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IMPORTANT DATES

September 11

SCHOOL PICTURES

September 20

KMS OPEN HOUSE**@6PM**

October 5

EARLY RELEASE

October 6

NO SCHOOL**TEACHER WORKSHOP**

October 9

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

October 20

SCHOOL DANCE**6PM-8PM****FOLLOW US ON
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FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL RICK BICHE'

We are thrilled for the upcoming 100th-anniversary celebration of our school building, founded in 1923 as the A. Crosby Kennett School, and we hope to see many of you at this public event and historic milestone on September 22nd and 23rd!

On Friday night, September 22nd, the festivities are hosted by the Kennett Alumni and will kick off with a parade, celebrating the vibrant community that has supported us for a century. Following the parade, our campus will come alive with food trucks offering delicious treats, live entertainment to keep you grooving, and a stunning fireworks display to light up the night sky. This is a public event sponsored by the Kennett Alumni Association and open to any and all community members. But that's not all! On Saturday, September 23rd, we're taking a trip down memory lane as Kennett High School goes old school by bringing the homecoming games back to the KMS campus. With 100 years of history, we anticipate a large turnout for this exciting high school tradition.

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This centennial celebration is a testament to the enduring legacy of our school and the incredible community that surrounds it. We can't wait to see you there as we come together to honor our past, celebrate our present, and look forward to a future filled with continued success and growth.

Stay tuned for more details and updates as the big day approaches. Let's make this anniversary celebration one to remember!

RICK BICHE'
PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT INFO FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

- Free and Reduced Lunch forms are available online here. These need to be renewed each year even if you were eligible the prior year.
- Please conduct all pick up and drop off only along the designated area by the football field. Picking students up along the drive by Conway Rec impedes traffic and slows others down. All students will be directed to wait only by the pick up area.
- There is no adult supervision at school prior to 7:30 am.
- Cell phones are not allowed to be used in school. All students are expected to have their cell phones off and in their lockers. Any cell phones that are out of the locker during the day will be kept in the office until the end of the day.
- Students can only be on campus after school with direct adult supervision. Students must be with a staff member, whether that is a coach or teacher, at all times. If your student is asking you for permission to hang out after school and watch practices, this is not allowed. Middle school athletic games are open for spectators and you may accompany your child to the game as they must be supervised. The school does not provide supervision for spectators at games. Unsupervised students will be asked to leave.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

It's so exciting to start the new school year and see all of these smiling faces! Here are a few quick reminders:

- Every year the State of New Hampshire requires that schools perform an audit of student immunization records. We are required to report noncompliance numbers to the State. Please forward any updated immunizations your child has received so that I'm able to update records or complete an Exemption Form if your child does not receive immunizations.
- Please be sure that KMS has Healthcare Provider orders for prescription medication that your child needs during the school day. Students are not allowed to carry over-the-counter medications at KMS. They should not be carrying other prescription medications as well. Students may carry life saving emergency medications as ordered by their Healthcare provider with the appropriate signed documentation. Please contact me to discuss it.
- Epipens and inhalers should be in my office and/or with your child at all times if prescribed. Please call me to discuss it and complete the appropriate paperwork as well.
- Forms can be found on the welcomekms.com website. Click on the "Nurse's Office" tab then on the left hand side click on "Forms and Documents".
- Please remind your child to have breakfast and something to drink either before school or at school. I'm already seeing kiddos that aren't feeling well and haven't had anything to eat in the morning. It really does make a difference!
- Also, hygiene is a big deal at this age. Bodies are changing and students should be aware of their personal hygiene. Please remind your child that being clean is also part of being ready for the day. Please contact KMS if you are in need of any personal hygiene supplies.

I hope we have a fun, healthy school year!

MRS. JEFFREY, R.N.
KMS SCHOOL NURSE

NEWS FROM THE KENNETT MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

Welcome back KMS Eagles! The Kennett Middle School library is a great place for students to grab a book or get some work done. We have a wide selection of middle-grade and young-adult books to meet the needs and interests of every reader whether that's graphic novels and manga or science fiction and fantasy, or anything in between!

