



# Kewaskum Middle School October 2011 Newsletter

## OCTOBER VIRTUE

**Responsibility:  
do what needs  
to be done.**

### Important Fall Dates

- Oct 23 Student Government Brat Fry at Pick & Save North
- Oct 24 Wrestling Practice Starts
- Oct 25 WKCE Testing  
Girls' BB @ Pewaukee
- Oct 26 Halloween Dance  
6-8 pm

**Oct 27 No School—T's Prof. Day**

**Oct 28 No School**

- Nov 1 Girls' Home BB Game
- Nov 3 Girls' BB @ Pewaukee
- Nov 6 Daylight Saving Time
- Nov 7 Girls' Home BB Game
- Nov 8 Girls' Home BB Game
- Nov 10 Home Wrestling Meet
- Nov 15 Girls' BB @ Silverbrook (WB), Wrestling @ Hart-
- Nov 17 Girls' Home BB Game, Wrestling Meet @ Slinger
- Nov 19 Wrestling Invitational @ Hartford
- Nov 22 Girls' BB @ Silverbrook

**Nov 23, 24, & 25 No School—Thanksgiving Break**

- Nov 29 Home Wrestling Meet  
Girls' Away BB @ Slinger
- Dec 1 Girls' Home BB Game  
Wrestling @ Hartland
- Dec 5 Wrestling @ Germantown
- Dec 6 Girls' BB @ Badger (WB)
- Dec 7 Report Cards Mailed
- Dec 8 Girls' BB @ Slinger  
Wrestling @ West Bend

## NOVEMBER VIRTUE

**Self-Discipline:  
make yourself do  
what's right.**

## WKCE STATE TESTING

All KMS students will take the required state examinations in late October and early November. Students will test the mornings of **October 25th, November 1st, and November 3rd.** Eighth graders will continue testing during core classes (Science, Language Arts, and Social Studies) the next week.

It is especially important for your children to get a good night's rest before

and breakfast the morning of each exam date. It is also important that your child be in attendance the days of exams; please schedule appointments outside the WKCE Exam days to avoid us pulling students from classes later on for retakes.



## IMMUNIZATIONS

Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> marks the day for all public schools to send a report to their local health department listing all students who are "out of compliant" according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. If your child is out of compliance, you will have received a letter telling you which immunizations they are missing. As soon as your child has received their required immu-

nizations, please bring in verification from the doctor/clinic. On the 60<sup>th</sup> school day, Kewaskum Middle School is required to report "out of compliant" students to the Washington County District Attorney's office, which could result in a fine of up to \$25 per day or possible exclusion from school. Any questions, contact Mrs. Gajewski at 262-626-8427, ext 2323.

## PARENTS IN THE MIDDLE

Our "Parents in the Middle" group met September 19th. Topics that will be on-going are: enhancing communication, supporting clubs/activities, and grade level outings. You are invited to join us at the next meeting on November 14th at 6:30 p.m. (KMS Room# 29).

Here is a list of upcoming meetings for this 2011-2012 school year: Nov. 14, Jan. 16, Mar. 19, and May 21. All meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Your questions and concerns are welcome; call 262-626-8427, ext. 2337 to put a topic on the agenda.

## SEVENTH GRADE REPORT CARDS

The seventh grade staff will be hosting our annual chili supper on Tuesday, December 6th. Seventh grade students, their siblings and parents are welcome to dine with their teachers between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please join us for some friendly conver-

sation, delicious chili, and a sneak-peek at your seventh grade child's report card. We ask that you **RSVP by December 5th** so we have enough chili for everyone. Thanks!



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## PHONE CALLS

When you call the school phone number of 262-626-8427, your call will be answered by the District Receptionist and forwarded to the school or individual you desire.

When a call is placed from one of

the school buildings, it will come across your caller ID as 262-626-8427. The receptionist is unable to identify who placed the call. If a voicemail has been left for you, please review your message before returning the call so she can trans-

fer you to the correct person.

Please advise your children if they are making calls from a school phone to always leave you a message rather than just hanging up. Then you will know who called.

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## NEW LUNCH PRICES

At the October 10, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Education, the Board approved a motion to increase lunch prices by 10 cents effective December 1, 2011. This price increase was necessary to stay in compliance with new legis-

lation that requires public school districts who receive subsidies to charge at set levels.

Effective December 1st lunch prices will be \$2.20 at the middle and high schools and \$1.95 at the

elementary schools.

If you have any questions regarding the price increase, please call Mrs. Horbas at 262-626-8427, ext. 2337. She will find the answers you request.

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## IS YOUR STUDENT ABSENT?

Mrs. Lawniczak would like to make sure all parents know that we have a 24-hour attendance line at KMS. This allows parents to phone night or day to 262-626-

8427, ext. 2322 (or just listen to the prompt if you forget the extension number).

KMS office staff checks the atten-

dance of all 412 students hourly. You can help our office out by making that call so we can alert all seven teachers of your child's absence. Thanks for helping.

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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

During fall, all Kewaskum school campuses will be reviewing their emergency procedures including a *hold* and a *lock-down*. Fire drills are held monthly in all schools and a tornado drill is practiced statewide each spring.

A *hold* is intended for securing classrooms while administration attends to a reported problem. Classes remains in session during a hold.

If there is a potential danger to students or staff, the school will go

into a *lock-down*. During this time, students and staff remain quiet in locked classrooms while an investigation is conducted.

*Evacuation* is warranted only when a building is structurally or environmentally unsafe.

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## NEED SOME CHILD CARE?

The Kewaskum High School Child Development class is again offering parents some assistance with child care for the upcoming holi-

day season. If you have a child age two to five that you would like to bring in for their mini day-care, please contact Mrs. Koch at ext.

4403. Dates for possible child care are November 28th through January 13th from 7:40 to 9:10 a.m. in KHS room number 104.

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## PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT

Tentative...December 6th, 7:00 p.m.

*Rachel's Challenge* anti-bullying speaker, stay tuned

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## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) will once again be hosting Breakfast with Santa on December 3rd, 2011 at the Kewaskum High School cafeteria. Tickets are available at all Kewaskum School offices. Mark your calendar and get ready to have breakfast with Santa on December 3rd at 8:00 a.m.

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