



# Kennedy Connection

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## First Marking Period Ends

The first marking period of the year has come to a close. Grades were entered and the first quarterly report cards from Power School were sent home with students. Those Parents and Guardians who are using Power School accounts are beginning to see data being entered into Q2 as we are working in the second marking period of the school year.

Parent and guardians were able to get their PowerSchool Access IDs and Passwords during Parent Conferences on Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>.

All Parents and Guardians are en-

couraged to create a Power School account to see real time grade and attendance data. Creating an account only takes a few minutes online via desktop or laptop.

If you would like your Kennedy High School student Access ID and Password please email KHS Parent Liaison, Ann Marie Brites at [abrites@waterbury.k12.ct.us](mailto:abrites@waterbury.k12.ct.us) to request it be sent to you.

Ann Marie is available to help parents who may need assistance.

Parent Liaisons only have access to their school's parent access codes. If you have students in other Waterbury Schools you will need to

contact the Parent Liaisons at each school for the Access ID and Password for your individual student.

\*Please note that your parent account provides you the capability to set and receive alerts for grades and attendance that your student does not have access to see or change.

Student accounts have already been created and allow students to view grade and attendance data.

Parent/guardian accounts must be created from a desktop or laptop from the Waterbury Public Schools website. Our address is <http://www.waterbury.k12.ct.us/>

Select PowerSchool Links from the list of Quick Links to the left of the main screen.

Once your parent account has been created via desktop or laptop you may download the Power School App for your smartphone or tablet and automatically receive alerts when teachers enter grade or attendance data.

Power School is a truly powerful tool linking parents to student performance and progress anytime anywhere no matter how busy our schedules get.

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## Principal's Corner



I hope the holiday season finds everyone enjoying time with family and friends. It is hard to believe that we are nearing the mid point of the school year. Please note that midterm exams will begin shortly after returning from the holiday break. Exams are scheduled to begin on January 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, or we can be of any help, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 203-574-8150.



## From The Vice Principals



Waterbury Schools will be closed for winter break from December 25<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mid term exams are tentatively scheduled begin on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> and conclude on January 17<sup>th</sup>. KHS Students will be dismissed early during mid terms.

Waterbury Schools will be closed Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.

The second marking period closes on January 17<sup>th</sup> marking the half way point of the year.

## Guidance Department

### SOAR Applications

The deadline to apply to the SOAR program at Kennedy High School is Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>. This Friday is also the deadline for 8th graders to have come to shadow a current SOAR student.

SOAR program administrators will begin the process of reviewing the applicants and letters will be sent home to families.

### College Applications

The college application process is ongoing for seniors and our guidance counselors are available to assist.

Computers and a printer are available for students to use in the college application process.

Students should see their guidance counselor for information regarding visits from college admissions representatives to Kennedy High School.

KHS Guidance Counselor Mr. Poulter is available to answer scholarship questions and applications are available in the Guidance office

### Opt-Out recruiting forms

An "opt out" forms have been given to all 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. This form should be completed by students who want their names removed from the list provided to the branches of the US Military Service and returned to Ms. Hinton in the guidance office.

Students who complete this form will not be contacted for recruiting purposes.



### Course requests for 2018-2019

Power School is able to do so much more than just record grades and attendance. Instead of completing paper course requests, students will be able to request courses for the 2018-2019 school year through their student Power School account. Training is being provided to KHS staff members involved in assisting students through the course request process and will be provided to students during an advisory period.

## School Governance: NEASC & Learning Module

Due to scheduling conflicts KHS School Governance Council has had to postpone regularly scheduled meetings. That has not prevented Parent/guardian elections or Staff elections from taking place.

The next School Governance Council was finally able to hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm in the media center.

The council discussed the process high schools go through to be ac-

credited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Schools are accredited for a 10 year period during which they are reviewed and revisited and begin preparation to restart the process for the next ten year accreditation designation.

KHS will begin preparing for re-accreditation this Spring.



### Learning Modules for SGC's

Mary Ann Marold, Education Liaison hosted the 2017-2018 district wide module "Learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" on November 28<sup>th</sup> in the Crosby High School Media Center for School Governance Council Members about the classic and additional skills students are expected to master to be prepared for success on either an employment or continuing educational path following high school. Mrs. Marold will be visiting

KHS School Governance Councils to provide training on the roles and responsibilities of School Governance Council Members.



## DECA Toy Drive

KHS DECA (Distributive Education clubs of America) is holding a toy drive to support St. Vincent DePaul Mission in Waterbury. New unwrapped toys were collected in Club Advisor Mrs. Sasso's Room.



The toys will be distributed to local children in need by St. Vincent DePaul Mission in Waterbury.

DECA club members posted signs and made announcements in school. Staff and students responded by donating enough toys to fill Mrs. Sasso's car.



The St. Vincent DePaul Mission supports families experiencing a time of homelessness in our community.

Clothing and toy donations can be made to St. Vincent DePaul at 38 Willow Street.

Grocery items can be made to the soup kitchen at 327 Baldwin Street, or to the shelter at 114 Benedict Street. Use the following link to visit the SVDP website for more information on services, volunteer opportunities, or hours of operation

<http://www.stvincentdepaulmission.org/index.php>

## PTSA

JFK PTSA is a parent/guardian, teacher, student volunteer organization whose mission is to support student success. Membership is open to all parents/guardians, teachers, and students. There is no cost to become a member.

