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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY *St. Patrick's* DAY

As you already know, statewide testing, known as MAP and EOC, is just around the corner. Our students will take computer-based tests in the areas of reading, writing, math, science, Biology and Government.

With the recent reporting of our 2021 state testing results, I am happily encouraged by the continued achievement level and growth of our students. I am also proud of our staff in being able to address the challenges of preparing students for the rigors of meeting the state standards. I continually reflect on how best to communicate to parents about all-school testing, and my leadership direction when it comes to state tests.

Before students take these tests, I want them to know a few things:

These tests will not tell us how amazing you are. They will not tell us how great of a friend you are or that you are a gifted artist. The tests will not show that you have a warm smile or that you are great at basketball. The tests will not reveal that you are kind-hearted or that you can run really, really fast! Tests do not tell us about the things that make you an awesome and unique individual.

We will use the results of these tests to figure out ways to help them learn better. The test will also tell us what they have already learned.

These tests do not define who they are or what they will become, but they can show us what they already know and what they still need to learn.

The only way we can obtain true value out of these tests

if they try their best and give 100% effort. By doing their best and giving 100% effort throughout testing, we will know which academic areas you are strongest in and which areas that need more growth.

It is most helpful that we have maximum attendance on those days, so please consider scheduling appointments outside your child's testing schedule.

With Great VIKING Pride,

Dr. Waymond Ervin
Principal



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Northeast High School hosted Black History Month Luncheon to promote stronger parent involvement



On Wednesday, February 23rd, Northeast High School's staff, students and their families gathered together inside the gymnasium to celebrate Black History Month. The program featured the Viking Voices under the direction of Mr. Scott Kinworthy, singing the Black National Anthem, "*Lift Every Voice and Sing*"; our Band under the direction of Mr. Ricky Maltbia, student Marcellus Heart playing his famous guitar, Ms. Katharine Bruns and her artist-scholars prepared artwork depicting Black History and posted it along the walls to be viewed by all; special musical guest, Rev. Terry F. Carr, gave a rendition of "*How I Got Over*", followed by Mr. Loren Jones II, Founder of "*LoJoSpeaks*" and grandson to the late Lawrence A. Jones, Sr., who was our keynote speaker. During the celebration, a catered Soul Food Feast was served by our senior basketball players. Our Registrar, Mr. Larry Wright, stepped up to the plate with his laptop and managed to sign up more parents on Infinite Campus. Principal Ervin gives kudos to Mr. Melvin Brown, and those individuals who assisted with this amazing production for our school!





WHAT IS THE MAP/EOC TEST?

The Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) and End of Year (EOC) testing for students in all KCPS schools will take place during the month of March. MAP/EOC tests are mandated by the state and are intended to help determine what a child knows and is able to do according to the expectations for his or her grade level. Scores on the MAP tests are also used to determine how schools are performing according to state and federal guidelines.

What is the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP)?

The MAP/EOC tests are a series of tests that measure a child's performance in school. It is mandated by the state to identify the knowledge, skills, and competencies that Missouri students should acquire by the time they graduate. You can read more about the test format, grade-level expectations and how to interpret your child's scores and achievement levels on the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Assessment web page.

Why is the MAP/EOC important?

It is a way to finding out if students are learning what they need to learn. The test will show what your child knows and is able to do according to the expectations for his or her grade level.

What can I do to help my child succeed on these tests?

1. Attend: Make sure your child is in school on the testing dates.
2. Rest: Have your child get a good night's sleep.
3. Nutrition: Give your child a healthy breakfast start the day.



When will my child take the MAP test?

Your school will inform you of the exact dates your child will be tested. If you have questions about the test, please contact your child's school counselor. For more information about MAP, please read MAP Information for Parents section.

MAP/EOC End-of-Course Assessments

KCPS will be taking MAP & EOC tests April 20th through May 15th. Parents: Please make sure your child does not miss a day during this period. These tests are important to their end of year grade. The assessments will be given to students enrolled in the courses teaching similar content and skills. The tests are not specific to any grade level, but rather to course content. The purposes for the MAP/EOC assessments are:

- Measuring and reflecting student mastery toward post-secondary readiness,
- Identifying student's strengths and weaknesses in English, Math, Science and Government.
- Communicating expectations for all students.
- Serving as the basis of state and national accountability plans for middle schools and high schools.
- Evaluating programs.

