

John F. Kennedy High School

September 4, 2015



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English

The English department would like to welcome our new and returning students to the 2015-2016 school year. Hopefully you have completed your summer assignment and are ready to expand your horizons through reading, writing, and literary theory! Have a great year!

Journalism

Kennedy High School continues to be a PBS Student Reporting Lab school under the supervision of Broadcast Media teacher, Joanna Greer. There are only 94 such labs in the country with only three in Maryland. Kennedy has been awarded one of their 17 grants from the National Science Foundation to do a science story this school year.

Updates and News



From the Principal!

We are excited for another productive and exciting academic school year at John F. Kennedy High School, home of the Cavaliers! On behalf of all of the John F. Kennedy High School staff members, I would like to welcome our new students and to say welcome back to our returning 10th, 11th and 12th graders. We are looking forward to a great school year. I am sure by working together; establishing stronger relationships and partnerships; we will provide our students with the best possible educational opportunities.

The staff at Kennedy thanks you for entrusting your children to us. I look forward to seeing you all on September 10, 2015, for Back to School Night. My door is always open, so please stop by, call or email, any time if you have a question or idea. Regards, Joe L. Rubens, Principal

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Media Center

My name is Ms. Burgos and I am your new Library Media Specialist. I want to share our new Media Center site with you - <http://kenne-dyhs.montgomeryschoolsmd.libguides.com/mediacenter/home>. It is still in development but has links to our online databases, Destiny, and other fun stuff. If there is anything that is not there and you would like to see, please let me know. And while you're at it, follow me on Twitter @MsBurgosOjeda! I look forward to an exciting year as I get to know the JFK community better.

Social Studies

The Social Studies Department is excited to embark on the 2015/2016 school year. We are, after all, Educators, Parents, Coaches, Competitors, Award Winners, Innovators, Trailblazers and Global Citizens. With over 190 collective years of experience in education, we promise to challenge, push and inspire all our students. Welcome to an exciting, new and wonderful journey ahead!

Destination Graduation

The Destination Graduation team welcomes the Class of 2019 to Kennedy High School! We are eager to meet your child and look forward to partnering with you to ensure their academic success this school year. Please check our website regularly to stay abreast of all the wonderful things that will be offered to ninth grade students. Make sure you have Edline access and do not hesitate to contact us with any questions and/or concerns you may have. Thank you, Mrs. Kaleisha Wright, Ninth Grade Administrator Mrs. Tracey Wright, Ninth Grade Team Leader

CAVS Pride

The CAVS Pride program recognizes and rewards the positive behaviors demonstrated by the students at Kennedy High School. Students who C- Communicate with Respect, A- are Accountable, V - Value the school, or S - Strive to be extraordinary are given CAVS Pride Tickets. If your child receives a CAVS Pride ticket, encourage them to drop it in the CAVS Pride mailbox so they can be a participant in our random monthly drawings for Kennedy related prizes and gear!

Yearbook

It's Yearbook Time!

Don't miss out on your chance to pre-order your 2016 Kennedy Yearbook. For a limited time, if your pre-order and personalize your cover, you can choose up to 4 free icons, a total savings of over \$30.00! The deadline for this promotion is **9/25/15**, so order now! If you have any questions, please stop by to see Ms. Williams in Room 210 or send an e-mail to shamecca_s_williams@mcpsmd.org.



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Science highlights

Welcome Back to School! There are lots of great things going on in science this school year! First and foremost, we welcome our newest members of the department, Ms. Niambi Wills and Ms. Joy Gabriel! Ms. Wills will be teaching Chemistry. Ms. Gabriel will be teaching Physical Science. These experienced teachers are eager to share their knowledge and love of science with the students.



Updates and News

Welcome to World Languages!

We, the teachers of the World Languages Department, have been working very hard at preparing for the new school year by attending various trainings in technology, discourse strategies, and in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. This past summer, some of us traveled to Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, India, and Florida, for educational and personal purposes. We look forward to serving our students. Thank you from Mr. Colón, Ms. DeLand, Mr. Jefferson, Ms. La Rocca, Mr. Maroto, Mme Méléance and Mme Umarji.

Math Department

The 2015 - 2016 school year is commencing with several math teachers creating web pages. This is a convenient way for parents and students to access teacher updates, announcement, syllabi, homework assignments, assessments dates and much more information. Go to the JFK webpage and look for the teachers hyperlink on the main page.

A-Tech

The following clubs and activities have begun this week:

Art Club (Wednesdays during lunch)

Marching Band & Silk Guard (Wed & Thurs after school)

Seniors accepted into the Internship Program for their senior year will begin reporting to their sites on September 15. The program allows highly motivated students to learn about a prospective career under the direction of a gifted professional. Contact Mrs. Linda Johnson, at Linda_L_Johnson@mcpsmd.org for more information.

IB Program

"I think I've crossed pretty much everything off of my bucket list!" Though only the words of one student, the sentiment was shared by everyone who participated in the IB -sponsored international eco-adventure to Costa Rica this summer. Snorkeling, whitewater rafting, kayaking, zip lining, horseback riding, a volcano hike, cooking lessons, you name it, they did it!

Career Academies

Career Academies prepare high school students for both college and careers. Here at Kennedy we have a Health Careers Academy where students can focus on Physical Rehabilitation or Certified Nursing Assistant Training. We also have a Business Management & Administration Academy, as well as a Broadcast Journalism & Communications Academy. We offer International Baccalaureate courses to complement each academy. Studies have found that students in Career Academies perform better in high school and are more likely to go to college, compared to similar students in the same schools.

ESOL

In our program, we have about 180 students from 32 different countries. Our staff are all highly trained to teach non-native speakers from beginner to advanced levels of English: ESOL 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

We are thrilled to have a new ESOL 3 and 4 teacher, Ms. Pena, who once taught in the Dominican Republic as well as a new ESOL counselor, Ms. Lepinsky, who is originally from Honduras.

BIG NEWS: We invite you to our annual ESOL Parent Night on October 15th from 6:30-8:00PM in the Media Center. There will be translators for parents and guardians who don't speak English. Please do your best to come and learn more about our program!