



KHS Rocket Review

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KHS ONE MONTH INTO THE YEAR:

We have made it one month into the school year! Students and staff are hitting their stride in the classroom and getting deep into the curriculum. This is the time of year when students must stay on top of their schoolwork to build the habits necessary to carry them through the semester. Students who fall behind early, often find themselves struggling for a more extended period of time. Use PowerSchool to check your student's progress regularly and feel free to contact staff for more information as needed. Keep the lines of communication open with your student, ask them frequently how school is going, and don't accept short answers. The more important it is to you, the more important it will become to them.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT:

We have numerous ways in which students can be involved at Kelloggsville High School. Whether it is athletics, clubs, band, choir, theatre, our K-Crew student section, or our other clubs and organizations GET INVOLVED. Students who are involved while in high school not only have a better experience, but they also perform better in the classroom. Our goal is not just for students to graduate and find post-high school success, but to enjoy their time here and build memories and relationships that will last a lifetime. Encourage your student to try new things at KHS this year!

ATTENDANCE AND TARDIES:

"Showing up is half the battle"- Stephen Hawking. This quote is in many ways true. When students are chronically absent or Tardy they are missing class time and instruction that cannot be replaced. Students who struggle with attendance and/or tardies will typically struggle with their schoolwork or find themselves behind in classwork on a consistent basis. Instructional time is a precious resource, we only have a fixed amount. When we lose time in the classroom, that is not the

time we get back. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENT IS ON TIME TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY, AND MAKES IT TO CLASS ON TIME. Our attendance and tardy policies (new this year) are below:

Attendance Policy

Students who exceed 12 absences (combination of excused/ unexcused) in a semester **must pass the class and do one of the following** to have their grade calculated and earn credit for the course:

- Achieve a 70% (C-) or better on the final exam/ final projects.
Or
- Serve one after-school Academic Recovery Session for each hour missed beyond the 12th absence per class.

Students unsuccessful at meeting at least one of these requirements will not receive a letter grade or credit for the course.

Students successful in meeting all of the criteria will earn their earned letter grade and credit for the course.

All Academic Recovery Sessions must be served by the end of the semester. Seniors must have all Academic Recovery Sessions time for 2nd semester served prior to the commencement ceremony.

Tardy Policy

Tardies - Students are considered tardy if they are not in class when the tone sounds to indicate the start of the class period. Tardies are handled by the administration as a disciplinary matter. Consequences begin with the 5th accumulated tardy.

Tardy Consequences will be as follows:

.Tardies: The 5th cumulative tardy will result in a discipline referral. A student will not be marked tardy with a pass unless it states it should be marked tardy. **Reset every semester.**

5 Tardies: Up to 3 hours ISS Admin/Support contact home

10 Tardies: Up to 1 day ISS Admin/Support contact home

15 Tardies: Up to 2 days ISS/OSS Admin contact home

20+ Tardies: Up to 3 days ISS/OSS (refer to contract) Admin contact home

Major infractions of the previously mentioned categories of misconduct could result in Out of School Suspension (OSS), up to and including expulsion based on the KHS Discipline Continuum.

Students receiving OSS are not allowed on school grounds for any reason during their out of school suspension, and also may not be allowed to attend dances, sporting events, plays, or other school functions after suspension.

CELEBRATE SUCCESS; OVERCOME CHALLENGES:

Do what you can to celebrate the positive moments that happen during the school year. Whether that is positive changes in behavior or academic success. By showing students the benefits of hard work, great character, and positive attitude we can help reinforce the positive characteristics that make our community proud to call our students Kelloggsville Rockets. Challenges will arise, and when those challenges arise help your student navigate those challenges by stressing good decisions and understanding the possible outcomes of decisions they make. When difficulties arise if we help them separate emotion from the decisions they need to make it will help them make choices that will lead to a more positive outcome.

ROCKET 11- BE THE 1 WHO IS MORE THAN A TEN!

