

## KHS Parent/Student Updates Week of 4/03/22

### Student/Parent Content:

As we enter the first few days of April, the nights are getting long, the flowers are beginning to bloom, the grass is growing, and the warm weather is starting to linger. We know this school year has been unlike anything that most of us have ever experienced before. So, I want to use this moment to say Thank you. This month will be filled with assessments and surveys. While we are excited about graduation and summer vacation fastly approaching it is imperative that we finish strong.



"Working Wednesdays"



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Working Wednesdays will be an opportunity for students to make up missing assignments, teachers will work with small groups, teachers may re-teach an assignment, etc. This day would be similar to previous LAA days, however with a few modifications (i.e. students will still report in-person, follow their traditional schedule, etc.) In the event that your student has mastered 100% of the competency, the teacher will then provide students with tasks that would extend their learning. Some teachers have mentioned they have this activity on other days of the week (i.e "finish your work Friday", "Teach it again Tuesday", "Let's learn it together Thursday", "Do it again Monday", etc.) If this is the case, it has been suggested that they continue with what you are doing with these opportunities, in which students may submit unfinished work or are working on revision. The goal/expectation is to ensure that students have this weekly opportunity. With this school-wide expectation, we anticipate an exponential increase in LOE scores and an increase in the number of higher slate ratings.

### Important Dates:

#### Dates to Remember

- 4/4: Return from Spring Break
- 4/13: SAT 11th grade and some 12th grade (**LAA Day for NON TESTERS**)
- 4/14: (**LAA Day FOR NON TESTERS ONLY**)- SAT Accommodations and mandatory Senior Attendance. Makeup SAT
- 4/20: PSAT -(**LAA Day FOR NON TESTERS ONLY**)
- 4/26: Makeup day PSAT
- 4/27-4/29: ISA Testing 11th grade only(**Special Bell Schedule**)
- 4/29: ISA Makeup
- 4/27: Freshman Success Meeting
- 4/27: IYS-Survey administered through English classes (remote/hybrid/ traditional)



## School Wide-Updates

- We have heard your concerns regarding bathrooms being locked. However this decision was made to ensure the safety of every student in KHS. Students will always have access to the lavatory. Every security personnel has a key to the lavatory to unlock them for students to access them. They are then locked back once students are done.
- Students are not permitted to leave campus during the school day or before the start of twilight and return to the building without authorization. Again, we must ensure the safety of all students. However, parents are able to write a letter stating they are granting the school permission to allow their child to leave the school (**before the start of twilight only**). Please note, writing a letter will place sole responsibility on the parent in the event the student encounters a negative experience once they have left. If there is a letter on file, the student will be permitted back into the building. If there is no letter on file, then a parent/guardian will be contacted to discuss next steps. More information will follow regarding this.
- EVERY STUDENT MUST HAVE A VISIBLE ID AROUND THEIR NECKS. Please encourage your child to wear their IDs
- Cutting/Tardy to Class: Coming soon, students will now receive detentions for cutting class and tardy to class. More information will follow.
- We have made changes to our entry and exit procedures during lunch periods. Students now enter the lunch room from one way and exit one way. Students are required to show a copy of their schedules via phone, chromebook or printed copy with their IDs visible around their necks.



School wide goals are essential and are goal-driven. To support the direction in which we are moving and to develop a culture

of excellence, we have set the following as our school wide goals.

**School wide Goals:**

Attendance: 80%

LOE: 80%

On-Track: 85%

On-Pace: 75%

Graduation Rate: 90%

5 Essentials: 80%

**TNTP Visit**

During the week of April 19 - 22, staff from TNTP, a national education non-profit, will be visiting some of our ELA and math classrooms to see a typical week of school from the perspective of our students. They'll be focusing on the parts of school we know have the biggest impact on our students' futures:

- o What students experience in the classroom during lessons
- o The kinds of work teachers ask students to complete
- o Teachers' perspectives on how their students are progressing on grade-level standards
- o Your students' interest in what they are learning, whether or not they believe it is important to their lives, and how much they feel like they belong in their school and classroom

Please click on the link for more information.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q440Pwt-DzTO2arsC9BgRv3qGQZsueoP/view?usp=sharing>



**Attendance Matters:** Every student. Every day.

Attendance is a critical factor in any students' school success. Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. It is impossible to replace the learning that happens on any school day with make-up work. Regular attendance and promptness are good habits that are expected and appreciated at all levels of schooling and in the workplace. Research states that parents underestimate the number of year-end absences. 60% of parents said their child was absent an average of 2+ days a month, but not 10+ days a year. If a child is absent an average of 2+ days a month, then they are absent far more than 10+ days a year. A student who misses 10 days is 25% less likely to enroll in college. The good

news is – that students can reverse their academic performance if they improve their attendance.

Please be advised: ALL TRADITIONAL AND BLENDED STUDENTS MUST REPORT TO THEIR ASSIGNED IN-PERSON CLASSES. Remote students may choose to report to in person if they need additional support from their teacher/teachers. **Students who are not remote, DO NOT have the option or choice to work remotely.**

To further support this endeavor, we have developed an attendance team and will be referring students to truancy.

### School Wide Expectations:

#### For Safety Reasons!!!!!!!

Schools are an important part of the infrastructure of communities, as they provide safe and supportive learning environments for students. Wearing school uniforms and IDs being visible around the neck helps us to easily identify students of KHS from visitors or potential intruders. Moreover, the size of our school makes it challenging to control the amount of deliveries that would occur, thus decreasing the ability to maintain a safe school environment.

