

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Students and Families,

This week is HOMECOMING WEEK, and Student Council has worked tirelessly to plan exciting events and spirit days. Remember, the purpose of Homecoming is to not only to invite our alumni to celebrate Kennedy traditions with the current Commander Community, but also to celebrate our students and our school. Please come out to as many events as you can (see event calendar below). This will be a week to remember.

With Gratitude,
Tiffany Almon
Principal

UPDATES and REMINDERS:

- ★ The main lobby entrance off of Lamar Street will finally be functional. Visitors may park in this lot and parents/guardians can use the driveway in front of our new main entrance to drop off.
- ★ The first Six Week grading period has ended and grades will be posted by Monday end of day. Progress reports will be handed out to students on Wednesday the 2nd.
- ★ The Homecoming Dance is on 10/5, you must have a 93% attendance to attend.
- ★ 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.
- ★ Student Council and the CTE Business classes are working on a proposal for Senior Parking Spots, the protocol should be completed by the end of this week.
- ★ 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.
- ★ Seniors will only be required to take 4 credits Semester 2 if they are on track to graduate.
- ★ 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

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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.

Homecoming Events

Spirit Days
Monday: Infinity Stone Day (Freshmen wear purple, Sophomores wear red, Juniors wear yellow, Seniors wear blue, and Staff wears green)
Tuesday: Superhero Day (Freshmen and Sophomores wear DC Comics, Juniors and Seniors wear Marvel, and staff picks either DC or Marvel)
Wednesday: Flash 2 the Past Day (Freshmen wear 60's, Sophomores wear 70's, Juniors wear 80's, Seniors wear 90's, and Staff wear early 2000's)
Thursday: Partners in Crime (pick a partner and dress like superhero duo)
Friday: Commander Day (JFK Gear, Black Homecoming Shirts)

Powder Puff and Bonfire
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Powder-puff includes Senior and Junior girls playing flag football• Bonfire is for all• When: Thursday October 3rd<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Powder-puff starts at 6 pm• Bonfire starts at 7 pm• Where:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bonfire JFK Softball Field• Powder puff JFK Turf

Homecoming Parade
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who: All class, sports teams, JROTC, pep band, alumni, royalty, middle school (BVIS), Elementary School (Traylor), Soldiers, JFK clubs, IB Diploma Programme• When; Friday October 4th<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parade Judging 8:20 – 9:20• Parade 9:20 – 10:30• Parade Viewing 10:25 – 10:40• How: All staff must be outside on Lamar for viewing and supervision. Please do not let kids run into the street. Safety and security is first!!!

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Homecoming Pep Rally

- Who: Everybody at JFK
 - Student council, pep band, cheer, honor platoon, royalty, special Olympics, fall sports
 - **All teachers must be present at the pep rally. Please escort your classes down and sit with your classes in the stands. Safety is first!!!**
- When: Friday October 4th 1:00-2:35 in the JFK gym
- How:
 - Please escort your classes down and sit with your classes in the stands. Safety is first!!!
 - **No backpacks allowed in the gym. To be locked in the 8th period classrooms.**

Homecoming Game

- Who: JFK football team, cheer, JROTC color guard, pep band, commander connection, alumni association, student council, parents, community
- **When: Friday October 4th 7 pm JFK vs. Thorton**
- **Where: All City Stadium: Home team (West stands; 1500 S Franklin St, Denver, CO 80218)**
- How: Cost Free with DPS ID
- **Game Theme: Black Out**

Homecoming Dance

- Who: JFK students with **attendance of 93% or higher**
- **When: Saturday October 5th 8PM-11 PM**
- **Where: JFK Gym**
- Why: reward for kids who have great school spirit and attendance. A chance for all staff to show their killer dance moves, bust a move, cut a rug, and mad skills. Gotta give the kids something to laugh at or talk about.
- **Cost \$10 per student (\$15 at the door)**

School Spirit Store

- When: During lunch in the main hall**
What: Homecoming Items
- Homecoming Shirts.....\$10 or 2 for \$15

JFK Sporting Events Homecoming Week

Home Game Away Game

Activity	Type	Day	Date	Time	Versus	Location
Softball: Varsity	Game	Mon.	9/20/2019	4:00p m	Adams City	Adams City High School
Softball: Varsity	Game	Thur.	10/03/2019	4:15 PM	Denver East	John F. Kennedy High School
Volleyball: Varsity	Game	Thur.	10/03/2019	6:00p m	George Washington	George Washington

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Cross Country:	Invitational	Fri.	10/04/2019	2:00p m	Several Schools	Stapleton Central Park
Soccer: Boys Varsity	Game	Fri.	10/04/2018	5:30 PM	Denver East	Denver East
Football: Varsity	Game	Fri.	10/04/2018	7:00p m	Thornton High School	All City Field

Week of 10/7 calendar:

Monday 10/7	Tuesday 10/8	Wednesday 10/9	Thursday 10/10	Friday 10/11
Green	Testing in the am Students will be released after testing and will receive a sack lunch if needed. Schedule to come.	Green	Blue	Blue modified schedule for Hispanic Heritage Celebration Schedule to come

Important Dates

9/30 - 10/5 -- HOMECOMING WEEK see [rcalendar](#) for details, see this [survival guide](#) from Ms. Frank.
 10/8: P/SAT SAT Practice Testing day, DETAILS COMING, students will be released after testing and will receive lunch if needed.
 10/8: CSC meets from 4:30 - 6PM in the cafeteria -- minutes will be posted to the website, all are welcome to observe the meeting.
 10/15: Parent Teacher Conferences 4 - 7PM
 10/16: Parent Teacher Conferences 4 - 7PM
 10/18: no school for students due to parent teacher conference exchange day
 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 [rCalendar](#)

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](#), 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](#), as there will be more applications than spaces available. Email any questions to testprep@colorado.edu.

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

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I inclusion

D dedication

E excellence

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