DePippo)

Graphite Drawing (Leah Orescan)  Teapot (Ashley Cox)  Graphite Drawing (Lindsay Reindl)

Giraffe (Margaret DePippo)  Mushroom Still Life (Cole Petrillo)  Flag (Russel Reidinger)

Carnival (Loren McCarthy)  Clyon (Jasmine Walker)  Self Portrait (Amy DeNenno)

Fritz Zwicky (Selina Faulkner)  Mushroom Still Life (Cole Petrillo)  Oil Doesn't Grow on Trees (Loren McCarthy)
Dr. Michael Barber welcomed newly inducted Juniors into the Kennett High School Chapter of the National Honor Society in an evening ceremony in March (pictured above).

New members are Daise Bedolla Zavala, Matthew Bruhn, Michelle Byrnes, Leslie Caradang, Phillip Church, Margaret Costello, Christopher Coughlan, Ashley Cox, Heidi Danska, Michael DeStefano, Elisabeth DiAngelis, Johanna Doren, Joanne Evangelista, Marissa Ferrighetto, Molly Gallagher, Emily Hansons, Tyler Haznedar, Andrew Hiles, Katelyn Johnson, Emily Lessner, Summer Lin, Kristen Lobb, Nicole Moriello, Ethan Saltzberg, Cara Sheridan, Jay Singer, Giselle Taraboletti, Ellen Teasley, Barry Tomasetti, Anthony Torello, Timothy Trachok, and Rosendo Villafuerte.

Members of the National Honor Society must exemplify the four characteristics of members: scholarship, character, leadership, and service.

The KHS chapter advisor is Dr. Alicia Tamargo.

The Technical College High School recognized the following Kennett High School students for their excellence during the school year: Ana Arizaga (Early Childhood Education), Manuel Perez (Carpentry), Yeletin Romero (Cosmetology), Claudio Garcia Martinez (Automotive Collision Technology), Alejandro Velazquez (Engine Technology), Benjamin Hodges (Computer Information Systems), Cristian Zamores (Carpentry), Bryan Broomell (Engine Technology), Veronica Flores (Culinary Arts), Shawn Stewart (Horticulture), Marilú Lopez (Animal Science Technology), Emily Clark (Allied Health), Scott Standish (HVAC), Nicolas Tovar Pena (Auto Collision Technology), William Carozzo (Auto Service Technology), Uvel Rodriguez (Cosmetology), Sandy Reatiga (Culinary Arts), Daniel Hernandez (Carpentry), Emily Hoopes (Health Occupations), Cain Sanchez (Horticulture), Alan Moreto (Auto Service), Selena Almanza (Culinary Arts), Alma Mondragon (Cosmetology), Federico Zurita Martinez (Auto Collision), Morgan Waddell (Carpentry), Tyler Boyer (Horticulture), Courtney Bennett (Security Police), Jose Jaimez (Auto Service), Brianna Thompson (Health Occupations), and Raymond Toto (HVAC).

Donna Stahl of the TCHS Guidance Department noted, "These students have done an outstanding job at the Technical College High School and are demonstrating the leadership, attitude, skills and knowledge that we value so highly."

The Kennett High School Chorale performed portions of "The Requiem" by Johannes Brahms with the Delaware Valley Chorale and Delaware Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, May 15, in a concert at Immanuel Church in Wilmington.

According to director Katie Soukup, the KHS Chorale was invited to participate by the director of the Delaware Valley Chorale, David Christopher. "The benefits to the students were huge: they were able to sing with some really professional singers in a large chorus and with members of the Delaware Symphony; they sang one of the all-time greatest works, "The Requiem" by Johannes Brahms; students could see that there are groups like this out there for them to sing in after high school and college."


Three Kennett High School students won awards in a writing contest sponsored by West Chester University. Justin Lardani earned first place, Tess Amram came in second, and Mike DeStefano won honorable mention.

