

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Students and Families,

Thank you to all of the parents and guardians that attended Parent/Teacher conferences last week. Your partnership and collaboration with us is critical to the success of our students. If you were unable to attend conferences, and would like an update on your student's progress, please email his/her teachers at firstname_lastname@dpsk12.org. You can find the full list of teachers on your student's schedule in Parent Portal. We are also going to begin using the Flyer app for communication. Please download the [Flyer app](#) and search John F. Kennedy High to receive ongoing updates about Kennedy.

With Gratitude,
Tiffany Almon
Principal

UPDATES and REMINDERS:

★ NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON:

- October 21st -- professional development day for teachers
- October 22nd -- professional development day for teachers
- ★ Do you need **Internet service** at home to complete homework or do research for assignments? Request a Hot Spot from Laurentz Gilmore at laurentz_gilmore@dpsk12.org to rent a free Hot Spot from Sprint for the school year. The Hot Spot has enough data for one student to complete homework each night.
- ★ Fridays are **COLLEGE SPIRIT DAYS** wear your college gear!
- ★ Students can earn 1.0% point towards their attendance by attending City Year AftEr School tutoring from 3 - 4 in the cafe. You must have a permission slip signed by parent/guardian to attend after school (you can get a permission slip from Ambrosia in the main office). If you have an off period, you can work with City Year in the cafeteria on homework or Khan Academy and earn 0.5% points towards your attendance. You must work the entire off period to earn this 0.5% point.
- ★ Students are welcome to join their teachers or other staff members for lunch AND to receive support before, after school, and during lunch; but, **a pass is required**. Students can receive a reusable pass from the teacher/staff member they wish to visit or the library and Future Center during the school day.

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- ★ Robo calls will go home when a student has an unexcused absence. Please excuse absences within 24 hours. Reach out to Tiffany (720-423-4330) if you are experiencing issues with our attendance line. We aim to provide excellent customer service, and I need to know when we are not meeting this expectation.
- ★ If you need to pick up your student, please **come into the main office** and we will call your student's class to send them down. For security reasons, we prefer that you come in rather than calling our main line.
- ★ Students are required to wear **lanyards** and bring their ID each day so that staff can easily identify upperclassmen and Freshmen with permission who can leave campus for lunch. This also helps to quickly identify who has an off period when schedules are printed on the back of student i.d.s.
- ★ Students with a valid driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance can purchase a parking pass for \$20 in the main lobby beginning Monday. We require students who park in our student lot to have a parking pass.
- ★ If you would like to join the Commander Connection, our parent/guardian teacher student association, please email Tiffany at tiffany_almon@dpsk12.org.

★ Talking to youth about marijuana

Fall is finally here, and many Colorado teenagers and families are looking forward to the many fun activities that come with fall, including homecoming, football games, dances and parties. These activities provide a great opportunity for parents to have a conversation with their teens about their expectations involving marijuana. SMART Colorado has put together a great resource that provides parents with tips on how to talk to their kids about marijuana. You can view that resource here: <https://rb.gy/522c0e>.

Important Dates

10/21: no school for students due to teacher professional learning

10/22: no school for students due to teacher professional learning

For a list of games and events see our [Calendar](#)

Commanders Show P.R.I.D.E.

P professionalism

R respect

I inclusion

D dedication

E excellence

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