

# Viking Voyager

## PARENT NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

2022

I would like to welcome our staff and students back from the winter break and wish you all a very Happy New Year! I am excited to see what the second half of the school year brings to the wonderful students and staff at NEHS!

As 2022 begins, I want to ask our families to be mindful of re-establishing morning routines so that your children are in attendance and on -time each morning. Arriving to school on time and ready to learn helps to ensure that the rest of the day goes well for students. In addition to morning routines, we also ask our families to continue to be mindful of scheduling appointments. We recognize that there are times when an occasional early dismissal or late drop off is necessary for an appointment or urgent family need, however this loss of instructional time can affect a student's academic achievement. Please make every effort to schedule appointments after school is released. Together we can provide our students with a quality educational experience that leads to increased levels of academic achievement.

With that said, I wish to welcome back all of our students, parents/guardians, and school staff as we work collectively ensure that all of our educational partnerships remain focused and strong.

Lastly, let's take a moment to look at New Year's resolutions. Every New Year provides us with endless possibilities for new beginnings. Did you make a resolution for yourself? A fitness goal? An intellectual goal? A goal for creating greater balance? New Year's resolutions provide a great opportunity for you to help your child to better understand that we all have the power to change the things in our life that we want to improve. Thinking about the goal of being a successful high school student, what shift does your child want to make to improve themselves as a student? Keep in mind, simply saying, "I will do better in math," is not a resolution – it's just a dream if there's no concrete plan with measurable goals

set for making this change. A better resolution might be: "I will practice every math problem that I found difficult in class even if they are not assigned as homework." Help your child choose an academic New Year's resolution that is realistic and encourage him/her to stick to it.

If I may, Ernest Hemingway once said, "Before you react, think. Before you spend, earn. Before you criticize, wait. Before you quit, try." The key action verbs Hemingway uses are: think, earn, wait and try. Let us attempt to use these words in everything we do in the upcoming year! Thank you for your support!

With Great VIKING Pride,

Dr. Waymond Ervin, Jr.  
Principal



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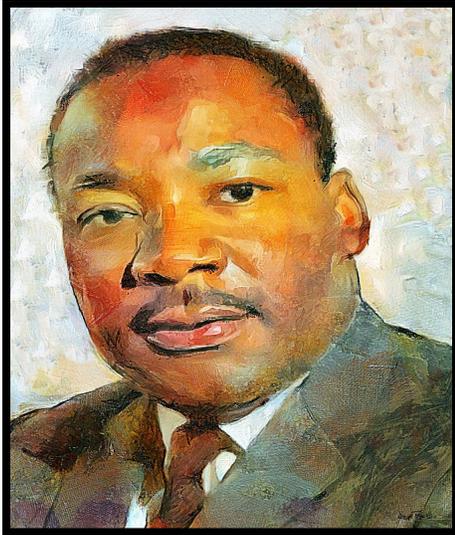
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## Remembering the Life and Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



**M**artin Luther King, Jr., (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was born Michael Luther King, Jr., but later had his name changed to Martin. His grandfather began the family's long tenure as pastors of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, serving from 1914 to 1931; his father has served from then until the present, and from 1960 until his death, he acted as co-pastor. Martin Luther King, Jr. attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the age of fifteen; he received the B. A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College, a distinguished Negro institution of Atlanta from which both his father and grandfather had graduated. After three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class, he was awarded the B.D. in 1951. With a fellowship won at Crozer, he enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving the degree in 1955. In Boston he met and married Coretta Scott, a young woman of uncommon intellectual and artistic attainments. Two sons and two daughters were born into the family.