Kelloggsville High School is proud to enter our 2nd year utilizing our Rocket 11 Program. Rocket 11 is a program that encourages students to be **RESILIENT, SELFLESS, AND COMPASSIONATE**. These characteristics will help make all students successful inside and outside KHS. We honor students who show these characteristics with a Rocket 11 Bracelet that will earn them rewards throughout the year. Rocket 11 culminates with a Rocket 11 Ceremony that honors students who live these characteristics every day. These students are

chosen by students and staff based on their day-to-day interactions throughout our building.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST YEARS WINNERS: Yarlene Valdez, Alex Partica-Chavez, Alexis , Kyle Tindall, David Stobbe, Jaleah Glasco, Amyah Hodges, Stephane Garcia-Palacios.

Mr. Nick Patin – Principal

Mr. James Gentile – Dean of Students

COUNSELING COMMENTS:

Introducing our new High School Counselor:

A message from Jeff Poelstra:

Hello Kelloggsville Family,

It's a great pleasure to come on board with a great team at the high school and an amazing student population. I am all about relationships, student empowerment, and a rigorous approach to helping students achieve great things, both academically and personally! I attended GRCC to begin my education, and then on to Western Michigan University for my undergrad degree in teaching Special Education, and then to a graduate degree in School Counseling. I am a sports fan, I have enjoyed coaching soccer for over 20 years, I love camping and the outdoors, and am blessed with an amazing family. I look forward to working with our great community to help not only improve the lives of our students, but to help them reach whatever goals that they put their minds to. Thank you :)

Students and Credits for Graduation: Students will be reviewing credits with Mr. Poelstra (Grades 10 & 12) and Mrs. Craft (Grades 9 & 11) over the next several weeks. Students will sign their credit audit in agreement that they are aware and understand which classes they need to pass and how many more credits they need to reach graduation.

Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): [The free application](#) must be completed between Oct 1 - March 1 to receive federal student loans for college as well as grants (free money that does not need to be paid back (Tuition Incentive Program, Pell Grants, etc,) Kville has a **FAFSA Completion Night on Thursday, Oct 20 from 5:30-7:30 PM at KHS** with professionals to help parents/guardians and students complete the FAFSA. Please see this list of [items to bring](#), and a [FSA ID](#) must be created prior to starting the FAFSA (you can complete this at the event as well). This event is FREE!! The High School will schedule another night in November. Any student who's FAFSA report

shows \$50,000 or less AGI (annual Graduated Income) may be eligible at many. We hope to see you there!

FAFSA Virtual Financial Aid Nights: Virtual informative events begin on Oct 4, 6:30 PM and continue for Free for 8 weeks. The seminars cover paying for college, scholarships, and understanding financial aid.

College Applications: Seniors are encouraged to visit official college websites to explore, visit and apply to colleges. It is suggested to apply to 4 year colleges by Halloween and GRCC and trade schools by Christmas. Many applications are free through October and many students may qualify for a fee waiver. All seniors' college acceptance letters (regardless of the decision on attendance) can be submitted to Mr. Poelstra to be recognized on our KDL Media Center Wall of Fame!

Credit Recovery: If a student needs to recover credits for a class that they have failed, they should sign up through his/her google classroom page by Oct 15.

What is the SAT: The SAT is a standardized exam taken by nearly 1.6 million students each year. It measures knowledge and skills in English, mathematics, reading, science, with an optional writing test. The SAT collects a variety of other information including educational background, plans, and needs.

Seniors: SAT and College Admissions/Scholarships: Many Michigan colleges at this time DO NOT REQUIRE the SAT score for admissions, but it may be necessary if they have a lower GPA or for scholarship qualification.

Should Seniors Retake the SAT?: Students may register to [retake the SAT here](#). It is offered about every month at a local school/college. This should be considered if the GPA is much below the average GPA for the colleges/trade schools they are pursuing, or for most scholarship considerations (watch for college deadlines on receiving scores.) Research shows that almost 60% of students who retake the SAT improve their score! Fee waivers are available if you qualify. Contact Mr. Poelstra in the Counseling office.

Interested in browsing and comparing careers and colleges? Here is one of the best tools! <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

Scholarships: Deadlines approach quickly! Seniors considering higher education should consider pursuing scholarships, especially if they have a 3.0 GPA or higher. Kville will offer approximately 10 scholarships exclusively to our seniors in the month of November. Some popular scholarship search engines are College Board's [Big Future](#), [Fastweb](#), as well as our brand new [Kville Senior Scholarship page](#) which is updated several times a month. [Going Merry](#) is also a unique site with one application for hundreds of scholarships with an account unique to Kville seniors. All students earning scholarships for post secondary institutions will be recognized at the end of the year!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2022 – 2023 Yearbooks: Yearbooks are now on sale! Forever remember 2021-22 with a stunning full-color yearbook! To buy one, order online at www.iostens.com or contact Mr. Fron by email (rfron@kvilleps.org). Cost is \$55.00 per book until October 7.

