

KHS Parent Weekly Update: Week of 10/18

Student/Parent Content:



It is with great excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the newest team member to Kankakee High School. I am honored to have the opportunity to be part of a community with such persevering students, an extremely dedicated staff, and a supportive school community. I feel very fortunate to be part of this school and to support staff, students and families.

I have been dedicated to the field of education for more than twenty-six years. I have worked with students ranging in grades from Pre-Kindergarten through 12th, in a variety of roles. I have served as a Principal, Interim Assistant Principal, Culture and Climate Coordinator, Chief Dean, and Classroom teacher. I am thrilled to bring my skills as an educational leader to Kankakee High School and to work with you as a partner to ensure students' success.

I view education as a life-long process and expect that I will continue to learn much about the uniqueness of Kankakee this year and in the years to come. Most importantly, I bring a belief that students are at the center of all school-related decisions. I am excited to unite my experience, my openness to learn, and my student-centered approach to support our students.



Please find a copy of the PowerPoint that was shared with parents during the parent meeting <https://drive.google.com/file/d/12BkjAUvnzvUz7eKsUGTIO4BhDv0f9hMu/view?usp=sharing>

School Expectations

Please refer to the Student Handbook and the PowerPoint shared with you above.

Family Access in Slate

Family Access should be available for your viewing and use to see your student's PLP. We are still adding some components of the PLP so continue to check on a regular basis for updates.

If you need access please use the link below:

https://my.ksd111.org/pages/family_faq

Schedules/Hubs:

Counselors will be in the hubs on Monday and until we have corrected all student schedules. If your student has a gap or overlap they should report to the hub for their class listed below during the gap or overlap and it will be resolved.

Class of 2022:STEM Hub (Green)

Class of 2023: Medical Hub (Orange)

Class of 2024:Business/Leadership Hub (Purple)

Class of 2025: Freshman Hub (Blue)

Freshman-Blue Hub

Counselor: Mrs. McIntosh

Administrator: Mr. Works

Support Staff: Hill

Sophomores-Leadership Hub (Purple)

Counselor: Mr. Stewart (Filling in for Mrs. Kizer)

Administrator: Ms. Sykes

Support Staff: Banks

Juniors-Medical Hub (Orange)

Counselor: Mrs. Caponi

Administrator: Mr. Sikma

Support Staff: Calvin

Seniors-STEM Hub (Green)

Counselor: Mrs. Astole (TBA), Ms. Austin

Innovative Administrator: Cheryl O'Leary

Administrator: Dr. Starks and Dr. Sims

Support Staff: White

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.

Uniform/ ID

All students are expected to have an ID visible around the neck and must be in full uniform. Please refer to the Kankakee Student Handbook for uniform choices.

CBE:-Mastery Based Learning

[CBE 21-22 family FAQ \(1\).pdf](#)

The [Kankakee SD #111 CBE](#) website has many tutorials that may be helpful:

Important Dates:

October 15, 2021-End of Quarter

October 18, 2021-New Quarter Begins (First Day of Emergency Schedule)

October 28th and 29th: Student Intervention Days (More information to follow)

Communication

KHS request that questions be addressed as follows:

- **For Academic and Student specific questions:** The parent first contacts the teacher, then the class administrator/Principal.
- **For Staff Questions:** Staff first contacts content specialist, then class administrator/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.
- **Schedule changes-**First contact the counselor, then an administrator.

We are committed to only changing from traditional to nontraditional at semester. We will provide a study hall or other options available at the school. Teachers will not be able to take students into the class without it being in their schedule.

Schedule Access:

All students should have access to their schedules via family access. In the event a student does not have access to their schedule please have them report to the grade level office to have their schedules printed. **This will only be for students without a device.** Schedules **will not** be printed from the main office.

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

We have also created a Google document for you to share:

Parent Questions/Concerns:

The purpose of this PARENT CONCERN FORM is to encourage parents to discuss their concerns and complaints through informal conferences with the appropriate teacher or school administrator. In an effort to better facilitate your concern in a thorough and timely manner please use the google form below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sCBDvK11AqIA_v4K8wtPH30KM9Ukp0soPEDG-ELNJtY/edit?usp=sharing