



KMS CONNECTION

August 2016

*First day of school...Wednesday, August 31. Doors open at 7:40 a.m.
Welcome Cavaliers!*

Dear Parent/Guardian:

With the start of a new academic year quickly approaching it is especially important for all of our students to consider what their expectations are for the coming school year. As parents, we foster this learning moment by discussing our children's goals with them in regards to academics, attitude and behavior. I encourage you to take a moment to discuss these goals with your children because as we know positive goal setting is the first step towards long lasting achievement.

This year at Kingston Middle, we will encourage all children to embrace the values of "commitment, integrity and achievement" in their daily choices and interactions. Through our commitment to our students and a practiced sense of integrity, we know that this will be a special year of growth, development and achievement for your child.

The first official day of school for all students will be Wednesday, August 31. Our doors will open at 7:40 a.m. Breakfast will be served daily from 7:40 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. All students must be seated in class promptly by the tardy bell (8:05 a.m.) to begin their first class.

Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. Also, please check the website periodically, as it will have a lot of important information and news about Kingston Middle School.

We are all looking forward to a great school year.

Mr. Barry, Principal

Attention Parents of Incoming 6th Grade Students

6th Grade WEB Orientation — Tuesday August 30, 8:30 a.m.—12 noon

What is WEB? "Where Everyone Belongs" is our mentoring program with a focus on building school relationships. Tuesday, August 30, from 8:30 am 12:00 pm we will welcome your 6th grade student to Kingston Middle School through the WEB program. This will be a fun-filled, personalized orientation where your son or daughter will be welcomed and assisted by older students regarding life in middle school. Plan on dropping your 6th grade student off at KMS about 10 minutes before our 8:30 a.m. start time for this students only activity. Pick up time is 12:00 sharp.

Immunization Deadline—September 27, 2016

Specific immunization requirements, based on your student's age, can be found at NKSD.org One of the following **MUST** be on file by the published deadline or students will not be able to attend school:

- Completed Certificate of Immunization status form
- Certificate of Exemption form signed by licensed healthcare provider for medical or personal reasons
- Certificate of Exemption for religious reasons including documentation of affiliation with a religious organization that specifically prohibits immunizations
- Appointment card from licensed health care provider indicating a future immunization appointment date

All students with life threatening health conditions requiring epi pens, inhalers, or other critical medications must provide a signed medical order (available at the school or on line) and the medication needs to be brought to the main office **BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES**. Students may bring in inhalers and/or epi pens. **All other meds need to be brought in by an adult**. State law requires a doctor/health care provider's signed order form and medication must be at the school before that student can attend classes. Students will not be allowed to attend school without orders and medications on site. Students may carry their inhalers if their name is on the container with proper paperwork on file in the KMS office. Back up inhalers should be kept in the main office. If you have questions or concerns, please contact School Health Services (360-396-3048) or the main office (360-396-3400).

FALL SPORTS EXPRESS - Thursday, August 18, 2:30-5:00 p.m.

What is Sports Express? In order for a student to participate in a sport (tryout, practice or game), they must complete all necessary paperwork. The following 6 items are **required**:

- √ Proof of insurance
- √ Current physical
- √ Purchase of ASB Card (\$15)
- √ No Fines or fees on record
- √ Complete Emergency Card
- √ Signed Athletic Code of Conduct

A sports packet is available for you to pick up at the front door of KMS or on the district website. Complete this packet and bring it to Sports Express, then purchase an ASB card and check fine records. This will allow your student to take the field/court on the first day!

NOTE: *This opportunity is highly recommended for football, volleyball and cross country participants*
1st DAY FOOTBALL— Aug. 22 1st DAY VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS - Aug. 29 1st DAY CROSS COUNTRY—Aug. 22

KMS Cav Info Day - Monday, August 29, 2:30-5:30 p.m. - Open to all grades

What exactly is “Cav Info Day”? Cav Info Day is an opportunity for you and your student to visit Kingston Middle School and take a self-guided look around. It’s an informal day with a lot of information available. You can come any time between 2:30 and 5:00 and do any or all of the following:

- Pick up your class schedule (It is our goal to have them available however...)
- Purchase ASB Card—\$15 (*supports activities, recognition, rewards, and required for sports*)
- Purchase your yearbook—\$30
- Purchase lunch credits
- Get information on Sports
- Purchase PE clothing (**optional uniform—\$20; just shirt—\$8; just shorts—\$13**)
- Purchase grade level spirit shirt (\$7 with ASB Card or \$10 without—optional)
- Meet and speak with our Principal, Assistant Principal, Counselors, Librarian & Kitchen staff
- Update emergency contact information in the counseling office
- Speak with the school nurse and turn in any medical forms and/or student medications
- **Please note, teachers will not be available to meet with during this activity.**