The MAP/EOC tests were created by DESE in an effort to adapt testing to the needs of Missouri districts, schools, teachers, and students while meeting state and federal requirements. Districts may determine which courses best align with the Course Level Expectations being measured and assessed through the MAP/EOC tests, thus giving schools and districts the flexibility to test at the right time.





NEHS teachers are doing their part in their classrooms to prepare students for MAP/EOC tests

Teachers at Northeast High School all have student data posted to help students see how they are improving on various concepts within their classrooms.

The data is determined each quarter based on pre and post-tests in Math, Science, English and Social Studies. This way, the students and parents can see their students' growth and also determine the areas where improvement is needed. The students are listed according to a number assigned by the teacher in each classroom. This allows the students to know which data belongs to them without other students also knowing their data.

The best way for our teachers to prepare their students for MAP/EOC tests is to make sure their instruction is aligned with the skills that the students must know to pass each Grade Level Content.

At Northeast High School, teachers must align their teaching with the skills that each student must master. Then, they must help the student obtain as much daily practice as possible over those skills. Our teachers are required to list both a "Learning Objective" as well as an agenda each day (in addition to the Missouri Standard they are targeting).

Test Taking Tips

Take a deep breath and relax

Read all of the directions carefully

Read the questions carefully

Make sure you understand what is being asked

Look at all of the choices before you answer

Paraphrase the question

Eliminate the answers you know are wrong

Stop and think carefully

Check your work for accuracy

And always do your best.

CONGRATULATIONS MS. TRUAX!



Mrs. Carmen Truax, 2021-22 Blue Ribbon Librarian Media Specialist, was elected Treasurer of the Great Kansas City Association of School Librarians (GKCSL).





FBLA students received honors during Annual District Competition

On Monday, February 7th, Northeast High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) attended their annual district competition at UMKC Bloch School of Business in Kansas City, MO. All 19 members that participated were first time FBLA members and had never experienced competing in public speaking events. FBLA competitive events help prepare students for successful careers in business by providing opportunities to apply classroom concepts in a workforce-simulated competitive environment and compete for awards, scholarships, and recognition.

NEHS competitors included, Blue Springs, Excelsior Springs, Grain Valley, Kearney, Lawson R-XIV, Lee's Summit, Lee's Summit North, Lee's Summit West, Oak Park High, Platte County Raytown, Raytown South, Rockhurst, Smithville, St. Theresa, Staley, West Platte RII, and Winnetonka. Although this was NEHS first competitive event, 6 students placed as winners and received medals for their accomplishments.

WINNERS:

Shukri Abdi (10), Introduction to Business Presentation (Team) - 5th Place
Jennifer Cano (10), Introduction to Business Presentation (Team) - 5th Place
Tristan Martin (9), Introduction to Event Planning (Solo) - 4th place
Bao Ngyugen (11), Hospitality Management (Solo) - 5th Place
Savana Oliver (10), Intro to Public Speaking (Solo) - 4th Place

Participating Members:

Alejandro Espino (11) Computer Applications (Solo)
Isai Hernandez (12) Business Communication (Solo)
Safa Hussein (10) Sport Entertainment Management (Team)
Crystal Johnson (10) Advertisement (Not present)
Famille Mukanye (9) Financial Math (Solo)
Ernesto Padillo (9) Client Services (Solo)
Bryan Ramirez (9) Personal Finance (Solo)
Gabriela Santamaria Sports Entertainment Management (Team)
Christopher Santos (12) Graphic Design (Team)
Bryce Stivers (11) Public Speaking (Solo)
Michael Stivers (12) Graphic Design (Team)
Madelyn Villeda (12) Healthcare Administration (Solo)
Ty'ianna Williams (12) Sports Entertainment Management (Team)
Lesly Xolot (12) Graphic Design (Team)

Special thanks to all that made it possible for FBLA members to receive this experience! All students were extremely excited and proud of stepping out of their comfort zone and look forward to competing at the state level in Springfield, MO in April.





