

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Families,

As we move into week three of the 19-20 school year, I am compelled to reiterate my WHY for some of the new systems that we have put into place at Kennedy. I mentioned in a previous communication that P.R.I.D.E. defines our school values (Professionalism, Respect, Inclusion, Dedication, and Excellence); and these values drive the why and rationale for many of the systems.

We are holding our students to high professional and excellence standards by expecting them to be on time every day to every class. We are providing a “working lunch” for students to reflect on how to be on time should they arrive tardy 3 or more times.

We are also expecting students to show EXCELLENCE by engaging fully in their classes and taking advantage of the opportunities provided by Kennedy; therefore, Juniors are enrolled in 7 of 8 classes each semester and Seniors are enrolled in 6 of 8 classes semester 1 and 4 of 8 classes semester 2. We also ask that parents and students meet with their counselor should a student want to schedule a class that is less rigorous than the original class scheduled (for example, if a student wants to schedule a non-AP course in the place of an AP course).

Now that you know the rationale for some of our school-wide systems, we thrive when our community and families are INVOLVED and giving FEEDBACK! So, please join me for the first Real Talk with Tiffany on Monday 9/9/19 at either 8 am or 4pm to ask questions, give feedback, receive updates, and enjoy coffee and pastries.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Almon
Principal

UPDATES and REMINDERS:

- ★ 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 child, please **come into the main office** and we will call your child'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** 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.

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- ★ 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.
- ★ Students had an opportunity to sign up to receive a locker last week during lunch, if a student did not yet receive a locker and would like one, they can see Mr. Thompson in the cafeteria during lunch.
- ★ If your child needs a backpack they can see Annie Walden-Newman in room 229 or the main office, Colorado Kids for Kids donated almost 1000 backpacks for our students!!!
- ★ Our dress code is pretty straight forward and aligned to the District Policy. We ask that students take off hats and hoods inside the school and that their bodies are covered from chest to bottom. We believe the dress code helps us to align to our Professionalism value.
- ★ If you would like to join the Commander Connection, our parent/guardian teacher student association, please email Tiffany at tiffany_almon@dpsk12.org.

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

9/6: Hall Dance from 7 - 11PM in our main hall. Tickets are \$3.

9/9: Real Talk with Tiffany in the JFK Room at 8am and 4pm

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

9/24: **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** for cafeteria and front entrance 5 - 6 PM

Sports Updates:

VOLLEYBALL --

Opening matches:

9/3 -- Alameda at Alameda 4-5-6 pm

9/5 -- Aurora Central at Aurora Central 4PM, 5:15PM, 6:30PM

FOOTBALL --

9/5 -- JV Northfield at JFK

9/7 -- Varsity Northfield at All City Field

SOFTBALL --

9/3 -- Sheridan at JFK 4PM and 5:45PM

9/5 -- Adams City at JFK 4PM and 5:45PM

SOCCER --

9/4 -- Greeley West at Greeley West 4PM and 6PM

9/7 -- Machebeuf at JFK 10AM and 11:30AM

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

P professionalism

R respect

I inclusion

D dedication

E excellence

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