

KHS Parent/Student Updates Week of 11/7/21

Student/Parent Content:

The first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year has gone by quickly. We can look back and say we have faced some challenges, but we are moving in the right direction. In the spirit of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, I am thankful for the many things as I reflect over the last 5 weeks. Please let me share just a few of them with you:

I am thankful for the support the staff, students, parents and community has shown over the last few weeks. You all have provided me with the daily reminders of why I am here and what is essential. I am grateful for the support of the parents for being patient and flexible as we worked out (and still working out some kinks) with scheduling concerns. I am also thankful that our parents have entrusted the school community with their most valuable ones with us.

Thank you!!!!!!



Dr. Sims



MOY Star Testing Window:

The STAR Assessment is a computer-adaptive test that helps teachers accurately assess students' abilities. This computer-based progress-monitoring assessment provides immediate feedback to teachers and administrators on each student's reading and math development.

What are the purposes of these assessments?

- To demonstrate academic growth over time
- To guide classroom instruction

How are results used?

- Track student progress and inform classroom instruction

Important Dates:

Dates to Remember

Board Meeting: 11/8/21

Veterans Day 11/11: No school

Thanksgiving Break: 11/24-11/26

MOY Star Testing Window: Begins 11/29/21



KHS Communication:

- **For Academic and Student specific questions:**
First contact the teacher, then the class administrator then the Principal.
- **School-wide communication specific Questions-**
First contact the Principal and they will coordinate with the necessary team to get factual and accurate information that provides clarity.

All KHS staff should contact you within 24-48 hours of initial communication. If you don't receive communication please send an email at vernita-sims@ksd111.org.



Picture Day is Coming

Lifetouch has rescheduled school pictures. Picture days will be Monday, 12/6, Friday, 12/10 and Seniors at the (high school) will be on Monday, 12/13. More information will follow.

Here are the dates and grade level assignments:

12/6 Freshman and Remote/Hybrid Students
12/10 Sophomore and Junior Students
12/13 Seniors and Remote Hybrid Seniors



Guidance Counseling Update:

Mr. Adrian Stewart will be supporting our Seniors in the counselor department. Mrs. McIntosh and Mrs. Caponi will support the

sophomores in addition to their current grade levels (**temporarily**) until further notice.

Here is an introductory letter from Mr. Stewart:

*Hello parents and Seniors,
My name is Mr. Stewart, and I will be filling in as the senior counselor. I have ten years of experience as a school counselor and have been with the district all ten of those years. Some of you may know me as Coach Stewart, as I have been coaching boys basketball since being with the district. I am invested in the district and the community. I am a student-centered advocate and look forward to working with you during this critical yet exciting time. I have built positive relationships over the years and look forward to continuing that model. Please feel free to contact me at your convenience to address any questions or concerns.*

Kankakee High School CBE Progress Report

Students and parents are receiving weekly progress reports which are being disseminated on Wednesdays via slate.

The following link will explain how to interpret your progress report:

[Student-Parent My Progress Tab - PLP](#)



School Wide Non-Negotiables:

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 coming soon!!! Please encourage your child to get to class on time!!!!

School Wide Attendance Data Tracker

Student School Wide Attendance Data

Date					
	Freshman	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Overall
Week of 11/1	80.7%	73.7%	Not Available	72.50%	75.2%

A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn. Poor attendance has serious implications for later outcomes as well. Therefore, please ensure your child is attending school daily.

Study Hall/ Free Period

If your child is on a traditional schedule, they are not able to replace a class with a study hall/free period. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Sims.

Remote/Hybrid General Information

Remote/Hybrid parents and students’ teacher schedules should be visible on the website for your viewing. If a teacher has office hours, we encourage all students to take advantage of the support of your teacher.

Please ensure that if your child is attending the remote classes in person (for additional support) they must remain on the floor to

which they are assigned. Students are not permitted to wonder the library or work outside their assigned locations.

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 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

ALL 9th and 10 grade students are required to participate in Paper Tutoring.

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