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 18	Sports Express (details above)
August 29	Cav Info Day (details above)
August 30	6th Grade Orientation (details on front page)
August 31	First Day of School—doors open at 7:40 a.m. First bell rings a 8:00 a.m.
September 5	Labor Day Holiday
September 7	Band Parent Meeting/BBQ—Ted Brown Music will be in attendance
September 8	School Picture Day (retakes will be taken on October 20)
September 13	Vision & Hearing Screening

Phone Numbers for KMS

Main Office	396-3400
Counseling	396-3435
Attendance	396-3403
Library	396-3423
Kitchen	396-3420

Miscellaneous Information about KMS

Office hours are 7:40-3:15; library opens at 7:45
School colors are red, black and white
School mascot is the Cavalier
We do not have a full time nurse on staff
Bus notes cannot be taken over the phone—we can accept a signed, handwritten note or an email

Wednesdays are early release days. KMS Wednesday dismissal time is 1:45. This schedule will begin on the first day of school, August 31, and continue throughout the school year. Early release days provide time for teachers to discuss and improve instructional practices.

Free and Reduced lunch status for students currently enrolled in the program rolls over for the first 30 days of the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year. A new application must be returned to the school before the end of the 30 day period. New applications must be submitted every school year. Free & Reduced lunch forms are available in every school office or at the NKSD web site, www.nkschools.org. Forms can be submitted any time during the school year.

General KMS Supply List		
Success at school starts with good attendance and having the necessary supplies for each class. Students will be supplied with a KMS Planner that will be used at the start of every class. Please help support your student by checking his/her planner each day and making sure they have the supplies needed for each class.		
Pencils Pens—(blue, black, red) Highlighters	Lined notebook paper USB Flash memory Drive Glue stick (s) KMS Planner (provided)	Erasers Ruler Scissors Kleenex Tissues
English / Social Studies	Mathematics	Science
2- Composition notebooks Colored pencils 3" x 5" lined note cards 3-prong report folder	Graph paper, ¼ inch Scientific Calculator 1" binder One package dividers Three ring pencil pouch	2 Composition Books Graph paper
Physical Education	Leadership	Exploratory
KMS uniform shorts/shirt <u>or</u> Solid colored red/white/grey/black shirt (no writing or pictures) Athletic shorts, socks and shoes (no skate or slip on shoes) Deodorant stick (no spray)	3 prong report folder Scissors	Glue sticks Erasers <u>Choir Uniform:</u> Black button up shirt Black slacks Black shoes

KINGSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULES FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

KMS opens to students at 7:40 a.m. Students are expected to report to the gym, commons, library or band room. Breakfast is served from 7:40 to 8:00 a.m. First bell rings at 8:00; students are to be seated in class by the 8:05 bell.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Schedule

Core 8:05—8:35
1st 8:39—9:29
2nd 9:33—10:23
3rd 10:27—11:17
4th 11:21—12:47 (with ½ hour lunch)
5th 12:51—1:41
6th 1:45—2:35

Wednesday Early Release Schedule

1st 8:05 – 8:55
2nd 8:59 – 9:45
3rd 9:49 – 10:35
4th 10:39 – 12:05 (with ½ hour lunch)
5th 12:09 – 12:55
6th 12:59 – 1:45

All students are to be off campus by 3:00 p.m. (2:00 on Wednesday) unless they are involved in a supervised activity.



Bus route information may be obtained by calling Transportation at 396-3099.
Schedules will also be available on line
at www.nkschools.org

24 Hour Attendance Hotline: 396-3403

BACK-TO-SCHOOL-SHOPPING

Trying to figure out what to spend your student's back-to-school clothes budget on this year as you try and replace all those things they have grown out of? As you are heading to the stores keep in mind:

“What is fashionable may not be appropriate for the school environment.”

In this era when even the CEO's of major corporations sport jeans and hoodies at work it is hard to know how to help your students make choices on what they wear to school. Our parents and community members have a wide variety of opinions on the matter of appropriate student dress, ranging from the desire to have all students wear uniform to anything goes. It is our job at KMS to try and balance those contrasting opinions, follow the state health and safety codes, and try and be as reasonable as possible about appropriate school dress when you are dealing with 600 differing adolescent opinions and changing fashion.

