



# KHS Rocket Review

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*Research reveals that students who miss ten percent (10%) of scheduled school days (chronically absent) for any reason, have lower grades and are more likely to drop out than students with better attendance. That means that missing an average of only two days a month hurts learning, lowers grades, and increases the chances of not earning a high school diploma!*

## **Building a Culture of Attendance:**

### **1. Have regular bedtimes and routines.**

- Schedule bed and awakening times so that students get between 8 ½ and 10 hours of sleep a night depending on age.
- An hour of quiet time, without media, before bed prepares the child for more rapid and more restful sleep. This is a good time to read, either alone or together.

### **2. Make medical & dental appointments for after school.**

- When this is impossible, make the appointment for early in the morning and take the student to school afterward or late in the day so that the student can attend most of the school day.

### **3. Don't take vacations during school.**

- The school year includes frequent generous vacations.
- Learning time is too valuable to waste. Teachers teach every day.
- Extended vacations put students behind their peers.

### **4. Develop backup plans.**

- Have a plan to get to school if a pick-up is missed.
- A traditional alarm clock and a smart phone can both be used.

Anticipate needs the night before school and not in the morning if transportation fails. Neighboring families can help each other.

**Remember, school is like life, you must be present to win.**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

With the end of the year rapidly approaching, we wanted to share some important reminders.

**Summer School** This continues to be an option for students who have failed or are currently failing classes. Information regarding enrollment will be available soon. Please make sure your student is remaining current in his/her classes and does not have classes to make up. If you have questions about their progress, please contact the counseling office and we would be happy to help you.

**School support:** Continue to remember that the education of your student is a team effort. We depend on the support from parents and guardians to maintain high expectations for our students. When conflicts arise, remember there are always two sides to every story, and we all have the best interest of students in mind. Please reserve judgment on a situation until you have heard all the facts and details involved. When the school and parents partner together to resolve a situation, everyone wins.

**“Senioritis”:** Please make sure your senior stays on track through the spring. Many seniors tend to let “senioritis” set in and let their academic performance slip. This is a poor decision that can affect them later on in the school year. Many colleges continue to monitor the progress of incoming freshmen and some students slip so far they are unable to recover in time for graduation. Don't let this happen to your student. Maintain high expectations for their academic performance and attendance through the end.

**Senior skip day:** As you are aware, page 12 of the Kelloggsville High School Student/Parent Handbook states, "Kelloggsville High School neither approves or sanctions organized skip days. If students outside of a given group (i.e. juniors on a "senior skip day") participate in a skip day, they will be subject to the same consequences as the group." Consequences include, but are not limited to, terminating your child's participation in the activities and events considered a privilege for Kelloggsville High School students. Some of these activities and events include attendance incentives, participation in band, choir, athletic teams, Junior/Senior Prom, Senior Walk, Graduation ceremonies etc.

**End-of-the-year activities:** The end of the school year is often a time for celebration. Please remember to talk to your student about making responsible choices. We do not have to look far to see the impact of negative choices made at the end of the year that can forever scar a school community. Help us make this time of year a positive one for everyone. As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

**Tornado policy:** The Kelloggsville School Board policy calls for NO dismissal from school during tornado watches or warnings. ONLY parents or guardians are permitted to come to school to pick up their student when such conditions exist.

**Severe weather:** Field trips and athletic contests are automatically cancelled if students haven't left the school and a "Watch" is issued.

**Appearance/dress code:** Just a reminder that as the weather gets warmer the dress code below needs to be followed: Students are expected to dress in a manner that is **not disruptive to the educational environment**. Shoes must be worn at all times. Pajamas, lounge pants, etc. and slippers are not acceptable. Sleeveless shirts must have a shoulder strap width of at least 2 1/2 inches. Undergarments must not be visible. Head coverings or sunglasses of **any kind** are not permitted in the school building. See-through tops, muscle shirts, low-cut blouses, shirts that expose the mid-section, as

well as clothing with sayings that promote alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or sex are not acceptable. No clothing may be worn that identifies gang affiliation, or be worn in a manner that suggests gang affiliation. Sagging pants will not be tolerated. Chains of any gauge are not to be worn in school regardless of their purpose. Skirts and shorts must be fingertip length to be appropriate for school. Student dress is expected to be modest, and inappropriate clothing must be changed. Disciplinary action may also result. Students are also expected to adhere to these policies at school related functions. **Final decision concerning dress code violations rests with the Kelloggsville High School administration.**

## School News

**Band News:** April 20th is the annual Rocket Marching Band and 8th grade band lock-in. It's back! Keep an eye on your email for details from Mr. Anderson.

