



August 10, 2017

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students of Kennett Middle School,

Can you believe it is almost time to go back to school? We have been working hard here this summer preparing for another great school year! We are writing this letter to tell you about scheduling, emergency forms, upcoming events, and reminders for the upcoming school year.

SCHEDULING

In this mailing we have included a chart that explains how each student is placed in each course and your child's preliminary schedule that includes the course number, course name, and homeroom number (at the top). Schedules with teacher names and periods will be available online on Skyward starting August 18, 2017. If your child's schedule is incomplete, please contact your child's counselor.

EMERGENCY FORMS

Also included in this mailing is a copy of your student's emergency form from our school nurse, Mrs. Diane Shannon. Please complete the medical information, indicate YES/NO for medication consent, make any corrections or additions to the form, sign, and return the form to your student's first period teacher or to the main office by the end of the first week of school. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your student's health, please contact Mrs. Shannon at dshannon@kcsd.org or (610) 268-5874.

UPCOMING EVENTS

New Student Orientation • August 18, 2017 • 9:30am-12:30pm • KMS • This is for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students who are NEW to our building this year. Transportation is provided so please check your bus card. If you have not received your bus card, please call the transportation office at 610-444-6619. Your pick up time for the orientation will be 2 hours later than your normally scheduled time. At the orientation you will receive your schedule and locker information. Also, lunch will be served! We are excited to see you all there! If you are a NEW student and can't make it on Friday, you may stop by any day before school to come in and practice your schedule and locker.

For all of our returning 7th and 8th graders, we will **not** be having a schedule pick up this year since all of your schedules are available on Skyward! You will receive a paper copy of your schedule and your locker information in your first period class on the first day of school on Monday, August 28th. On Friday for orientation, 7th and 8th grade Student Council guides should arrive between 8:30am and 9:00am and be picked up by 12:30pm but may also ride the buses to and from school. All students will receive schedules and locker information again on the first day of school but remember, schedules can be viewed on Skyward. If you have trouble logging in to Skyward, please email iss@kcsd.org for Student Access issues or portal@kcsd.org for Family Access issues.

First Day of School • August 28, 2017 • 7:40am-2:35pm • KMS • Students may arrive by bus or by car and need to report to their first period assignment/homeroom by 7:40am. Principals and counselors will have first period lists by last name in the main lobby and out by the buses if a student cannot access Skyward prior to the first day of school. Students will receive a new paper copy of their schedule, an agenda book, lunch information, a district calendar, and locker information.

Principal's Advisories & Digital Citizenship Assembly • August 29, 2017 • During the school day • KMS • Students will gather as a grade level for expectations review and introductions. Also, a highly trained Cyber Crimes professional will share information about how to stay safe online!

First PTO Meeting • September 6, 2017 • 7:00pm-8:00pm • Room F101 • Please join us!

Back to School Night • September 13, 2017 • 7:00pm-8:30pm • KMS • This is an opportunity for parents to visit each of their student's classes and meet their teachers. Detailed information will be distributed closer to the date of the event.

Sixth Grade Fun Day • September 15, 2017 • 2:35pm-4:30pm • KMS • This PTO sponsored event is an awesome opportunity for sixth grade students to make new friends and get to know the building. A permission slip is required to stay.

KMS SUPPLY LISTS & SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS


Please visit our website at <https://kms.kcsd.org> and go to School Information and then to KMS Supply Lists & Summer Assignments.

Enjoy what is left of your summer and we look forward to seeing you all soon!

Sincerely with Kennett PRIDE,


Lorenzo G. DeAngelis, Jr.
Principal


Brenna L. Levi
Assistant Principal


Jacob D. Moore
Assistant Principal



2017-2018 CLASS SCHEDULING AT KENNETT MIDDLE SCHOOL

The course recommendation and course request process for the 2017-2018 school year has been completed. Although there are exceptions for some students, below are examples of courses that most students will take this year.

| Subject Area | Process for Recommendation and Eligibility | Sixth Grade | Seventh Grade | Eighth Grade |
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| English/ Language Arts (84 minutes) | The eligibility process involves a point system with students receiving points in the following areas: PSSA - ELA Scaled Scores, Final Grade in Language Arts, Teacher Input, District Benchmark | - Language Arts 6 - Honors Language Arts 6 | - Language Arts 7 - Honors Language Arts 7 | - Language Arts 8 - Honors Language Arts 8 |
| Mathematics (84 minutes) | The eligibility process involves a point system with students receiving points in the following areas: PSSA – Mathematics Scaled Scores, Final Grade in Mathematics, Teacher Input, District Benchmark, Algebra Readiness Exam (7 th & 8 th only) | - Math 6 - Accelerated Math 6 | - Math 7 - Algebra I | - Math 8 - Algebra I - Honors Geometry |
| Science (42 minutes) | 6 th grade: All students take the same course. 7 th & 8 th grades: The eligibility process involves a point system with students receiving points in the following areas: PSSA – Mathematics Scaled Scores, PSSA – ELA Scaled Scores, Final Grade in Mathematics, Final Grade in Science, Teacher Input, District Benchmark, Algebra Readiness Exam | - Science 6 | - Science 7 - Honors Science 7 | - Science 8 - Honors Science 8 |
| Social Studies (42 minutes) | 6 th grade: This is based on the Language Arts placement. 7 th & 8 th grade: All students take the same course. | - Social Studies 6 - Honors Social Studies 6 | - Social Studies 7 | - American History |
| WIN (What I Need) (42 minutes) | Depending on the individual needs of the student, a WIN course is assigned. A screening process is conducted and students who qualify receive support classes, such as WIN Language Arts, WIN Math, or WIN Executive Functioning. WIN Science & Social Studies (2 Marking Periods of each) enhance the grade level course material using project-based and research skills. | - WIN Language Arts (Decoding & Comprehension) - WIN Math - WIN Executive Functioning - WIN Resource - WIN Science and Social Studies - World Languages: Spanish I, French I, German I, Latin I (8 th grade only) | | |
| Marking Period Cycle (42 minutes) | All students take one of the four courses during each of the four marking periods. The course changes each marking period (approx. 45 days). Family Consumer Science is split into two courses – Sewing and Cooking and are half of a marking period in duration (22 or 23 days of each). | - Art - Family & Consumer Science (Sewing and Cooking) - Health - STEM | | |
| Year-Long Cycle (42 minutes) | All of the students take one of the three courses listed every three days. These courses rotate on a six-day cycle (Days 1-6). *Music selections were recorded by music teachers at KMS for seventh & eighth grade and by fifth grade teachers for sixth grade students. Courses include: Band, Orchestra, Chorus, & General Music | -Music* -Physical Education -Keyboarding/Computers | | |

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

If you have any questions or concerns about your student's classes, please use the following contact information:

Math & Science Placements

Dr. Lydia Hallman
Director of Curriculum and Mathematics and Science
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Language Arts & Social Studies Placements

Mrs. Judy Jester
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Other Scheduling Questions & Concerns

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Emergency Form (1 page)

Preliminary Schedule (1 page)

Sixth Grade Fun Day letter (1 page) – only 6th grade