All were students in Mrs. Carol Aiken's class.
KEF Programs Support Education

Kennett Education Foundation SMART Grant Program

The Kennett Education Foundation Innovative Grants Program for students is designed to help students within the Kennett Consolidated School District bring new ideas and resources into the District that will make a difference within the SCHOOL COMMUNITY. The intent of this program is to aid youth in developing great ideas that will benefit our school district.

SMART (Students and Mentors Applying Resources Together) Grants of up to $2000 will be awarded to enable new programs or practices in the classrooms, buildings or in extracurricular activities for the Kennett Consolidated School District. They are awarded throughout the year. There is no deadline.

Any student or group of students is eligible for grant money from the Kennett Education Foundation. Requests may not exceed $2000. All proposals must include a detailed expense budget for funds requested from KEF and include any revenue that will be used from other sources.

It is very easy to apply. Students should review the grant idea with a KCSD sponsor. The sponsor is required to be a staff member and must sign off on the idea. Approval to implement the idea must be secured from the Building Principal and/or District Office. Students must then complete a SMART grant application form available on the KEF Web site, kenne
teducationfoundation.org. Each request must include a detailed timeline that documents the time required to acquire materials and resources to implement the project.

Once submitted, the application will be delivered to the SMART Grant Committee for review. A minimum of seven days is required to process and review a request and, if approved, secure materials for the project. Additional time is required during KCSD holiday breaks.

The following categories are more likely to be funded: innovative programs (also described as "first-time", "best practice", "unique", "pilot", "next generation"); projects that provide an avenue to explore, develop, and refine ideas for improving the education for other students; projects that are designed to make a difference in the school community. Less likely to be funded are projects that benefit one individual or one family, are designed for entertainment purposes only, fund primarily consumable materials, are a continuation of an event/experience that was established in a prior school year, or use funding to compensate teachers or staff who come to work with students (experts like authors or artists who are used in the program are viewed as exceptions).

Projects that seek funding for transportation costs are prohibited.

Members of service organizations are not excluded from this opportunity; however, projects must clearly benefit students/staff within the school district, exclusively.

Grant funds must be spent by the end of the school year in which the grant is awarded. Extensions, if required, must be approved by the KEF Innovative Grants Committee.

The Kennett Education Foundation will assign each approved SMART grant a grant committee liaison. This contact will assist in securing approval for all communication about grant project to the KCSD community.

A summary report and photographs, where practical, are requested of successful applicants at the completion of all projects. In addition, grant recipients are encouraged to make a brief presentation to the Kennett Education Foundation board at the successful completion of the project.

Honor a Teacher

Does your child’s teacher go the extra mile to make the classroom a place of unsurpassed learning and fun? Do you struggle with a meaningful way to show your appreciation for all the little things your child’s teacher does on a daily basis?

The Kennett Education Foundation’s (KEF’s) Honor-a-Teacher program lets you honor a teacher or group of teachers in the Kennett Consolidated School District. This program also supports teachers financially because 100% of your Honor-a-Teacher donations fund innovative classroom programs.

To become a member of KEF or to honor a teacher who has helped and inspired a member of your family, visit the KEF Web site at www. kenne
teducationfoundation.com.

SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

An automatic calling system will be utilized again this year for emergency school closings, but information will be also be available through...

Transportation Hotline: 610-444-7456

TV Stations: Fox-TV 29, KYW-TV 3, NBC-TV 10, WPVI-TV 6

Radio Stations: KYW-1060 AM|WSTW-93.7 FM|WCOJ 1420 AM|WDEL-1150 AM|WILM-1450 AM

Our school number is 880.

