

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! It is with immense gratitude that I send the first weekly Commander Communicator, which will contain important information you will need to stay informed for the week. This school year, we will focus on re-building PRIDE in being a Kennedy Commander through delivering engaging, challenging, and relevant lesson each period every day, implementing consistent expectations among classrooms, recognizing students for excellence, taking ongoing feedback from students and families, and treating all students as if they were our own children.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, positive feedback, celebrations, etc.

I look forward to building strong relationships with all students and their families!

Sincerely,

Tiffany Almon

Principal

## New for the 19-20 school year:

- ★ Here is our [STUDENT HANDBOOK](#), students will learn the expectations at Kennedy within the first two weeks of school. Please familiarize yourself with this handbook as well.
- ★ Advisory classes are after the first period each day, advisory is 30 minutes for ALL students, and is credit bearing. This is an amazing opportunity for students to own their education and build strong relationships.
- ★ Your leadership team is new and ready for a strong start:
  - Tiffany Almon -- Principal
  - Rick Brewer -- Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
  - Jason Ortiz -- Assistant Principal/Pathways Director
- ★ If you have not verified registration yet, please do so online [here](#) or come to Kennedy's main office from 7 am to 3 pm Monday - Friday.
- ★ Please call the attendance line at 720-423-3400, then dial 1, 1, when your child will be absent or tardy.
- ★ All freshmen will remain on campus for lunch, upperclassmen have the option of leaving for lunch.

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- ★ All students must be on time to every class every day. At Kennedy, every second of instruction matters!
- ★ Off period parameters --
  - Freshmen and Sophomores have NO off periods
  - On track Juniors have 1 off period maximum
  - On track Seniors have 2 off period maximum the first semester, and 4 off periods maximum the second semester.
  - Any student who has an off period, should be in the cafeteria working on classwork, in the library with a pass, or off campus.
- ★ Our Main Entrance will be open and stunningly beautiful in mid September.
- ★ Our cafeteria will open on Monday, you are welcome to check in at the main office, get a visitor's pass and check it out!! There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on 8/28 from 5 - 6 PM and a tour from 9am to 10am on this date.
- ★ OUR WEBSITE WILL BE UPDATED ASAP!
- ★ 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)**

8/19: First day of school FRESHMEN ONLY - freshmen will receive their schedules on this date  
 8/20: First day of school UPPERCLASSMEN - upperclassmen will receive their schedules on this date  
 8/23: Sports and Clubs fair in the JFK Main Hall during lunch  
 8/28: Back to School Night from 5 - 7PM in the GYM  
 8/28 and 8/29: School Pictures in the gym  
 9/24: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for cafeteria and front entrance 5 - 6 PM

#### Sports Updates:

VOLLEYBALL --

Varsity Volleyball Try Out Dates:

Monday August 12 - Wednesday August 21

JV/C-team Try Out Dates:

Monday August 12 - Friday August 23

Opening matches:

Varsity - 4 matches (times TBD) on Saturday August 31st at the Lincoln Tournament

V/JV/C team - Tuesday September 3rd away vs Alameda (times 4-5-6 pm)

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

**P** professionalism

**R** respect

**I** inclusion

**D** dedication

**E** excellence

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