### Therefore:

- We are requesting that every student is in a Kankakee school uniform with an ID visible around the neck. **Students are prohibited from wearing ripped jeans (of any color) ripped pants (any color), blue jeans, leggings and flip flops.** Please refer to the Kankakee Student Handbook for uniform choices.
- **Please do not bring restaurant food to the building for students.**
- **Students are prohibited from ordering food using “food delivery “services (i.e. door dash, uber eats, etc.)**



**Hall Sweeps have been happening with grade level administration!!! Students will be assigned for detention for excessive tardies. In the**

event tardies increase or the student fails to serve the assigned detention, they are subjected to escalated consequences. Please encourage your child to get to class on time!!!!

### **Attendance for Remote Hybrid Students**

It is essential that students who are remote blended are not marked absent during the lunch study hall. Students have the option to come into the building for each lunch. Their attendance should not be penalized for not attending lunch. They have the option to eat lunch prior to attending their assigned class or they can eat lunch at the school. Please ensure to mark these students as NP

## **Senior Portfolio Completion**

In the NextGen portfolio the following skills need to be rated the following times:

Project Quality 2 ratings needed per skill

1. Create a project plan
2. Create a high-quality project
3. Solve a real-world problem
4. Use Technology
5. Reflect on my work and impact

2. Presentation – No ratings are needed

3. Collaboration – No ratings are needed

Written Communication in the Workplace – 2 ratings needed per skill

- 4.1 Clear Purpose, Topic, and Background Information
- 4.2 Structure
- 4.3 Context, Format, and Audience
- 4.4 Quality

In the Habits of Success Portfolio the following skills need to be rated the following times:

Personal Work Habits - 2 ratings needed per skill

1. Manage tasks and deadlines
2. Organized and prepared
3. Staying focused and on tasks
4. Improve my work

2. Planning My Journey – no ratings needed ([Wayfinding -Counselor will record completion](#))

3. Building Networks – no ratings needed

Professionalism – 2 ratings needed per skill

- 4.1 Learn and follow professional norms
- 4.2 Communicate effectively
- 4.3 Flexibility and adaptability

Please encourage your Senior to complete the required task to receive the appropriate rating.



Upcoming Assessments:

Practice Test for Students

### **Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) Tutorial**

Welcome to the ISA Tutorial site. This tutorial provides students with the opportunity to:

- Practice each of the question types that are included on the ISA
- View the ISA log in screens, move between questions and learn how to submit their test
- Practice using the **Line Reader** and **Text to Speech** accessibility tools that are available to all students

ISA Assessment: April 27-April 29th: **Special Bell Schedule forthcoming**

ISA Makeup: April 29: Location TBA

SAT: 4/13: LAA day for Non-testers only

SAT Accommodations and make up 4/14: LAA Day for Non-testers only: Mandatory for ALL seniors(remote/hybrid/traditional) to attend for work completion

PSAT: 4/20: LAA day for Non-testers Only

PSAT Make up: 4/26-location TBA

Illinois Youth Service: April 27th

Students will complete surveys through English classes.

### **APEX Learning**

Apex Learning's mission is to empower educators across the country to personalize the learning experience so ALL students— including those who are struggling, those at grade level, and those looking to accelerate—can graduate with the skills and knowledge they need for college, career, and life. APEX Tutorials offer personalized learning for every student and real-time insight into their progress and performance against your standards.

With Tutorials, students can:

- Focus on what they need to learn, not what they already know
- Raise exam scores
- Get college and career ready

With Tutorials, educators can:

- Match district scope, sequencing, and pacing requirements
- Gauge student growth on grade-level and prerequisite skills with real-time data

Please feel free to use the link below for tutorial resources:

[Kankakee High School Summer Tutorials Enrichment 2021.pdf](#)

### **Paper Tutoring Services is Here!!!!**

ATTENTION all KHS parents and teachers - you and your students now have 24/7 access to Paper's professional LIVE tutors and ESSAY help! Go to [app.paper.co](http://app.paper.co) and use Google Login with your student's school email.

For More information :

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IUTgxanvLGhvXHIN3A-AdDQ7UIJmr5\\_X62FuXY9YWIk/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IUTgxanvLGhvXHIN3A-AdDQ7UIJmr5_X62FuXY9YWIk/edit?usp=sharing)

### **Graduation Times & Rehearsal**

Times for graduations:

KHS - 6:30 PM start time. Doors will open at 5:30 pm.

Location: ONU

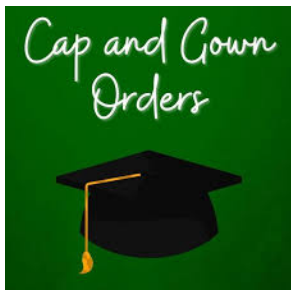
Rehearsals will be the day of the ceremony tentatively set to start at 9 am.

### **SAT Boot Camp Coming this Summer....Space is limited** **June 6-July 29**



### **Seniors!!!**

Just a friendly reminder about college Wednesdays. If there is anyone who wants to have a one on one meeting with the college and career consultant about college applications, or any question at all, please email [Andrea-stone@ksd111.org](mailto:Andrea-stone@ksd111.org) and she will then forward you a conference zoom link.



Seniors!!!!!!Have you made progress towards graduation but forgot to order a cap and gown? We want you on the stage. Order TODAY!!!



Seniors!!!!!! **APRIL 14, 2022 is your DAY**  
If your child(**REMOTE/HYBRID/TRADITIONAL**) is behind in work completion, and will be graduating with the class of 2022, they must attend a work completion session mandated and created for Seniors on April 14, 2022 from 7:30 am-1:30 pm. THIS IS A MANDATORY SESSION FOR ALL SENIORS WHO ARE BEHIND IN WORK COMPLETION. NO EXCEPTIONS!!! This is a LAA day for **ALL SAT non testers, however ALL SENIORS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.**