

Kent Island High School Families,

August has arrived and the countdown until the first days of the 2021/2022 school year has officially begun!

I sincerely thank all of you that have updated your Back to School forms using InfoSnap. We are currently **52%** complete which means a little less than half of us have yet to update the forms! If you have not, please use the link, provided on our website, <https://www.qacps.org/khs> to update your information. As you know, we are unable to activate your Parent Portal account until this information is updated. Parent Portal accounts will be turned on for those who have completed their Back to School forms on August 16. Snapcodes were included on end of year report cards and you should be receiving a weekly reminder email that also includes this information. This information is essential to our communications with you.

Student schedules will be emailed out next week. Your schedule will include room numbers, teacher names, and locker information. Please take a moment to review your schedule and contact your school counselor with any questions.

Juniors and Seniors who wish to park on campus must complete the [Parking Permit Application](#) and receive a permit. Our students can save \$5.00 by submitting their application before August 31. By September 2, all students must have a permit in order to park on the lot. The updated Parking Permit Application is available on our website, [kihigh.org](http://kihigh.org).

#### **A note from our PTSA:**

The KIHS PTSA would like to send out a welcome to all of the families of new freshmen, transfers and staff! To our freshmen parents, the PTSA works a little differently than what you may have been used to at the elementary and middle schools. At this stage, most clubs and groups are led by students. Sports teams and band will have their own booster club. We do not do fundraisers beyond asking for your membership support and sending out sign-up genius emails for donations and volunteer help for Homecoming, Senior Week and Staff Appreciation. We provide the funds for the GPA achievement medals awarded to our seniors at graduation.

Our current board consists of a President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer. You may or may not have heard that the Maryland PTA had their National status revoked due to some illegal financial activity and we are waiting to see how the new Maryland Free State organization will work with the National PTA. Once that dust settles, we will be holding elections for just one position for the upcoming school year, and that is President! Don't be intimidated! You will be backed by an experienced board and again, we really only play a limited role in things here at KIHS. If you would like to find out more information, please email Michelle: [dmobriens@verizon.net](mailto:dmobriens@verizon.net).

Our meetings are currently held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 3:30 in the cafeteria. Our next meeting is Tues., Sept 14th. All are welcome!

#### **State Testing and PSAT Information**

Due to COVID-19, state testing will begin in September. In accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), states are required to administer certain assessments on an annual basis. The Maryland State Department of Education has announced that all school systems will administer the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) state assessments beginning in **September** to make up for the missed assessments from the 2020-2021 school year. Students will be taking the previous year's required assessments. For example, current 9th grade students will be taking the required 8th grade MCAP English and Mathematics assessments during this time. The state testing window for these assessments is September 13-October 22. Below is the tentative schedule for when students will be taking the required state assessments.

<b>LA Grade 8</b>  (2- 70 minute sections)	All Freshman	September 20	September 21
<b>MCAP English 10</b>  (2- 70 minute sections)	All Juniors	September 20	September 21
<b>MCAP Math Grade 8</b>  (Unit 1-20 minutes; Unit 2-45 minutes)	All Freshman	September 22	September 22
<b>MCAP Algebra I</b>  (Unit 1-20 minutes; Unit 2-45 minutes)	All Sophomores	September 22	September 22

<b>Grade 8 Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA)</b>  (1-60 minute section)	All Freshman	September 23	N/A
<b>High School Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA)</b>  (1-60 minute section)	All students who completed Biology during the 2020-2021 school year.	September 23	N/A

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered to all Sophomores on **Tuesday, Oct 26, 2021**.

**Important Dates:**

- August 11                      Fall sports begin. Please see <https://www.qacps.org/khs> for details.
- August 23                      Our faculty and staff returns!
- August 25                      9th Grade Open House / Back to School Night. To meet with teachers, all classes will be held at the Main Campus beginning at 6:00PM.
- August 30                      The Bucs are Back in Action! 9th Graders report.
- August 31                      Sophomores, Juniors, and the Class of 2022 return.
- September 8                      Picture Day. Smile! (Both campuses)
- September 14 - 16              Senior Portrait Make-ups

September 29            Interim Reports Home - (Eligibility Report Card)

October 8                Homecoming Dance

October 9                Homecoming Parade 11:00AM/Kickoff 1:00PM

We will send additional information prior to the opening of school so please stay tuned. As always, please contact us if we can provide assistance.

KIHS Administration