In 1954, Dr. King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Always a strong worker for civil rights for members of his race, King was, by this time, a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the leading organization of its kind in the nation. He was ready, then, early in December 1955, to accept the leadership of the first great Negro nonviolent demonstration of contemporary times in the United States, the bus boycott described by Gunnar Jahn in his presentation speech in honor of the laureate. The boycott lasted 382 days. On December 21, 1956, after the Supreme Court of the United States had declared unconstitutional the laws requiring segregation on buses, Negroes and whites rode the buses as equals. During these days of boycott, King was arrested, his home was bombed, he was subjected to personal abuse, but at the same time he emerged as a Negro leader of the first rank.

In 1957 he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement. The ideals for this organization he took from Christianity, its operational techniques from Gandhi. In the eleven-year period between 1957 and 1968, King traveled over six million miles and spoke over twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protest, and action; and meanwhile he wrote five books as well as numerous articles. In these years, he led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience. and inspiring his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail", a manifesto of the Negro revolution; he planned the drives in Alabama for the registration of Negroes as voters; he directed the peaceful march on Washington, D.C., of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his address, "I Have a Dream", he conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson; he was arrested upwards of twenty times and assaulted at least four times; he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by *Time* magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of American blacks but also a world figure.

At the age of thirty-five, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, Dr. King was assassinated.



# A Letter from NEHS Parent and Community Involvement Liaison, Mr. Melvin Brown

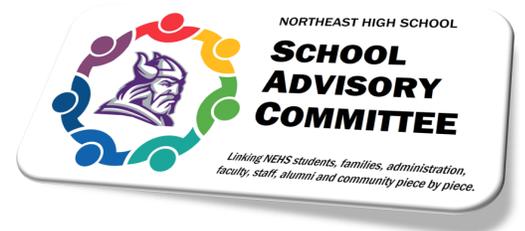
Dear NEHS Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s),

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Parent and Community Involvement Liaison of Northeast High School. My name is Melvin Brown and I am excited to be part of the Viking Nation community to support you and your child to continue to strengthen our learning community. I am here to assist you with whatever concerns, apprehensions or questions you might have. I am committed to helping you achieve all shared expectations and/or goals we plan together, and if I cannot find an answer to your questions, I will find you someone who can assist to the best of his/her abilities.

My expectations for this academic year are to ensure that we work together to build a strong partnership that supports your child's academic success and development. My goal is to cover all topics of interest that support you as parents and partners. I anticipate facilitating various workshops with you.

I cannot express how much I encourage you to stay informed about your scholar's education on a recurring basis. I understand that circumstances often prevent parents from coming into the school as often as they might like, which is why I will be sending monthly updates via email.

One of my goals is to reestablish NEHS parent-school organization (or known to many as the School Advisory Committee (SAC)).



## SAC will help our students by:

- Getting the word out about our successes
- Discussing our challenges
- Volunteering to support success and address challenges
- Organizing and/or helping with activities and events
- Staying updated on KCPS news and activities

## Topics generally covered in SAC include, but are not limited to:

- Structure, Purpose, and Roles
- Family Involvement
- Needs Assessments
- Data collection and analysis
- School Climate Surveys
- Review of the Improvement/Accountability Plan
- School Events

SAC is a collaborative team that works to improve student achievement, effective teaching in the classroom, and family and community engagement in the educational process. It is a school-based volunteer group made up of family members of students, school staff and community members. It is not solely a parent group, but it brings families, school staff, and community partners together to help our administrators and staff ensure that students have the resources and support they need to succeed.

**NEHS SAC will meet beginning February on the third Tuesday at 6:00pm.** Remember, parent involvement is essential to your student's educational success.

Please know that you are more than welcome to contact me any questions or concerns. My email address is [mbrown1@kcpublicschools.org](mailto:mbrown1@kcpublicschools.org) and my office number is (816) 418-3316.

I look forward to communicating with you whether by e-mail, phone or in person. Our scholars not only need the school's support but your support as well. Let's work together to continue to make NEHS the best learning environment possible to support your scholar's success.



