



# KENT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear KCHS Family,

I hope that you are having a relaxing summer with family and friends. We look forward to the new school year and are excited to see all of you soon. It has been a very busy and exciting summer for our staff, our teachers, and our school preparing for all of you to return.

Our goal again this school year is that upcoming pertinent information will be directly shared with you weekly through the school messenger communication system by voice, email, and text message. Therefore, when the emergency cards come home on the first day of school, please fill them out and send them back promptly. It will be critical that we have a current and accurate means of communication. You may also visit us on our KCPS and KCHS Websites and Social Media pages.

- KCPS - [www.kent.k12.md.us](http://www.kent.k12.md.us)
- KCHS - [www.kent.k12.md.us/kentcountyhighschool\\_home.aspx](http://www.kent.k12.md.us/kentcountyhighschool_home.aspx)
- KCHS Facebook - [www.facebook.com/kchsmk12](http://www.facebook.com/kchsmk12)
- KCHS "X" - [@KCHStrojans](https://twitter.com/KCHStrojans)
- KCPS Instagram - [www.instagram.com/kcpsk12](http://www.instagram.com/kcpsk12)

Our KCHS doors will be open on **Thursday, August 31, from 9:00 - 10:00 am** for any new students/families and any interested returning students to meet their teachers and become familiar with the building. There will be a KCHS Back to School Night on **September 27, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm** for all families/students to provide a more formal meeting of your teachers and their academic expectations.

Transportation is currently working on routes, pick-up times, and drop-off times. You will receive a call from transportation or bus drivers to confirm these times. We are changing the student and staff parking locations and will send out information on the new traffic pattern at KCHS this coming week. Parking permit information and applications will also be shared this week.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

- August 21-25 and August 28 - September 1
  - KCHS Band Camp, 6:00 pm-8:30 pm
- August 31 - **KCHS Open House** 9:00 - 10:00 am
- September 5- The first day of school - Grade 9
  - This is a transition day for our freshman students.
  - AM- Meet with Administration and Leadership teams to learn expectations for meeting success
  - PM- Lunch in the Cafeteria
  - Attend each class and get locker assignment
- September 6 - First day of school Grades 10-12
- September 13 - KCPS ½ day dismissal for students / Staff PD
- September 18 - KCHS Evening school begins
- September 22 - Fall student picture day - Lifetouch

- September 27- **KCHS Back to School Night** at 6:00 – 7:30 pm in the Auditorium
  - Meet and join the PTSA, learn about KCHS clubs
  - Meet the KCHS Administration and Leadership teams
  - Meet your student’s teachers through classroom visits
- October 4 - Q1 Interim Closes- This date comes fast!!
- October 11 – KCPS ½ day dismissal for students / Staff PD
- October 19– KCPS ½ day dismissal, KCHS Family Conferences in PM
- October 20 – KCPS Schools and Offices Closed

**Opening Home Games:** Sports schedules can be found on [www.viewmyschedule.com](http://www.viewmyschedule.com)

- August 24 – KCHS Football and Cheer, 6:00 pm.
- September 5- KCHS Volleyball, 4:00 p.m.
- September 6- KCHS Cross County, 4:00 pm.
- September 6 – KCHS Boys Soccer, 4:00 pm.
- September 13 – KCHS Field Hockey, 4:00 pm.
- September 14- KCHS Girls Soccer, 4:00 pm.
- September 21 – KCHS Golf, 3:30 p.m.

**Important Reminders:**

- KCHS doors open at 7:25 am. Class begins at 7:35 am, and school ends at 2:25 pm.
- Students are in school to learn. To learn, they need to be in class. Students are expected to be on time for school and classes. We will be monitoring tardies daily.
- Over-the-counter or prescription medicines should be in the original container and given to the school nurse for distribution after a medication form is completed and signed by the parent/guardian.
- Students driving to school must purchase a parking permit. Students planning to ride with another student daily will not have a seat reserved on a school bus. Students driving to school and passengers are expected to be at school and class on time. Attendance will be monitored. Parking permit applications will go out this week.
- Seniors: What are your plans for next year? College, Military, Tech School? Make an appointment with your guidance counselor to prepare for life beyond KCHS.

The high school experience is a time of growth, learning, and self-discovery. Our students will make friends and face challenges that will help develop essential life skills. Family support and guidance are invaluable throughout this journey. As a family, please continue encouraging and motivating your students to do their best.

Our KCHS doors are always open!

**I am looking forward to working with you and your child. Have a safe and relaxing remainder of the summer. It is always a great day to be a Trojan!!**

Sincerely,



Kris R. Hemstetter  
KCHS Principal