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The Guidance Department would like to welcome all new students and 9th graders to Kennett High School! The counselors and guidance staff encourage you to contact them via phone or e-mail with any questions or concerns that arise during this time of adjustment and transition. Students are assigned by the first letter of their last name to the following counselors:

A-C        Jeanne Hutton        jhutton@kcsd.org
D-K        Colleen Allen        callen@kcsd.org
L-Q        Diana Wildermuth     dwildermuth@kcsd.org
R-Z        Fran Ryan            fryan@kcsd.org

Guidance Administrative Assistant: Diane Torelli dtorelli@kcsd.org
Guidance Secretary:     Barbara Carozzo bcarozzo@kcsd.org
Phone:  610-444-6636    Fax:  610-444-6132

FAMILY CONNECTION
This will be our fourth school year utilizing the Family Connection program, a Web-based career and college planning tool for students and parents. Family Connection is also used in our office to track and analyze data about college and career plans, so it can provide up-to-date information that is specific to our school and your child. We will continue to utilize Family Connection with all students by having them complete an activity that is specific to their grade level. We encourage both students and parents to make use of this program to help in making decisions about the student’s career and college plans.

Through Family Connection, students can utilize surveys to learn more about themselves and to receive suggestions about potential career paths. Results from these surveys, along with a career database, will assist students in the completion of their graduation project.

Students have the ability to complete a college search and to research information about specific colleges through the extensive database of colleges within the program. Family Connection is also an excellent communication tool, letting us share information about upcoming meetings, events, local scholarship opportunities, and other Web resources for college and career information.

Over the past three school years, we introduced this program and helped current 10th, 11th, and 12th graders to register. Letters with information of how to register were sent home to the parents of these students. If you have not registered with the program, we encourage you to do so. Please contact your child’s counselor if you no longer have the registration code. During this school year, we will introduce the program to freshmen and assist them with the registration process. Parents of 9th grade students will also receive information and registration codes.

STUDENT SCHEDULES
In late July, students’ DRAFT SCHEDULES were mailed home. Students will receive the final version of their schedule in Advisory on the first day of school. This version will include teacher names, room numbers, and times for each of your classes. Advisory assignments will be posted in the main lobby and in the S-wing.

COLLEGE REP VISITS TO THE GUIDANCE OFFICE
The guidance office at Kennett High School is pleased to offer students the opportunity to meet with college admissions representatives from schools throughout our region. We believe that spending time with an admissions representative provides students with an excellent opportunity to gather information about various colleges. The visits also provide excellent opportunities for the admissions representatives to get to know our students on a personal level.

Colleges will have the opportunity to schedule visitations at various times throughout the school day. Students can view those times in the ‘visit schedule’ section available in Family Connection. Students wishing to visit with a college representative must first obtain permission and a pass from the teacher if meeting with the college rep during their class time.

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PSAT/NMSQT
The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered to interested students in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades, on Wednesday, October 12, at Kennett High School. Students will not be responsible for the cost of the test. The PSAT is especially important for juniors who plan to attend a post-secondary institution because it is considered a practice test for the SAT. The PSAT/NMSQT is also the best route for consideration for the National Merit Scholarship Program, the National Achievement Scholarship for Outstanding Negro Students, and the National Recognition Program for Hispanic Students. More information regarding the test and its administration will be sent home at a later date.

Students wanting to prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT or SAT test can utilize the SAT Prep Program available on Family Connection. This program is included with our subscription to Family Connection so it is free for students to access. The SAT Prep program is found within the ‘college’ tab by clicking on the ‘test preparation’ link.

SAT DATES
October 1, 2011 – SAT I/Subject Tests (at KHS)
November 5, 2011 – SAT I/Subject Tests
December 3, 2011 – SAT I/Subject Tests
January 28, 2012 – SAT I/Subject Tests
March 10, 2012 – SAT I only (at KHS)
May 5, 2012 – SAT I/Subject Tests
June 2, 2012 – SAT I/Subject Tests

REGISTRATION DEADLINES
September 9, 2011
October 7, 2011
November 8, 2011
December 30, 2011
February 10, 2012
April 6, 2012
May 8, 2012

The College Board encourages students to register online at their Web site www.collegeboard.com. You may also register by mail or by phone at (800) SAT-SCORE. A limited number of registration materials are available in the Guidance Office. At no extra cost, students are given the opportunity to send their SAT scores to four colleges of their choice when they register to take the SAT’S. This is important because SAT scores are NOT included on transcripts to colleges. Please ensure that your child gives careful thought to this step of the registration process and that he/she completes it thoroughly.

COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT
Are you overwhelmed by the college application process? Where can you acquire accurate information? What exactly are colleges looking for? Mark your calendars for the College Information Night that will be held at Kennett High School on a date to be announced. The college selection process, application procedures and helpful resources will be discussed. Hope to see you there!

APPLICATIONS TO POST HIGH SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS
You can help speed applications on their way.

· You need to obtain and complete the application either by submitting it on-line, downloading the application or requesting a paper application from the college. If you do not apply on-line and would like the Guidance Office to mail your application, it should be completed, signed, and brought in with a check or money order; a signed release form; any attachments such as essays and/or a list of activities; and a stamped, addressed envelope. It is not necessary to put a return address in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope.

· If a recommendation is needed, the student should make arrangements with the writer and provide him/her with a stamped, addressed envelope.

· Students must also arrange to have their SAT scores sent to the schools in which they are applying. This can be done at no extra cost while initially registering to take the SAT test. It can also be accomplished at a later time by visiting the College Board Web site (listed above) or by obtaining an additional score report form from the Guidance Office. This is an important step for students to complete because the Guidance Office can no longer supply this information to colleges.

· The student’s transcript and related materials are mailed directly to the institution.

It is important that deadlines are noted by students and that all individuals and offices are given enough time to prepare their materials in a careful manner. The Guidance Office requires ten school days for application materials to be processed. Please note that the school district will be closed November 24 through November 27 for Thanksgiving. Applications should be in the Guidance Office by November 1 to allow time for processing for December 1 deadlines. Please note that the school district will be closed December 23 through January 2 for the Winter Holiday; therefore, applications with early January deadlines must be in the Guidance Office by December 1 to allow time for processing.

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ATHLETICS IN COLLEGE
Are you planning to participate in Division I or II athletics in college? If so, the NCAA Initial Eligibility Form must be completed during the senior year. The NCAA Clearinghouse will certify the eligibility of students for any program in the country. Students also need to submit a request to the guidance office to have their transcript sent to NCAA Clearinghouse. NCAA requires that students also send a final transcript to the Clearinghouse at the end of his/her senior year. There are no NCAA forms available in the Guidance Office. All registration forms are to be completed online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

DRIVER’S EDUCATION
Driver’s education is not offered as a part of Kennett High School’s curriculum. However, arrangements have been made with the Chester County Intermediate Unit to provide driver’s education. Students may register for this course by completing a form available in the high school Main Office or by calling the Intermediate Unit at 484-237-5055. Forms may also be downloaded at www.cciu.org. Classes will be conducted after school, in the evening or on Saturdays either at Kennett High School or at Avon Grove High School.

NOTES & NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Sports Information
Please visit the KHS Sports Web site frequently for all the latest sports information...scores, schedules, game postponements/cancellations/changes/etc.; sign up for automated e-mail and text game changes notifications, information about physicals, latest/breaking news, directions, etc. Just go to www.kcsd.org and click on KCSD Athletics or direct at http://sports.kcsd.org/.

Homecoming
“Homecoming Week” is the week of October 17. Throughout the entire week, there will be many events and games that will lead up to the actual crowning of the King & Queen, which will occur at the football game on Saturday, October 22. Homecoming Week is always a great week at KHS and with the Homecoming Parade a highlight. Please mark the date and stay tuned, and as we get closer, more specific information will be presented and we hope you all can partake of the festivities.

Kennett Athletic Booster Club
The Kennett Athletic Booster Club (KABC) meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month (except no meeting in July and in August, they meet on the 3rd Wednesday) in room #102. Come out, join and attend the meetings to help support our student-athletes.

