

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Students and Families,

When students, families, and school staff build solid relationships and trust with one another, our students thrive and our families have a broader and deeper understanding of how to ensure their child is prepared for graduation, college, and career success. At Kennedy we have so many ways for students and families to get involved. Please read below for some of the many ways to get connected and involved.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Clubs -- There are posters all around the school with the lists of all of our clubs. Simply scan the QR code to get involved.
Career Connect -- learn all about the Career Exploration opportunities available to you at the Career Connect office, see this [link](#) for more information.

Courses -- Sign up for student leadership coursework through our Business Career Pathway, the Student Board of Ed, or Student Council.

Athletics -- Although tryouts for spring sports have passed, you can still attend games! See below.

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FAMILY INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Commander Connection -- This is our Parent Teacher Student Association. Their mission is to support the growth and success of Kennedy by building a strong network of parents and guardians, planning community events, fundraising for school needs, and volunteering. The Commander Connection's next meeting is on 4/8/20 from 7PM to 8PM, and they meet the first Wednesday of every month in the JFK Cafeteria. **Please take [this survey](#) if you are interested.**

Collaborative School Committee -- The CSC is an advisory committee that provides guidance to school leadership on scheduling, budget, hiring, discipline policies, and many other key school operations. This committee formed at the beginning of the year, but these meetings are open to the public. Our next meeting is on 3/26 from 4:30 - 6PM in the JFK Room.

Real Talk with Tiffany -- This is simply a time to chat with me, the Principal, to ask me questions, and to get an update on what is happening at Kennedy. I schedule these on Fridays at 8am and 4pm, but I have not had a lot of attendees. Please let me know if a different time would be better for you come and chat with me.

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With Gratitude,
Tiffany Almon
Proud Principal
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THIS WEEK'S UPDATES:

- The Dare to Dream Workshop will be advertised through advisory starting this week. See this [slide deck](#) for details about the event.
- JUNIORS, please see [this](#) slideto learn more about the SAT prep sessions hosted by Mrs. Blue and Ms. Frank starting this Saturday. Students can sign up using the Office Hours QR code that is embedded in the slide.
- Information regarding the Academic Achievement Awards and BBQ will be disseminated this week.
- Coronavirus prevention reminders:
 - Tony Reveles, our Facilities Manger, and Kennedy were featured on the news because Kennedy is one of the cleanest buildings in the district and Tony and his team are being extremely proactive.
 - As of yesterday, there are 8 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in CO.
 - Although there are 2 self-quarantined students from East HS, there are no DPS students with confirmed cases of the virus.
 - Stay home when you are sick, and keep your children at home when they are sick.
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- **9th Grade Auraria College Visit** on March 25th for all 9th grade students, with an optional opt-out permission slip. Since we are expecting to take the entire 9th grade class, we are in need of chaperones. **Also, 9th grade advisory teachers will be receiving the permission slips on Monday in their inbox to disburse to their students on Tuesday.**

School Counseling Updates (Week of March 9-13)

- Choice of Studies 1-on-1 meetings with 11th graders
- Choice of Studies follow up with 9th and 10th grade students who missed Choice of Studies in the ICAP lesson
- Choice of Studies visits for 10th grade math classrooms
- On Track to Graduate meetings with 9th grade students
- High School of Business is launching their Student Business, see this [link](#) for details.
- **No School for Students on 3/19 due to the Educator Day of Action March on the Capitol.**

Important Upcoming Dates

3/10 -- Rock n' Jock game in the gym at 3PM

3/18 -- Junior Parent Night 6 -7 PM in the auditorium

3/19 -- Educators day of action, no school for students

3/24 -- Dreamers Workshop 8 - 10:45AM

3/26 -- Diversity Assembly (details to come)

3/25 - 3/27 -- Aladdin School Musical 6:30 - 8:30 in the auditorium

3/30/2020 -- 4/6/2020 SPRING BREAK! No School

4/14/2020 -- SAT Day - 11th Graders Only - back on track options for 9th, 10th and 12th Grades
Accuplacers for 12th graders who need to show college and career readiness

4/15/2020 -- PSAT Day - 9th Graders Only - back on track options for 10th, 11th and 12th Grades

4/16/2020 -- PSAT Day - 10th Graders - back on track options for 9th and 12th Grades

CMAS Science Day - 11th Graders

END OF YEAR DATES

May 20th - Senior Checkout
May 21st - Thursday, Blue Day - Finals (Regular block schedule) - No Advisement
May 22nd - Friday, Green Day - Finals (Regular block schedule) - No Advisement
May 26th and 27th - Make up Days/Grading/Rehearsal/Be kind to others and help each other out
May 28 - Graduation/Go back to work and get stuff completed

Get Involved! Attend our students' games and events! For a list of games and events see our [rCalendar](#)

Athletics Corner

Announcements			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Parent Meeting Tuesday March 10th 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm • Final Cuts for Spring Athletics have been made please contact your coaches for results. • Athletes must have their Golden Ticket in order to participate in practice/competition please remind your advisees 			
Votes for Student-Athlete of the Week (Staff/Student Vote)			
Vote Here!			
JV/Varsity	March 13	4:00 pm/6:00 pm	Kennedy
JV/Varsity	March 14	1:00 pm/ 2:30 pm	Aurora Central
Baseball			
Level	Date	Time	Location
JV	March 12	4:00 pm	Thomas Jefferson
Varsity	March 13	3:30 pm	Kennedy
Varsity	March 14	11:00 am	Kennedy
Girls Tennis			
Level	Date	Time	Location
Varsity	March 10	4:00 pm	Alameda High
Varsity	March 12	4:00 pm	Bear Creek High
Track & Field			
Level	Date	Time	Location
Varsity	March 14	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Jeffco Stadium

Schedule for this week:

3/9	3/10	3/11	3/12	3/13
GREEN DAY	BLUE DAY	GREEN DAY	BLUE DAY	Commander DAY WEAR YOUR GEAR!

**ARCHIVED UPDATES and
REMINDERS linked [HERE](#)**

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

P professionalism

R respect

I inclusion

D dedication

E excellence

**We are Stronger Together! ¡Somos más
fuertes Unidos! ĐOÀN KẾT LÀ SỨC MẠNH**