

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Students and Families,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I am looking forward to starting a fresh semester and a new decade with all of you! New semesters and new years bring new beginnings and clean slates. You all have an opportunity to shine this spring and we are here to support you! In the words of John F. Kennedy, "One person can make a difference and everyone should try." Commanders! Work together this semester to make it the best one so far! Come to every class on time every day. Ask questions when you are confused, need clarity, or want to push for more information. Give your all to discussions and back your opinions with facts. PARTICIPATE in clubs, sports, activities! Show P.R.I.D.E.

All families will be receiving a mailer by next week at the very latest. This mailer includes report cards and well as many other critical pieces of information and important dates. Please read everything enclosed in the mailed carefully and reach out to me with any questions.

With Gratitude,  
Tiffany Almon  
Principal

## THIS WEEK'S UPDATES:

- ★ School starts on TUESDAY 1/7/20 for all students at 7:30am. Please arrive on time. Tuesday is a BLUE day.
- ★ Schedules will be passed out in the gym upon arrival from 7:00 - 7:45. **The deadline for schedule changes is 1/10/20.**
- ★ Attendance percentages will carry over from last semester but your GPA will reset for semester 2. To earn redemption points for attendance, participate in office hours, City Year after school tutoring, and/or Saturday School. You can also spend your off period working with a City Year Corp Member for attendance points. You must have the equivalent of a 93% attendance to attend prom, end of year celebrations, dances, and to walk at graduation.
- ★ The entrance off of the teachers' lot will be locked for student safety. Please utilize the drop off driveway in front of the MAIN ENTRANCE to drop off your students. These doors have a buzzer so that students can get in quickly. All entrances are open from 6:45 am until 7:30 am.
- ★ All students must have their student ID while at school, if you do not have an ID, you will be asked to
- ★ Students will not be given a pass to go to the coffee shop unless they have a 93% attendance and a 2.5 GPA.

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## Important Dates

Get Involved! Attend our students' games and events!

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

### ARCHIVED UPDATES and REMINDERS:

- ★ The School Store is open every day after school near the entrance to the cafeteria.
- ★ Students can now earn 1.0% toward their attendance percentage for attending office hours with their teachers.
- ★ Please check out this [site](#) for the new graduation requirements that begin next school year.
- ★ 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](mailto: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.
- ★ Mondays are **COLLEGE SPIRIT DAYS** wear your college gear! Fridays are **Commander Days!** Wear your Kennedy 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.
- ★ 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.

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★ If you would like to join the Commander Connection, our parent/guardian teacher student association, please email Tiffany at [tiffany\\_almon@dpsk12.org](mailto:tiffany_almon@dpsk12.org). The Commander Connection meets the first Wednesday of every month from 7 - 8PM in the JFK Cafeteria.

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

**P** professionalism

**R** respect

**I** inclusion

**D** dedication

**E** excellence

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