



# KHS Rocket Review

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A new school year brings new staff into the High School. We'd like to introduce some of them to you!

My name is James Gentile and I am the new Dean of Students here at Kelloggsville High School. For the past 5 years I taught special education at the high school and also coached football. I grew up in Saline, MI, which is a small town just outside of Ann Arbor on the east side of the state. I completed my undergraduate studies at Central Michigan University where I studied Special Education with a concentration in Cognitive Impairments. I am extremely excited to be a part of the administration team here at Kelloggsville and have already thoroughly enjoyed my new role! In my free time I like spending time with my wife, walking my golden retriever, reading, cooking, playing golf and hockey.

My name is Ken Pinch and I am a Special Education teacher here at Kelloggsville. I was born and raised in Dearborn, on Michigan's east side. I moved to the Grand Rapids area in 2008, and greatly enjoy all that West Michigan has to offer. I studied History and Social Studies with an emphasis on Secondary Education at Western Michigan University. Shortly thereafter, I received my Master's degree in Special Education from Eastern Michigan University. In my free time I enjoy fishing (on the ice also), hiking, biking, camping, and spending time with my family

## School News:

**No School:** Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for Professional Development, and Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving break.

## September students of the month:

- 9th: Tizitz Gonzalez
- 10th: Alxavier Ochoa
- 11th: -Angel Nix
- 12th: Brenden Tuinstra

**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 Friday January 20<sup>th</sup>. Please allow yourself plenty of time to get your pictures taken as this deadline cannot be extended. Senior pictures should be a head-and-shoulders shot. If you are not planning to get senior pictures taken, please see Mr. Fron.

## Counseling Comments:

### Final FAFSA Completion Night!

**Thursday, November 10, 4:30 – 7 PM.** Doors close at 6:30 pm. Family meal and Spanish translator available.

Items to bring if you have them:

1. FAFSA Login and password for student and/or parent (the login and password you use to create the FSA ID).
2. 2023-24 FAFSA will be based on taxes filed in 2021.
3. W2 forms for parent & student.
4. Social Security number for student.
5. Driver's license for student if they have one.
6. Current info on private business, investments and or/or farm.
7. Current bank statement information (accounts and balances).

Every senior is welcome who wants to pursue financial aid for college/trade schools/job training programs.

\*\*Students need to know their Social Security or Alien Registration number to apply. Parents do not need to submit those to fill out the FAFSA.

### **Paying for College**

Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible if there is a plan or consideration to attend college or job training program after graduation. An alternative to using the government site for the FAFSA is *Going Merry*, an easier site with simpler language, more tips, available help and overall easier process to complete the FAFSA. GoingMerry is also a scholarship matching site with many scholarships bundled into one application.

Enroll at [www.goingmerry.com](http://www.goingmerry.com) to create an account to complete the FAFSA.

### **Opportunities in the Military**

Have you ever wondered what kind of opportunities are available to members of the military? Students, parents and educators are invited to join us for *Opportunities in the Military* learning sessions where we will get first hand insight from members of the different branches of the military. Each session in this series will focus on a different branch of the military. Our first event is **Thursday, November 10, 6-8 pm, and will focus on The Marines.**

### **Career Explorers**

Career Explorers is a flexible, virtual career exploration experience to help students in grades 7-12 learn about occupations in a variety of pathways. Students will have the opportunity to meet six career mentors through 30-minute Career Chats. These zoom-based career conversations allows mentors to share their own career path, information about education and daily work, along with valuable industry insights. Virtual – live and recorded sessions are available to meet

the needs of busy students. For more information, go to [kentisd.org](http://kentisd.org).

**Khan Academy** - Do you feel your child could benefit from a little extra help? Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace. It draws personalized information from the students' PSAT tests through its connection to College Board, and delivers instruction targeted at deficit areas. From extra help in a core subject to SAT practice, Khan Academy offers free online practice for students. Check it out at [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

## **Sports Scoop:**

**Student Section T-Shirts:** Students who purchase student section t-shirts for \$10 will get into all winter home events for free.

**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.

**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 7th: Competitive Cheer

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

Monday, November 21st: Boys Basketball