The school dress code is posted below for your convenience however, we cannot list all of the possible fashion and clothing decisions that your student will be making. Here are a few things that the staff keeps in mind as we respond to those decisions. Does this clothing:

- + Promote self-respect
- + Help maintain a safe and healthy learning environment
- Reveal more than is appropriate in a professional environment
- Display slogans or images that are offensive or related to drugs/alcohol

DRESS CODE AND APPEARANCE as published in the 2016-17 KMS Handbook.

Students are expected to be clean, covered and appropriately dressed in a fashion that is non-disruptive to the learning environment, and must not present a health or safety problem. Items of apparel and jewelry that are not allowed include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Headgear (hat, hoods, beanies, bandanas, scarves, etc.)
- ◆ Bare feet or slippers
- ◆ Any gang attire or insignia that is identified by local police as gang-related
- ◆ Articles of clothing of a profane, sexual or violent nature or including any reference to drugs, alcohol or tobacco products, innuendo, double entendre
- ◆ Jewelry with spikes, long wallet chains
- ◆ Low cut tops or pants and bare midriffs, rips/tears/holes must be below fingertips
- ◆ Pajamas/pajama pants
- ◆ Headphones/ear buds are not to be visible and are to be stored in backpack.
- ◆ Face paint, face covering, masks or sunglasses
- ◆ Blankets and stuffed animals

At all times, attire should be within the bounds of good taste; no undergarments may be showing. See-through, excessively tight clothing and/or excessively short skirts, or bare midriffs are inappropriate for the school environment. Straps of tank tops must be 2 inches wide. Shorts and skirts are to be below the longest finger while standing up straight. Headgear is not allowed at any time while in Kingston Middle School. This includes before and after school.

Students may be asked to adjust their attire or change into appropriate clothing. This may include calling parents or guardians. If suitable clothing cannot be obtained, the student may be excluded from classes and/or sent home for the remainder of the day. Repeated violations could result in disciplinary action in accordance with school policy and procedures. Students should make an appointment with the main office for exception to this policy.

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AT SCHOOL (Prescription or over the counter)

Whenever possible, it is recommended that medication be given at home, before or after the school day. The term "medication" refers to prescription, as well as over-the-counter medications. If medications must be administered at school, the following policy shall apply: Physicians Requests for Medication at School and Parents Request of Medication at School Form 3416-F1 (available online at the district website) or facsimile shall be completed before medication is administered by designated school staff or, in pre-arranged situations, self-administered by the students. The form can be obtained from your school secretary, on the district website or the district's School Health Consultant office at 396-3048. Medications shall be furnished in the original container, which shall contain only the required number of doses or no more than one-month supply. A student's medication must be brought to school by the parent or other responsible adult.

SCHOOL MESSENGER

I am a Parent, how do I sign up?

All parents and guardians are automatically signed up to receive messages from School Messenger. The information in our Student Information System, Skyward, provides the contact information for School Messenger. This information is updated daily. If you are not receiving messages from your child's school, **please contact the school to ensure your contact information, including email, is up to date.**

I am a Community Member and would like to sign up!

If you do not have a child attending a school in North Kitsap and would like to receive eNews from the District and/or a specific school, please **email us** to have your email address added to the community distribution list. In the email include your First and Last Name, email address, and school(s)/District you wish to receive email from.

More information can be found at http://www.nkschools.org/for_community/enews

PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST PROVIDE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Parents are responsible for the care of their children if the children become ill or injured at school. School personnel need to have immediate access to a parent or other adult who will assume responsibility in case of an emergency. At the beginning of the school year, parents/guardians will be asked to complete emergency information forms giving telephone numbers and addresses where they can be reached. Parents/guardians also need to provide alternative contact names and phone numbers in case the parents/guardians cannot be reached.

FERPA

In compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, parents who wish to review their child's records may do so by making a request to the principal of their child's school. Adult students may also ask to review their records. If a parent objects to something in the record, a correction or addition of comments may be requested. If an agreement cannot be reached between the parent and principal, a hearing may be requested. Please contact the District Student Support Services office to arrange a hearing.

HEALTH ISSUES

Health consultants care for students during school days. Three school health consultants provide the health services for North Kitsap School District. The nurses work with students, parents and school staff to help resolve student health problems and to plan care in case of emergencies. These health consultants are not in each building every day; schedules rotate.



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