Soon students will begin visiting the library every two weeks with their literacy classes, but students also have the option to grab a book during FLEX, before school, and after school. Students may check out up to three books at a time for a two-week checkout period. All students are welcome to renew their book as many times as needed so long as they are actively reading it!

I look forward to another fabulous year with our students!

HALEY TORREY
LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST



FROM THE FAMILY SUPPORT LIAISON

Welcome back Eagles! I would like to introduce myself as the Kennett Middle School Family Support Liaison. Many students and families may be familiar with the role of a family support liaison, however, if you are not familiar, you may have some questions as to what the role entails. Here is a small portion of what I am available to assist with:

- Provide support to students and families in the community to help enhance the school and family connection.
- Communicate and collaborate with families to facilitate connections with community, state, and federal services (both in and out of school). For example: transportation, fuel assistance, and accessing medical supports combined with food and nutritional needs.
- Collaborate with families and teachers by utilizing creative and collaborative problem-solving strategies.
- Coordinate community-based support and resources for students and families.
- Provide family support for day-to-day events, life transitions and crises.

I can also help with clothing needs. I run a second-hand clothing closet in the school and can help get your child clothing that they may need (winter jackets, boots, sweatshirts, pants, etc.). Please have your student check out what we have to offer as this is open to each and every student. I also coordinate the End 68 Hours of Hunger program for the middle school. If you would like your child to receive a food bag each Friday please contact me to sign up.

I am available, and ready to help, during school hours. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or feel that you need support in any of the areas mentioned above. I am here to help you and your student. I am happy to communicate by phone, email or in person. All conversations are confidential and respect is given to the needs of all families on an individualized basis.

MRS. MCALLISTER.
KMS FAMILY SUPPORT LIAISON

FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

The 2023-2024 school year is off to a good start! The 7th grade students have made a smooth transition and have quickly become Kennett Middle School Eagles! They are enjoying their greater independence and love switching classes! Please feel free to contact me if you feel your student is having a difficult time handling all of these changes.

It has been wonderful to watch the 8th graders grow into themselves. Many students showed a marked change in their maturity and their height over the summer! As a whole, our 8th graders have done a wonderful job welcoming the new students and have taken on leadership roles within the building. I look forward to their continued growth as the year goes on.

Hopefully you have had a chance to logon to our student information system- PowerSchool. This system allows you to input your most up-to-date contact information, emergency contact information, and health information. This also allows you to track your student's academic progress. If you have any questions or are having trouble accessing your account please contact our Technology Technician, Eric Cullen at e_cullen@sau9.org.

Please know that my door is always open. Feel free to contact me at any point via phone at 603-447-6364 x 4229, or email a_thornton@sau9.org if you have any questions or concerns. Your child's team of teachers is also available on a daily basis to meet with parents and discuss student progress. I look forward to hearing from you and having a wonderful year here at KMS!

MRS. THORNTON.
KMS GUIDANCE COUNSELOR



**SCHOOL PICTURES
WILL BE TAKEN
THIS COMING
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11TH.
MAKE-UP DAY IS
OCTOBER 16TH.**

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Our KMS Fall sports season is underway and students are busy after school. Practice/games or meet cancellations will be made around noon and will be announced at school, on Facebook, and on GoKMS.com - so be sure to sign up for emails and alerts and be sure to choose your sports/season appropriately. Student-athletes should have a plan in place for how to get home should there be a cancellation. The Fall schedules are posted on GoKMS.com. Our New England weather continues to be pretty crazy. Please be sure that athletes bring weather-appropriate practice clothes, a healthy snack for after school, and their own, labeled water bottles.

Remember - do not share water bottles and keep your child home if they are not feeling well. Attention Parents: Students cannot stay after school unsupervised. If they want to attend a game or meet, please make sure they have adult supervision and do not cross the street and return to campus. This is also a friendly reminder that KMS is a dog-free campus. No dogs are permitted on our sports fields. Have a great Fall season!

IMPORTANT: Parents should pick student-athletes up at the football tower. When you wait or pick up your child up at the Conway Rec Summer Pick Up spot - it creates traffic congestion, delays late buses, and poses safety concerns.



**MRS. SHAW.
KMS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**