The High School Symphonic Band Spring Concert is back! Please join us on Tuesday, May 7th at 7pm in the high school auditorium as we feature not only the band, but seniors that will be featured as soloists and student conductors"

The Band Boosters are always looking to meet new people. Our meetings are at 7pm every second Tuesday of the month. The next meetings will be April 9 and May 14th. Any parent of a band student from 6th grade through 12th grade is invited!

**Spring play:** Kelloggsville Theater's production of *The Play That Goes Wrong* will be performed on Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13 at 7pm both nights. \$5 at the door.

An international hit that's equal parts Monty Python and Sherlock Holmes – *The Play That Goes Wrong* is full of hilarious perfection.

Get ready for a night of mishaps, mischief, and madcap mania! It's the opening night of Kelloggsville Drama Society's newest production, "The Murder at Haversham Manor," and things have quickly gone from bad...to utterly disastrous. The troupe's ambitious 1920s whodunit has everything you *never* want in a show: falling props, collapsing scenery, an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can't play dead, and actors who trip over everything...including their lines. How will this eager ensemble battle against all of the disastrous odds? Will they make it to the final curtain call?

## Announcements:

**Spring Break:** The High School will be closed Friday, March 29 - April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Testing:** Tuesday, April 9 and Wednesday, April 10 we will be conducting SAT for 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> will be Work Keys for 11<sup>th</sup> grade. **11<sup>th</sup> Grade students need to be at school by 7:30am with ID all 3 days.** Please make sure your student arrives on time.

12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking **CPR required for graduation** on Thursday, April 11.

April 23<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade will be taking the PSAT.

**Prom:** Will be held on April 27, from 7 – 10 PM at Studio D2D. This event is only open to Juniors and Seniors. Guest forms are available in the main office.

**Dance etiquette:** The Kelloggsville administration would like to remind students of the guidelines for appropriate dance behavior so all students can feel comfortable and enjoy themselves.

Lewd and inappropriate dancing will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to, inappropriate grinding, inappropriate displays of affection, slam dancing, or sexually suggestive movements. Students exhibiting this behavior will be asked to leave the premises and will not be granted a refund. The chaperones at the dance will determine if a student is exhibiting inappropriate behavior, and their decision is final.

**Senior awards night:** A special awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May, 8, 7:30 PM. Many athletic and academic awards will be presented as well as special scholarships. Students who will be presented with an award will receive a personal invitation at a later date.

**Underclassmen awards ceremony:** Our honors award ceremony for students in grades 9-11 will take place on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be mailed home.

**Graduation:** This year's graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 16, 7 PM, at Kelloggsville Russell Formsma Football Field. Gates open at 6 PM. Tickets are required, Students will be given 8 tickets each.

## Counseling Comments:

**Seniors:** Seniors who needed to take a credit recovery class to meet the number of required credits for graduation must have all work completed by **Thursday, May 9**. If he/she does not meet this deadline, he/she may take up to 1 credit in summer school classes in order to earn his/her diploma.

If you have not already, you will soon start receiving your award letters regarding financial aid. All of your expenses may be covered, but much of the money may be in loans. Make sure you look over your award carefully so you know what you are committed to paying back. Grants and scholarship money does not need to be paid back; however, loans will have a pay-back date. If you decide that you do not want to take on debt for four years, you might want to consider GRCC. You can go there for two years and cut your debt burden in half. If you have questions about your award letters, our counselors would be happy to meet with you.

**Junior parents:** How can you help your son/daughter with college admission? Here are some ideas:

- Use the summer to visit college campuses and talk to the admissions office.
- Encourage your son/daughter to take a strong academic schedule senior year.
- Start searching for scholarships – Fastweb.com is a large search engine. The summer provides extra time for doing the paperwork involved with applying for scholarships.
- Keep all college information together. Students may be able to use one essay for several different applications.
- Complete the Common App (commonapp.org) to apply to multiple colleges/universities including Michigan State and University of Michigan.
- Search for more career information along with college profiles at michigancap.org
- Look over SAT/MStep results to discuss possible careers.
- Set up job shadows to learn more about specific careers/occupations. Mr. Linker can help find an opportunity for you.

Counselors are available to meet with parents regarding student schedules and four-year plans. Please do not hesitate to call 532-1593 to schedule an appointment.

## Sports Scoop:

**Congratulations** to the following Winter All Conference student athletes:

### **Competitive Cheer:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Team:** Dalilah Henderson

**Honorable Mention:** Abba "Esther" Adjeoda

### **Bowling:**

**Honorable Mention:** Donovan Hernandez-Henning, Connor Farrish, Jayden Gallegos, Makayla Wieck

### **Girls' Basketball:**

**Honorable Mention:** Zariah Hatchett

### **Boys' Basketball:**

**Honorable Mention:** LeAndrew Hunter Jr.