



Kenai Central High School

Newsletter

February, 2012



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Principal's Message:

Hard to believe that it is February already. This is one of the months of the school year that we can get in a significant academic push. Students are well into the routine of learning and not yet distracted by warmer weather and the possibility of winter's end.

Our Kenai Central Cross Country Ski, Hockey and Basketball teams will also continue to compete this month. We hope that you will come out and show your Kardinal pride.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Mass Choir will be in the building February 6th and 7th with a performance at 6:30 pm on the 7th.

We will have our second set of Parent/Teacher conferences on February 2nd. Teachers will be available that afternoon to meet with parents from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the auditorium commons. Students will not have school the February 2nd or 3rd due to the conferences.

Also, coming up February 29th will be the Job Shadow day for 11th grade students. Job Shadow is a wonderful program for our students to be out in the community exploring the world of work first hand. Thank you to the Kenai Chamber of Commerce, the businesses, and community for the work and time that they provide to make this program a success.

Thanks and have a great month.

GO KARDS!

Alan Fields
KCHS Principal

See the KCHS sports schedules online at <http://highschoolsports.net/>



JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Natalya Oskolkoff – Physical Science	Alex Bergholtz – Biology
Amy Maurer – Health	Joshua Lieder – U.S. History
Bryan Clifford – LA 10	Rebecca Andrew – Band
Daniel Carlson – Choir	Logane Hall – Algebra 1
Makayla George – Ceramics	Dain Chivers – Welding
Duane Reitter – Study Skills	Jonathan Pedginski – Geometry
Jacob Gilman – AP U.S. History	Austin Daly – LA 11 Honors
Dawnelle Saxton – Spanish 2	Evan Atchley – Chamber
Melanie Wortham – Elks	Olivia Pfeifer – Rotary
Leah Sandahl – Kard of the Deck	Melissa Morckel – Super Staffer

2012 KPBSD H.S. MASS CHOIR FESTIVAL CONCERT TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 7, 2012 6:00PM

The 2012 KPBSD H.S. Mass Choir Festival will be held Monday & Tuesday, February 6th and 7th. All high school students involved in choir throughout the KPBSD will come together at Kenai Central High School for two days of rehearsal under the baton of Dr. Timothy Peter from Luther College – Decorah, Iowa. This will be Dr. Peter's second trip to the Kenai Peninsula. Some of the high school basses and tenors sang with Dr. Peter at the 2010 All-NW Men's in Seattle also.

This is always a wonderful concert. Homer, Kenai Central, Ninilchik, Nikiski/Seward, Skyview and Soldotna High Schools will each perform individually beginning at 6:00pm. The Mass Choir of 300 plus students will follow with six very varied selections!!

Please join us; it's a very fun concert!

Admission: \$5.00 Adults / \$3.00 Senior Citizens / \$2.00 Students



JUNIOR JOB SHADOW PROGRAM

Wednesday, February 29th is Job Shadow Day! About 125 juniors will participate in the 16th annual KCHS/Kenai Chamber of Commerce program. The program provides students with the opportunity to “shadow” people in their daily work activities. Students have been preparing for job shadow day all quarter, and they will enter the community with polished résumés, job applications, cover letters, and other work place skills needed to observe and perform on the job. Their extensive research and preparation has been completed with the support of students’ English teachers, counselors, and staff from the Peninsula Job Center. Participating juniors will report to the cafeteria on Wednesday, February 29th instead of to their regular first hour class. There they will meet their job shadow hosts for a continental breakfast and a short orientation session; students will then leave with their hosts and travel to various job sites, where they will receive first-hand information about their chosen careers. At 12:30, students and their hosts will gather for a luncheon and closing program. Students will return to KCHS to evaluate their experiences with their classmates and teachers. We expect all students to return to school well before the buses leave at the end of the day. Questions or comments about the job shadow program should be directed to your student’s English teacher or counselor. Thanks very much to the community for its continued support of the KCHS job shadow program!

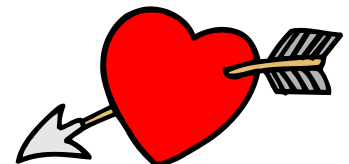
Drama Auditions

The KCHS Drama Club will hold auditions for *The Dining Room*, by A. R. Gurney, on Feb. 6 & 7 at 3:00 in the Little Theatre. There are parts for 5-10 actors and 5-10 actresses. All students are welcome to audition. Students must turn in signed consent forms (available from Mrs. Johnson) at or before auditions. Performance will be March 30 & 31, and April 1.

KCHS Counseling Department News

Events / Dates to remember.

- Sign up for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com
- Sign up for the ACT at www.act.org
- College Goal Sunday: February 12th @ 2:00pm. Bring your tax information to KPC to have help filing your FAFSA
- Registration Sheets go out to students to bring home for parent signature on February 14th – They are due back to school to their advisory teacher by February 21st.
- Senior Scholarship Folder DUE February 17th.
- Job Shadow – February 29th
- HSGQE Test Dates: April 3rd – 5th



Workforce Development Center

The following after school academies are free and available for all local high school students.

- The **Introduction to Criminal Justice Academy** will start February 7th at the Workforce Development Center and will end on April 19th. Class days will be Tues. and Thurs. from 5-8pm. Students will learn about the different careers in the criminal justice pathway: Probation Officer, Parole Officer, Police Officer, Dispatcher, Criminal Justice Technician and more.
- The **Dental Assistant Academy** will start in February at Skyview High School and will run through April. Dates and times TBA. Students will learn the basics of being part of a dental healthcare team. The course will provide hands on experience in general dental office procedures including, scheduling, patient prep, dental hygiene, and other aspects of assisting. Class size is limited.
- The **Plumbing Academy** will begin February 6th at Soldotna High School with instructor Tyson Cox. This will be an introduction to care and use of tools, fittings and materials used in the plumbing and heating trade to safely transfer fluids and gases. Students will learn how to connect many types of pipe and tubing using proper techniques and fitting to specifically include copper, pex, ABS, and cast iron. Class days are Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-6:30 through April 23rd.
- The **Emergency Trauma Technician (ETT) Academy** will be held at one of our local high schools (TBA) beginning after Spring Break and will run through April. Class days will be Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30pm-6:30pm and an occasional Saturday from 9-5. This course will cover all areas required to receive certification as an Emergency Medical Technician. The last week of class will be for review and the final exam. If you pass the exam you'll receive your certification and an ETT patch.
- There will be a **Construction Academy** coming up sometime after Spring Break in the Kenai and Ninilchik area. Dates and times TBA.

Students successfully completing any of the 60-hour academies are eligible to receive a half practical art credit.

Transportation may be provided if needed.

To sign up, contact your school counselor or call Debbie Pearson at 283-2145 or email dpearson@kpbsd.org

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