

To parents of incoming 5th graders,

It is with great pleasure that the staff of Kennedy welcomes your student and family to our school. This letter is an invitation to the process of transition for all 5th grade families whose students will attend Kennedy beginning in the fall of 2019.

On Wednesday, April 17th, we kick off this process with our annual 5th Grade Parent Evening at Kennedy Junior High School. The evening will include presentations from our leadership teams, introductions to some of our teachers, and the opportunity to have your questions answered by staff and parent volunteers. As the purpose of this event is to inform our parent community, we ask that students and siblings do not attend.

We recognize that attendees of this event have varying experiences with middle school: for some families, this will be the first time a child attends Kennedy, while others have had multiple siblings already attend. To plan an evening to meet the greatest number of needs, we have adapted our format to offer multiple sessions around subjects of interest that will run throughout the evening.

Our evening's session topics are listed below:

1. Building tours
2. Meet the Kennedy administrative team
 - Instruction and scheduling at the middle school level
 - How to access support for your student
 - Social-emotional learning
 - Opportunities to engage in extra-curricular activities
3. Smooth transitions
 - What is the role of the school counselor?
 - Helpful tips for parents in the transition to middle school
4. Parent to parent (facilitated by parent volunteers of the Kennedy School Family Community Partnership)
 - What experiences have other parents had that will help answer my questions?

Each of these sessions will run concurrently. Parent guests can elect to attend all or just the sessions they feel they need the most. Our evening's schedule is below and includes a 5 minute passing period between each session.

	<u>Building Tours</u>	<u>KJHS Admin Team</u>	<u>Smooth Transitions</u>	<u>Parent to Parent</u>
7:00-7:20	Multi-Purpose Room	133-134	142-143	LRC
7:25-7:45	Multi-Purpose Room	133-134	142-143	LRC
7:50-8:10	Multi-Purpose Room	133-134	142-143	LRC
8:15-8:35	Multi-Purpose Room	133-134	142-143	LRC

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To help spread out attendance in all rooms, we suggest that families who plan on attending all sessions follow this sequence:

Last name begins with	7:00-7:20	7:25-7:45	7:50-8:10	8:15-8:35
A-G	Building Tours	KJHS Admin Team	Smooth Transitions	Parent to Parent
H-M	Parent to Parent	Building Tours	KJHS Admin Team	Smooth Transitions
N-T	Smooth Transitions	Parent to Parent	Building Tours	KJHS Admin Team
U-Z	KJHS Admin Team	Smooth Transitions	Parent to Parent	Building Tours

In addition to these sessions, representatives from our Home and School will have booths set up in the multi-purpose room to share information about the organization, sign up volunteers, and sell school supply packs and PE uniforms.

We will post information from the evening on our website at <http://www.naperville203.org/kjhs> in the event your family is unable to attend. This site will be updated in the future to include forms for school supplies and PE uniforms and any other important information.

In addition to this evening planned for parents, we have the following events to help transition our new students to Kennedy:

April 29 th	Steeple Run 5 th Graders visit Kennedy
April 30 th	Ranch View 5 th Graders visit Kennedy
May 1 st	Meadow Glens 5 th Graders visit Kennedy
May 2 nd	Highlands 5 th Graders visit Kennedy
Mid-July	2019-2020 fee sheets mailed home
August 5 th	Schedules posted on-line
August 8 th	6 th Grade Locker Set-up and Schedule Orientation (Additional opportunities will be available on Friday, 8/9, and Wednesday, 8/14)

We look forward to getting to know your son/daughter as a Kennedy Eagle!

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