Athletic Contact
If any athletic questions ever arise, please feel free to contact Assistant Principal Jeff Thomas at 610-444-6632 or jthomas@kcsd.org.

In the interest of school safety during morning arrivals and after school dismissal, parents and student drivers are reminded that the front of the school main entrance is a school bus drop off area only. Students whose advisory room is in the Main Building can be dropped off at the bottom level parking area of the main entrance.

Students reporting to advisory rooms in the S-wing should be dropped off at the S-wing entrance marked STUDENT DROP OFF. Vehicles may NOT stop at the first entrance as such stops impede traffic flow and create unsafe conditions on the main road.

KEEPING IN TOUCH
Visit the KHS Web Page http://khs.kcsd.org/
From this site you can access all departments within the school, including Guidance, Sports, Academic Departments and more. You can also navigate to other district sites and schools. This is your Kennett High School home page! You can contact any member of the school staff by sending an e-mail with the staff member’s first initial and last name@kcsd.org. Your child’s teachers’ names are listed on his/her schedule.
Plan Ahead

22-24, 29  New Teacher Induction
25  Athletic Boosters Barbecue (6 pm)
30-31  In-Service – No School for Students

1  In-Service – No School for Students
5  LABOR DAY (District Closed)
6  FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
7  Pictures & Vision Screening
8-9, 12  Summer Reading Testing
12  School Board Meeting (7 pm at KHS)
14  Athletic Boosters (7 pm - Rm 102)
20  Film Workshop
21  NHS Meeting (1st Period in Aud)
22-23  Senior Portrait Retakes

1  SATs @ KHS
5  IPRs Reported by Teachers (3 pm)
6  Friends of Music (7:30 pm-M284)
7  IPRs Distributed to Students (Adv)
10  School Board Meeting (7 pm at GW)
12  PSAT TESTING - Gr. 9-11
14  Picture Retakes
17-22  HOMECOMING WEEK
19  NHS Meeting (2nd Period in Aud)
Football Parents (7 pm-Rm 102)
22-28  Homecoming Parade (12 pm)
24-25  Homecoming Dance (7-10 pm-Gym)
26  Senior Class Meeting (1st Period-Aud)

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The Kennett Consolidated School District Board of School Directors approved the calendar proposed for the 2011-2012 school year, which provides for 182 days of instruction. In addition to the student days, instructional staff members will have eight in-service days for a total of 190 days of employment in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The student school year will begin on Tuesday, September 6, and end on Friday, June 13, pending no inclement weather make-up days.

The Thanksgiving holiday will be Thursday, November 24, through Sunday, November 27. Monday, November 28, will be a school day.

The winter holiday will run from Friday, December 23, through Monday, January 2. School resumes on Tuesday, January 3.

Inclement weather days will be made up at the end of the school year or on in-service days. These dates are Friday, February 3; Thursday, June 14; and Friday, June 15. The in-service activities scheduled for these days will be moved to the end of the school year if the days are needed to make up time resulting from weather emergencies.

Spring break will be Monday, April 2 through Friday, April 6.
Graduation will take place on Friday, June 15.

CLIP IT ABSENCE FORM (for your convenience)

You can get more forms from the Attendance Office or by copying this page of the newsletter from the school Web site.

[Form]

Excuse for Absence

Every blank must be completed for this to be a valid excuse. Please print and complete form in ink.

Student Name: ___________________ Grade: ______

Date of Absence(s): ___________________ Reason for Absence(s): ___________________

__________________  ______________________________
Today’s Date              Parent/Guardian Signature

Absence due to illness may require a report from a physician or examination by the school nurse. This excuse must be kept on file for inspection of State Auditors. Excuses must be returned within 3 days of student absence or absence will be marked unexcused and/or illegal.

Looking Ahead...

You can help your child avoid unnecessary absences by planning your activities around the school calendar!