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## NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, February 15, 2020**  
6:00pm  
**Viking Media Center**  
415 S. Van Brunt Blvd., KCMO 64124

**To RSVP or for more information, please contact:**

**Mr. Melvin L. Brown**  
Parent Involvement Liaison  
Ph: (816) 418-3316  
[mbrown1@kcpublicschools.org](mailto:mbrown1@kcpublicschools.org)

**NEHS students, parents, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to attend.**  
Dinner will be served.  
Translation will be provided.

# FREE MEALS

## EVERY THURSDAY 4:00-6:00PM



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| <p><b>7 Dinners</b></p> <p><b>7 Snacks</b></p> <p><b>1 Gallon of Milk</b><br/>(per child 3-18 years old)</p> | <p><b>-No ID required</b></p> <p><b>-Children not required to be present</b></p> <p>(We are an equal opportunity provider)</p> |
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**NEW VISION CHRISTIAN CENTER**  
**12400 GRANDVIEW ROAD**

## KCMO EMERGENCY RENT & UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



*Income and eligibility requirements include:*

### Who is Eligible?

- An eligible renter household has at least one person who:
- Has qualified for unemployment benefits, or experienced a cut in income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Is at risk of experiencing homelessness. Risk factors include:
    - Has past due utility bills or rent or has an eviction notice
    - Is living in unsafe or unhealthy conditions
  - Has a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median income (AMI)

### Income

Household income is determined as either the household's total income for calendar year 2020 or the household's monthly income at the time of application.

### Eligible Expenses

- Current and past due rent
  - Current and past due utility bills
  - Trash removal
- Emergency rent assistance **CANNOT** be used for telephone, cable or internet.

Tenants can apply for emergency rent relief through a new **\$14.8 million assistance fund**.

The funds will be distributed through existing community agencies that specialize in providing these services. Funding is provided by the second Congressional COVID-19 relief package.

**APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE**  
<https://gkcassistanceprogram.org/>

For more info and other neighborhood services visit:  
[KCMO.GOV/RentHelp](https://kcmo.gov/RentHelp)



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### RENT/UTILITY ASSISTANCE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CHES, Inc.</b> - (816) 533-7417</li> <li>• <b>Mattie Rhodes</b> - (816) 471-2536</li> <li>• <b>Community Assistance Council (CAC)</b> (816) 763-3277 ext. 108</li> <li>• <b>Metro Lutheran Ministries</b> (816) 285-3137 (North) (816) 285-3139 (South)</li> </ul> <p><i>Link to online application:</i><br/><a href="http://www.mlmc.org/rent--utility.html">www.mlmc.org/rent--utility.html</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community Linc</b> - (816) 531-3727</li> <li>• <b>Greater KC Housing Information Center</b> - (816) 931-0443</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reconciliation Services</b> - (816) 931-4751</li> <li>• <b>Guadalupe Center</b> - (816) 421-1015</li> <li>• <b>reStart, Inc.</b> - (816) 472-5664 or <a href="mailto:rentassistance@restartinc.org">rentassistance@restartinc.org</a></li> <li>• <b>Hope Faith</b> - (816) 540-6915</li> <li>• <b>Journey to New Life</b> (816) 960-4808 or <a href="mailto:agrove@jtnl.org">agrove@jtnl.org</a></li> <li>• <b>Save, Inc.</b> - (816) 531-8340</li> <li>• <b>United Way of Greater Kansas City</b> Call 211</li> </ul> |
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### LEGAL SERVICES FOR EVICTIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Heartland Center for Jobs &amp; Freedom</b> (816) 278-1092</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Legal Aid of Western Missouri</b> (816) 474-6750</li> </ul> |
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### OTHER SERVICES

- **Mid America Assistance Coalition (MAAC Link)** - Utility assistance only - (816) 474-5112
- **Community Capital Fund**  
<https://www.ccfkansascity.org/essential-services>

**NOTE:** Residents of the CCED Sales Tax District in Kansas City, Missouri—the area bounded by Ninth Street on the north, Gregory Boulevard on the south, The Paseo Boulevard on the west, and Indiana Avenue on the east— may apply for up to \$3,000 through the Essential Services Fund, to help cover rent, mortgage, utility, grocery, transportation, or quarantine-related hotel expenses.

