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Dear Kennedy Families:

We hope that you are having a great summer, and we are looking forward to the 2025-2026 school year! The information contained in this letter will detail the necessary requirements for registration and provide you with important upcoming events.

The school year officially begins on Thursday, August 14, 2025. Transportation services also begin on that day. Transportation information for students will be posted in Infinite Campus on Thursday, August 7th at 3:00 p.m. Our school day runs from 8:00 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. Please be sure to check the Campus Portal (<http://www.Naperville203.org>) before the start of school since transportation changes can occur with routes and pick-up times. If you need assistance regarding transportation, call the Transportation Department at 630-420-6464. If you drive your child to school, please be aware of the drop-off protocols and follow the direction of the staff that is there to assist you. This information can be found on the KJHS school website. However, if your child is a bus rider, we highly recommend having them ride the bus each day.

Schedules will be available in Infinite Campus on Monday, August 4th at 3:00 p.m. Please print out your student's schedule **with locker combination** and bring it with them on the designated Locker Jam date to set up their locker and walk their schedule. **Please note, you will not be able to view the locker combinations on your cell phone, so a printed copy of the schedule is required.** The Locker Jam schedule is listed on page 2 of this letter. If you are not able to come to your designated Locker Jam time, feel free to come during one of the other scheduled times.

Absence Procedure: Please make note of the direct number to call when your student will be late, absent or dismissing early: **630-848-5636**. Any absences, late arrivals, and/or early dismissals can also be submitted online using the Parent Portal (Infinite Campus).

Documents Enclosed

Please return the **SCHOOL FEE STATEMENT** with your payment **by Monday, August 4, 2025**. You can mail it in or return it to the drop off bins in the front hall of the school. **All 6th grade physicals and 7th/8th grade sports physicals are due by August 14th.**

You can find more Back to School information on our website (www.naperville203.org/Domain/23) including the following:

- NEF information – Kennedy Jr. High has received several grants from the NEF for curriculum enhancement. If you choose to donate to the NEF, please know that donations go back to our schools to support or enhance learning for the students.
- Free and Reduced Lunch form
- OrganicLife Letter/Flyer
- Student Data Privacy and Protection
- Policy 6.235 Exhibit-Authorization Use
- District Calendar

Fee Statement Information

Here is some information regarding some of the **Optional Fees** that you will see on the Fee Statement:

Intramural Fee: An intramural is an activity such as before or after school non-competitive athletics, newspaper, yearbook, and clubs. This fee should be paid with registration materials if your student will participate in any extra-curricular activities throughout the school year. This is a one-time fee to cover all intramurals held throughout the school year.

Heart Monitor Strap Replacement: ALL sixth grade students and new students to Kennedy are required to purchase a heart monitor strap. That fee is included in the required fees on the statement. If your 7th/8th grade Kennedy student has misplaced or broken his/her strap, **this is the only time they will be able to buy a replacement**. Please include this optional fee in your fee payment.

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Yearbooks: Please be aware that **yearbooks can only be purchased online directly through the vendor (Walsworth Yearbooks)**. We will send out a separate communication at the onset of the 25-26 school year with the QR code to use to order a yearbook. We will also include this pertinent information in the weekly KJHS Newsletter.

Locker Jam Dates

Tuesday, August 5th

6th Grade

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Last names beginning with A-G
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Last names beginning with H-N
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Last names beginning with O-Z

New 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders (students new to District 203)

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 6th

7th Grade

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

8th Grade

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

There will also be two additional times for students to access the building to practice walking their schedules and organize their lockers:

Tuesday, August 5th	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 7th	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Other Important Dates

Picture Day	Friday, August 15 th (Order Forms will be mailed directly to your homes)
Curriculum Night	Tuesday, August 19 th at 6:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to an outstanding year at Kennedy Junior High. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us. As always, we truly appreciate all your support!

Sincerely,



Patrick G. Gaskin
Principal