NEHS students participate in DECA Leadership Conference

NEHS had eight students participate in DECA District Leadership Conference. These students competed in events ranging from team marketing and principles of business to sports marketing and automotive sales. In these events we had 3 students win awards with two earning the right to go to our state competition in March.

Jamal Edward – 6th Place – Entrepreneurship (qualifies for state)

Bao Nguyen – 6th Place – Automotive Services Marketing (qualifies for state)

Michaela Marshall – 9th place – Business Finance (alternate for state)

Other students participating:

Amisi Mpole
Tarmen Hussein
Justin Campbell
Anilah Bland
Maleah Rivers

These students have been working hard all year to prepare for these events. Two of our award winners were also students who traveled to Boston earlier this year. That experience helped them gain experience necessary to be successful in these events. "It has been at least two years since we have had a DECA chapter at NEHS and these students should be considered founding members of this new chapter. They have taken it upon themselves to recruit and practice for these events and Northeast, CTE and the district should be very proud of their accomplishments. Not only did they compete but they carried themselves above and beyond the standards that we set for them. They are role models and leaders within our school, and I could not be more proud of them and their accomplishments," said Mr. Correa, CTE/Business Instructor.

"I would be remiss if I didn't shine a light on our great CTE team that made all of this happen. Ms. Donahue, Ms. Williams and Mr. Kreiling have been instrumental in growing our CTE program and they deserve a ton of credit. A common theme in our PLC's is that teamwork makes dreams work and we have definitely lived that mantra this year." Now they set their eyes on bringing home some hardware from State!



Congratulations Vikings on a job well done!





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Happy St. Patrick's Day



We are lucky to have you!

You are cordially invited to

NEHS Parents' Meeting

At this meeting, we plan to:

- Address our challenges
- Discuss our successes
- Organize and/or assist with activities and events
- Improve school climate
- Strengthen family and community engagement

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022 • 11:00AM

IN PERSON

Viking Media Center
415 S. Van Brunt Blvd., KCMO

VIA ZOOM

Meeting ID: 298 282 4527
Passcode: wR6yyR

*A free meal will be provided and a raffle for \$25 gift cards.
Translation will be available for those who don't speak English.*



For more information, contact Mr. Melvin Brown, Parent Liaison, at (816) 418-3316 or mbrown1@kcpublicschools.org.



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The administration, teachers and staff at
Northeast High School cordially invite you to
attend their

Student Honor Recognition

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

11:00am - 12:30pm

Inside the NEHS Gymnasium
415 S. VAN BRUNT BLVD., KCMO 64124

*A reception will be held immediately after the awards
ceremony. CDC guidelines will be enforced.
Call (816) 418-3300 for more information.*

NEHS

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL

is hosting an

*Athletic Scholars
Recognition
and Luncheon*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2022

11:00am — 12:30pm

NEHS GYMNASIUM

415 S. Van Brunt Blvd.

Kansas City, MO 64124

Call (816) 418-3316 to RSVP

**Come and celebrate our Viking
athletic scholars for their great accomplishments.**





Students must be on time every time!

The biggest issue Northeast High School faces this year is attendance. Parents, please help us by having your student in school on time, everyday! One of the most important things your child can do to achieve academic success is also one of the most basic: going to school every day! In fact, research has shown that your child's attendance record may be the biggest factor influencing his/her academic success.

Students who attend school regularly are more likely to pass reading and math assessments than students who don't attend school regularly. For older students, being in school every day gives them a chance to learn more about college and scholarship opportunities, and to take the important exams they need to build a successful academic record.

Being part of the school community: Just by being present at school, your child is learning how to be a good citizen by participating in the school community, learning valuable social skills, and developing a broader world view. Your commitment to school attendance will also send a message to your child that education is a priority for your family, going to school every day is a critical part of educational success, and that it's important to take your responsibilities seriously including going to school.

