

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Students and Families,

We continue to make positive improvements to realize our dream of making Kennedy the #1 school in Denver. This week, I continued to get feedback from parents, community members, and most importantly, students from Yearbook and CTE Business. We also hosted over 150 volunteers from Vail Resorts on Saturday to make aesthetic upgrades to our school. The volunteers cleaned our campus, touched up paint in classrooms, donated hundreds of dollars in free supplies for our students (students can access these supplies in room 229), weeded our garden, built a bicycle rim art installation in the garden, installed fence art, repaired a retaining wall at the edge of our athletic fields on Dartmouth, and posted decals with our rally cry "We are Stronger Together" in all three major languages throughout our halls. You will have an opportunity to see all of our school's aesthetic improvements at our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on 9/24 from 5 - 6 PM. If you can't make the event, you can take a tour of the new improvements from 9 - 10 AM on 9/24 OR come and visit any time by checking in at the main office and receiving a pass.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

With Gratitude,  
Tiffany Almon  
Principal

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT COLLEGE PREP SAT COURSE:

Low-Cost SAT Prep Course at JFK this Fall

Do you need to take the SAT but can't afford to spend \$1000+ on prep classes?

We've got you covered. There will be a special low-cost, high-quality, SAT prep course at JFK High.

This comprehensive prep course will take place at JFK from mid-October through mid-November.

The entire 28+ hour course with 3 proctored practice exams costs just \$145 (plus course materials) and SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED if you cannot cover this cost (EMAIL MRS. ALMON TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP). Please apply ASAP at [campusprep.org](http://campusprep.org), as space is limited.

We have partnered with University of Denver and provided SAT/ACT courses there for over 5 years. This is the first time we will be bringing the course directly to you at JFK. The teacher for the course is a top-scorer on the SAT, who has taught the SAT for several years.

Schedule:

Wednesdays 2:50-5:50pm

10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20

Proctored practice exams: TBD

Please apply ASAP at [campusprep.org](http://campusprep.org), as there will be more applications than spaces available. Email any questions to [testprep@colorado.edu](mailto:testprep@colorado.edu).

\*Please direct all questions about the course to us and not to the school.

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## UPDATES and REMINDERS:

- ★ 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.
- ★ Student Council and the CTE Business classes are working on a proposal for Senior Parking Spots, more information to come.
- ★ The pot holes in the student lot will be patched and lines will be repainted (with numbers to identify senior spots) asap. We are also looking into drainage issues in that lot.
- ★ I have asked our Facilities Supervisor to ensure winter maintenance is happening in our school lots whenever snow falls.
- ★ Robo calls will go home when a student has an unexcused absence. Please reach out to Tiffany 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.
- ★ Seniors will only be required to take 4 credits Semester 2 if they are on track to graduate.
- ★ City Year After School Tutoring occurs every Monday through Thursday from 3 - 4PM in our Cafeteria. Students must turn in a Parent Permission Slip to attend. This is an amazing opportunity for students to get support from College graduates in our City Year program.
- ★ **COLLEGE TRACK application due dates have been extended to MONDAY and TUESDAY. Turn them in at the main office.** All students will have one last chance to receive information in their Science class early in the week. This is a FREE after school program that many of our students are interested in, but there is limited space, so turn in your completed application!!! Learn more information [here](#).
- ★ If you have an off period, you are welcome to study in the library and in the cafeteria, you are also welcome to research college and scholarship opportunities in the Future Center. City Year Corp Members will have laptops in the cafeteria for you to complete school work OR get on Khan Academy to practice for the Accuplacer/SAT/P/SAT.
- ★ Some Freshmen Parents have requested that their child be allowed to leave campus with older siblings during lunch time. If you would like for your Freshmen to be able to leave campus, please print and complete this [permission slip](#). Hard copies will be available at our main office if you do not have easy printing access.
- ★ 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](mailto:tiffany_almon@dpsk12.org).

### Important Dates (these will be updated on the rcalendar on the website as well)

9/17: Senior Pictures (Senior T-shirts will be in the week of Labor Day)

9/23: College Track Interviews are in the cafeteria from 2:45 - 4:45, invite only

9/24: **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** for cafeteria and front entrance 5 - 6 PM, you should have received a flyer in the mail about this event. Your entire family is welcome and food will be provided.

9/30 - 10/5 -- HOMECOMING WEEK see [rcalendar](#) for details

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10/2: Commander Connection PTSA meets from 7- 8PM in the cafeteria  
10/8: P/SAT SAT Practice Testing day

**VOLLEYBALL --**

9/17 -- Elizabeth at Elizabeth 4:00/5:00/6:00 PM  
9/19 -- Littleton at Littleton 4:00/5:30/7:00 PM

**FOOTBALL --**

9/19 -- Hinkley at Hinkley JV 10am  
9/21 -- Hinkley at All City Field 2:00PM

**SOFTBALL --**

9/17 -- West at JFK 4:15PM  
9/18 -- JFK JV vs. North at JFK 4:30PM  
9/19 -- JFK Varsity vs. North at All City Field 4:15PM

**CROSS COUNTRY --**

9/17 -- Multiple Schools at City Park 2:30PM

**SOCCER --**

9/20 -- South at JFK 4:00 PM V/5:30 PM JV

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

**P** professionalism

**R** respect

**I** inclusion

**D** dedication

**E** excellence

SEE THIS [LINK](#) FOR A LIST OF STUDENTS WHO WERE HONORED  
AT OUR STUDENT CELEBRATIONS FOR DEMONSTRATING  
P.R.I.D.E.

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