

September 2019

The Bucs are back and are doing an excellent job! I am very pleased to report a very smooth opening week. At this time, student **laptops** have been distributed and **Parent Portal** accounts are active. If you experience trouble with either, please let me know.

Picture Day is today, September 6, at both campuses. Make up picture day will be held on October 8 for those students that miss September 6 or would like to have their picture retaken. This is the picture that goes in the yearbook and on your student ID. Additionally, Lifetouch will be present on September 17, 18 and 19 for our seniors that did not sit for **senior portraits** this summer. These senior portraits are very important as they are featured within our yearbook and the newspaper closer to graduation.

The field hockey team will take to the field in the stadium today at 4:00PM to kick off the events celebrating our new turf field! There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 6:30PM followed by our first football game which starts at 7:00PM. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Students are admitted free of charge with last year's school ID, or a copy of their schedule either paper or on their cell phones.

The Spring 2019 student **scores for the MCAP assessment** will be distributed in 1st period during the week of September 9. A letter explaining the scores and how they relate to graduation and College and Career Readiness requirements is linked below.

Mark the Date! All sophomores will take the **PSAT** on Wednesday, October 16th. Student Guides with Practice Tests will be distributed to sophomores in their **1st period class next week**. Juniors who have not yet taken the PSAT, or those who believe they may qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program may register to take the PSAT, as well. The cost for juniors to take the PSAT is \$17.00. Students who are interested need to sign up in the counseling office no later than **September 12th**.

College application season is upon us and our counseling office is excited to continue to help you and your student through the process! During September (and into October), the school counselors will be meeting individually with each senior to discuss their plans for after graduation. For those students applying to colleges, our counselors will touch base with them about where they are in that process and provide them with the information that they need to continue moving forward.

In addition, we will host two **Parent College Information Nights** to give you the information that students will need for applying to colleges this fall. We advise that you plan to attend one of these evening sessions at KIHS on either **September 17th** or **September 19th at 5:00pm**. These sessions will take place upstairs in the media center. There is no need to RSVP for the session that you are attending, but we recommend that you bring your student's KIHS issued laptop so that you can access the internet and log into their Naviance account during the presentation. Both students and parents are encouraged to attend.

Please feel free to reach out to your child's school counselor if you have questions. We are here to help everyone through the application process.

Our **Quarter 1 Interim Reports** will be emailed to our parents and our students on Monday, October 7. After reviewing these documents, please contact your student's teacher or school counselor with questions or concerns.

The board members for our KIHS PTA this year are:

Michelle O'Brien - President / 410-924-9774/ dmobriens@verizon.net

Nancy Mulligan- Vice President

Julie Beall- Treasurer

Join their Facebook page: KIHS PTA for current information on meetings and events.

All families are encouraged to fill out the membership form that was included in the folder students received on the first day of school, and continue to support students and staff! The PTA would like to thank all of the parents who contributed to the August Back-To-School staff lunch and a special thank you to Rustico Restaurant for providing the pasta, salads and bread. Please support our local businesses that support our Bucs!

Again this school year, QACPS will be using the **Text-2 Stop It** program. This program is designed to allow you, our students, and our community to share information with us that will help us remove disruptive and or dangerous behavior from our building. Simply text QACPS to 71441. Once you send the text, you will receive a live text from a Text-2 Stop It operator that will guide you through the process.

Please continue to refer to our website, www.kihigh.org, for up to date information including our morning **Buc Report** and the monthly calendar of events. As always, please contact us with questions.

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