JFK PTSA meets regularly on the first Thursday of every month in the large conference room near the office from 6pm to 7pm.

Our next regular monthly meeting is scheduled after the holidays on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> in the large conference room by the main office. We'll post signs to follow.

Recent agenda items included discussion of restarting a scholarship awards given to graduating seniors, adding a keychain to sell in addition to the Alex and Ani style bracelet, purchasing for concessions and hosting a paint night.

The concessions schedule for home basketball games is available with games beginning mid-December.

We are scheduled to do concessions on Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup>. We sell pizza, water, Gatorade, and assorted chips and sweets.

Games will continue through the end of February. Championships, if we do well, are held into the first two weeks in March.

Let us know if you are interested in signing up to volunteer or to be an alternate in the event one of our volunteers cannot work a scheduled game.

May this season bring you peace warmth and happiness,

Stephanie & Yolanda



## From Your Parent Liaison

### CT School Finance Project

In October, Erika Haynes from the nonprofit organization CT School Finance Project visited KHS. She presented information about how schools in CT are financed with state and local tax dollars. She talked specifically about how Waterbury legislates school finance.

Erika provides current, accurate information and teaches parents the language gives resources necessary to get information as well as how to advocate in their community regarding school finance.

Ericka has offered to come back to Waterbury again to meet with parents who were are interested in learning more.

### WYS Workshop on Sexting and Social Media

On November 15<sup>th</sup> Kennedy High School hosted Waterbury Youth Services presentation for parents and high school students on the dangers of sexting and social media.

Parents and students in attendance participated in a conversation about the personal risks and negative effects on future school experience, college acceptance, employment, and potential legal penalties.

### Coffee With Counselors

The next Coffee with Counselors workshop will be held on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:30am to 8:30am. Topic will be helping your student manage stress.

I want to offer workshops that you find useful and worthy of your time and welcome any ideas or suggestions you may have. I can be reached anytime by phone (203) 574-8150 x437 or email [abrites@waterbury.k12.ct.us](mailto:abrites@waterbury.k12.ct.us).

Wishing you and your family a happy and safe holiday season,

Ann Marie



## Attendance News

City of Waterbury Board of Education Attendance Policy limits the number of absences students can have in order to receive class credit.

**Students are allowed 20 absences per year before they will lose class credit.**

In high school "absences" refers to:

Missing an entire day

**OR**

Missing individual class periods

It is important students are in school on time every day.

Following an absence parents/guardians are asked to send a note in to the attention of the Attend-

ance Counselor. Calling ahead is not necessary.

Sending a note in DOES NOT mean absences will be excused. All absences count.

The regular daily schedule is posted here. Please note that homework has been eliminated and students should report directly to their Period I class.

Any student who wishes to have breakfast at school may arrive to the cafeteria at 6:50am

The first bell of the day rings at 7:10am. Students should arrive by now, stop at their locker and go to their first period classroom.

### Regular Day

PERIOD 1	7:20	8:13
PERIOD 2	8:17	9:05
PERIOD 3	9:09	9:57
PERIOD 4	10:01	10:49
PERIOD 5A	10:53	11:15
PERIOD 5B	11:19	11:40
PERIOD 5C	11:44	12:06
PERIOD 6	12:10	12:58
PERIOD 7	1:02	1:50

### Half Day/ Emergency Dismissal

PERIOD 1	7:20	7:52
PERIOD 2	7:56	8:23
PERIOD 3	8:27	8:54
PERIOD 4	8:58	9:25
PERIOD 5	9:29	9:56
PERIOD 6	10:01	10:28
PERIOD 7	10:32	11:00

## Notes From The Nurse

The weather is changing and students with asthma may experience an increase in symptoms. As a reminder please check the dates on



your inhalers and renew any prescriptions as well as replace any rescue inhalers in the nurses office as needed.

**\* Please provide any new phone numbers to the nurse's office throughout the year. It is very important, especially in a medical emergency.**

Students wanting to play a sport need to have a new physical form Students wanting to play a sport need to have a new physical form every year It must be brought in to the nurse BEFORE tryouts begin.

ALL 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS NEED A PHYSICAL THIS YEAR. BLUE FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED BY A PHYSICIAN IN 2017 AND BROUGHT IN TO THE NURSE.



If you have any questions, you may contact me at 203-574-8137

Wishing you and yours a safe and happy holiday season

**M. Owens, RN**



## Get Connected

Contact us anytime at  
**203-574-8150**

Main office x8  
Vice Principal's Office x2  
Guidance x3  
Nurse x4  
Attendance x1  
Athletic Director x5

Or find us online at  
<http://www.waterbury.k12.ct.us/>

The City of Waterbury is linking to Khan Academy a free interactive online academic practice site available to students in all grades from elementary to high school.

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Students and families can sign up using the link above to reinforce academic skills.

High school students can use the following link to sign up and practice PSAT/SAT skills.

[WWW.KHANACADEMY.ORG/SAT](http://WWW.KHANACADEMY.ORG/SAT)

Did you know you can get very near real time data on the location of your student's bus with Durham Schools Bus Tracker App.

Find it here:

<http://www.waterbury.k12.ct.us/Content2/22920>



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24	25 <i>Winter Break - School reopens January 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	26	27	28	29	30
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