

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Students and Families,

Students check their grades and attendance, and set goals to get on or stay on track in Advisory class every Monday. Parents and Guardians, you can also check this information on Parent Portal; additionally, attendance updates daily and grades are updated every week by Thursday at 3PM.

Students, if you have grades to bring up or missing assignments to make up, we have several opportunities for you to get back on track! Office Hours are offered every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday by your teachers from 2:45PM to 3:15PM. We also have City Year After School Tutoring Monday - Thursday from 3 - 4PM. You can get a permission slip for tutoring in Ambrosia's office. Furthermore, Kennedy has Edgenuity credit recovery classes for most courses. Please check out this [site](#) for the new graduation requirements that begin next school year. We want to ensure 100% of our students not only graduate, but are prepared for success in the post-secondary path of their choice.

Please reach out to your counselor, your advisory teacher, or any administrator if you have questions.

With Gratitude,
Tiffany Almon
Principal

UPDATES and REMINDERS:

- ★ Students must have their school ID on them every day! This is one way that we can keep our students safe. We are requiring that all students who have off periods and want to work in the cafeteria show their school ID with their off periods sticker.
- ★ Please download the [Flyer app](#) and search John F. Kennedy High to receive ongoing updates about Kennedy.
- ★ 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

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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.
- ★ 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.

Important Dates

10/30 -- Trick or Treat Street!

10/30 -- Commander Connection from 7PM to 8PM in the cafeteria

11/5 -- Peach Fuzz from 3 - 4 in the gym

11/5 -- FAFSA night at 5PM in the Future Center

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

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

P professionalism

R respect

I inclusion

D dedication

E excellence

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