What can you do as a parent or guardian? It is possible to plan ahead in order to limit your child's absences, make school attendance a priority, and help your child from falling behind if it is necessary to miss a day of school. Help your child get to school on time every day. Babysitting, problems with a car or late bus, and the weather are not permissible reasons to miss school. Frequently coming to school late may also be noted on your child's permanent record and will make it difficult for your child to stay caught up with the first lessons of each morning. Teach your child how to set and use an alarm clock, and keep the television turned off in the morning.

Follow the district's guidelines and attendance policy, and report excused absences and tardies immediately. **At Northeast High School, Ms. Tina Swartz is the Attendance Monitor and who you need to call if your child is going to be absent from or late to school. She can be reached at (816) 418-3314.**

Try to limit the amount of time that your child misses their school due to medical appointments or illness. If possible, avoid scheduling doctor's appointments during the school day. Allow your child to stay home only in the case of contagious or severe illnesses. Students who miss days, weeks, or months of school at a time will have a difficult time passing their courses and catching up to their peers.

For older students, prolonged absences may make it very difficult to graduate from high school.

- ◆ **Plan ahead.**

Encourage your child to prepare for the next school day by laying out clothes the night before and helping to fix lunches.

- ◆ **Promote good health.**

Make sure that your child eats a balanced diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables, and has opportunities to exercise every day through a sports team or playtime outside.

- ◆ **Create a restful environment.**

Make sure that your child can relax before bedtime by doing something quite like reading rather than do something stimulating, like watching television. Ensure that your child gets enough quality sleep ideal amounts range from 8 to 12 hours. Getting enough sleep will help her get up on time, be refreshed in the morning, and feel ready for a full day of learning ahead!

The importance of education: Your commitment to school attendance will also send a message to your child that education is a priority for your family, going to school every day is a critical part of educational success, and that it's important to take your responsibilities seriously including going to school.





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- Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry (Midtown)
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Kansas City, Missouri 64108
(816) 931-0027
- Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry (KCK)
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Kansas City, Kansas 66104
(913) 342-8333
- Reconciliation Services of Midtown Kansas City
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Kansas City, Missouri 64109
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The purpose of Women's History Month is to increase consciousness and knowledge of women's history: to take one month of the year to remember the contributions of notable and ordinary women, in hopes that the day will soon come when it's impossible to teach or learn history without remembering these contributions.

Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society. The United States has observed it annually throughout the month of March since 1987. This year's theme is "Valiant Women of the Vote." The theme honors "the brave women who fought to win suffrage rights for women, and for the women who continue to fight for the voting rights of others."

Women's History Month in the United States grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California, in 1978. Presentations were given at dozens of schools, hundreds of students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa.

A few years later, the idea had caught on within communities, school districts and organizations across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring

the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. The U.S. Congress followed suit the next year, passing a resolution establishing a national celebration. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March.

Internationally, purple is a color for symbolizing women. Historically, the combination of purple, green and white to symbolize women's equality originated from the Women's Social and Political Union in the U.K. in 1908. Purple signifies justice and dignity.

Throughout the years, history has seen some fiercely intelligent, powerful and inspirational women who have been pioneers for women's rights and racial equality and have defined the worlds of science, mathematics, aviation and literature.

Whether these famous females were inventors, scientists, leaders, politicians, or literal Queens, these 12 strong women undeniably changed the world for the better.

The famous women in this list are remembered for being the rule-breakers and pioneers that showed their male peers what it means to be role models.

Here are 12 of the most famous women who changed the world:

1. Jane Austen (1775 – 1817)
2. Anne Frank (1929 – 1945)
3. Maya Angelou (1928 – 2014)
4. Queen Elizabeth I (1533 – 1603)
5. Catherine the Great (1729 – 1796)
6. Sojourner Truth (1797 – 1883)
7. Rosa Parks (1913 – 2005)
8. Malala Yousafzai (1997 –)
9. Marie Curie (1867 – 1934)
10. Ada Lovelace (1815 – 1852)
11. Edith Cowan (1861 – 1932)
12. Amelia Earhart (1897 – 1937)



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