Senior Pictures: For the 2022 - 2023 yearbook, your picture must be submitted to Mr. Fron via email or his mailbox in the high school office by **January 20**. Please allow yourself plenty of time to get your pictures taken, as this deadline cannot be extended. Senior pictures should be a wallet-sized, head-and-shoulder shot. If you are not planning to get senior pictures taken, please see Mr. Fron.

The Parent English Program runs through November 21. We meet on Monday evenings 5:30 – 8 PM, in the High School library. This program will help both parents and school age children to learn English, become better readers, and gain an understanding of school materials and strategies.

Each week parents and children will spend time learning together. Then, parents will have an opportunity to study English in a small group and on the computer while children play in the gym, play games, and/or do craft projects with a teacher.

Please email Susan Faulk if you have questions or plan to attend: sfaulk@kvilleps.org

Choir Concert: High School choir concert will be October 11th at 7pm in the KHS auditorium.

Pedestrian Safety: Crossing Division Avenue is dangerous. A poor decision about when or where to cross can cost a life. **Remind your student to use the crosswalks, and sidewalk in the parking lot. Remember to practice safety first.**

Use of Tobacco on School Premises: The Board of Education believes that the right of persons to use tobacco must be balanced against the right of those who do not use tobacco to breathe air untainted by tobacco. In order to protect students and employees who choose not to use tobacco from an environment noxious to them and potentially damaging to their health, the Board prohibits the use of tobacco on premises (High school, Middle school, Elementary buildings, bus garage, maintenance building, athletic complexes, Board of Education center, home tech projects, parking lots), 24 hours per day, and 365 days a year. For the purpose of this policy, "use of tobacco" means cigar, cigarette, smokeless tobacco or pipe, vape pens or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco.

From the Board of Education:

Electronic Communication Devices (Cell phones) – All ECD's must remain in a student's Locker between 8am and 3pm.

Violations of this policy will result in confiscation of the ECD and school discipline, which could include suspension. ***Students who refuse to surrender their ECD will face discipline consequences up to and including suspension.***

The district is not responsible for the theft, loss, or damage to any ECD brought on to school property. Parent/Guardian pick up of the confiscated ECD is required.

Teachers available daily: Parents wishing to talk with teachers may do so via email. We encourage you to talk to your student's teachers as needed.

Teacher:	Email address:
Mr. Anderson	tanderson@kvilleps.org
Mrs. Baechler	kbaechler@kvilleps.org
Miss Berlanga	dberlanga@kvilleps.org
Mrs. Blok	rblok@kvilleps.org
Mr. Blok	jblok@kvilleps.org
Mr. Branch	bbranch@kvilleps.org
Mr. Coon	tcoon@kvilleps.org
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Sports Scoop:

Spectators: Home admission prices for all students (K-12) and adults is \$5.00 for high school events and \$2.00 for middle school events. Punch cards will also be available to purchase \$20/adult, \$10/student. Each card is valid for 10 admissions and may be shared. Students must show their current school ID for entry. Middle school and elementary students must be accompanied by an adult for high school events. Students outside of the competing schools must be accompanied by an adult. No backpacks or outside food or drinks will be allowed into the gyms or football stadium. Please be advised that restrictions/prices may vary for each district. Please be considerate when traveling to other venues.

Football spectators: Please be advised that Harp St & Jefferson Ave are no parking zones. Any vehicle parked along these streets during home events may be ticketed.

Winter Sport Athletes: As a reminder, per MHSAA guidelines, all athletes must have a physical on file dated 4/15/22 or later in order to participate in any practice or try out during the 22/23 school year. Winter tryouts & practices will begin as follows:

Monday, November 7: Girls Basketball & Competitive Cheer

Monday, November 14: Boys Basketball, Wrestling, Boys & Girls Bowling