Information regarding rent/utility assistance and legal services for evictions. Call (816) 513-3026 or Contact Tiffany Drummer



LYRIK'S INSTITUTE Presents

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**POWER MOVES**

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SATURDAY | JANUARY 29, 2022 | 10:30AM-3PM

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**NEHS Boys and Girls Basketball Game Schedule**

Monday 1/10/22  
Girls Basketball 6:00 @ Cristo Rey

Tuesday 1/11/22  
Boys Basketball @ St. Joseph

Wednesday 1/12/22  
Girls Basketball Varsity 5:30 @ Northeast High School

Thursday 1/13/22  
Boys Basketball @ St. Joseph  
Girls Basketball 5:30 @ Anderson

Friday 1/14/22  
Boys Basketball @ St. Joseph

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**A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**

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UNION STATION  
SINCE 1914

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30 West Pershing Road,  
Kansas City, MO

SCAN & REGISTER TODAY

12:30 PM DOORS OPEN  
1:00 PM MOVIE STARTS  
JANUARY 29, 2022

**VIKING PANTRY & CLOSET**

Wednesday- Friday  
10am to 2pm

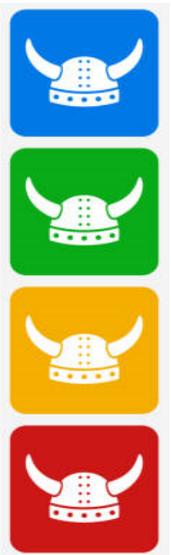
APPOINTMENTS ONLY  
FILL OUT THE FORM  
<https://tinyurl.com/24rspm5u>

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**RESOURCES**

These organizations assist families with utilities, food and other resources:

- Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry (Northland)  
1100 NE Vivian Road  
Kansas City, Missouri  
(816) 454-5295
- Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry (Midtown)  
3031 Holmes  
Kansas City, Missouri 64108  
(816) 931-0027
- Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry (KCK)  
722 Reynolds Avenue  
Kansas City, Kansas 66104  
(913) 342-8333
- Reconciliation Services of Midtown Kansas City  
3101 Troost Avenue  
Kansas City, Missouri 64109  
(816) 931-4751





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**JANUARY**  
 14..... Second Quarter Ends  
 17.....Holiday - MLK Day  
 18...1st Day of Second Semester/  
 Third Quarter  
 20...2nd Q/Semester Grades Due

Second Semester: January 18 - May 27  
 Third Quarter: January 18 - March 29

**DAC**  
KCPS District Advisory Committee

The KCPS District Advisory Committee (DAC) General Meeting will be **Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** and we hope that you will join us! We have a full agenda with information and resources sure to be beneficial to your school, families, and community members.

As you know, the DAC addresses school issues and concerns, allows parents and community members to share ideas and solve problems cooperatively, and helps advise the District's Board of Education. Our schools can't do it all alone; strong family and community engagement is essential to the success of our students, schools and district!

The DAC meeting will be held virtually Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Here's the meeting link: <https://bit.ly/DACM118>

IT IS ALWAYS THE RIGHT TIME TO DO THE RIGHT THING  
*Martin Luther King Jr.*

Northeast High School PRESENTS  
**Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022 • 1:00 p.m.

**NEHS Viking Auditorium**  
 415 S. Van Brunt Boulevard  
 Kansas City, Missouri 64124  
 (816) 418-3300



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"IF YOU CAN'T FLY THEN RUN,  
 IF YOU CAN'T RUN THEN WALK,  
 IF YOU CAN'T WALK THEN CRAWL,  
 BUT WHATEVER YOU DO YOU HAVE  
 TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD."

**Martin Luther King Jr.**  
 (1929-1968)

**KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE**

**PRESENTS**

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