



# Kinnelon Public Schools Newsletter

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Dear Kinnelon Families,

It is the end of September 2015 and we have had another successful opening of our schools. I am introducing this newsletter as a way to increase the communication between our schools and families. In addition to this newsletter, be sure to check the district and school websites and our school Facebook pages and follow your child's school on Twitter.

Respectfully,

Diane DiGiuseppe, Superintendent

## Technology & Communication Updates

Our Technology Department has been busy with the installation of a much needed new phone system, the update of more than 2000 computers and accessories, and the configuration of a second technology lab at Stonybrook. In addition to the new lab at Stonybrook, a complete wireless system has been installed to support the generous donation of three laptop carts by KEHSA. We are very appreciative of this generous gift!!

*SchoolMessenger* our new notification system is up and running in pilot mode. *SchoolMessenger* will eventually replace *Testcaster* and is a much more powerful communication tool. It combines school notifications, mobile apps, and web content management all under one, easy-to-use platform. The high school, under the guidance of our building principal Mr. Suda has been our pilot school for the introduction of *SchoolMessenger*. We will continue to use *Testcaster* through the fall as we update student information in PowerSchool, the student information system which provides *SchoolMessenger* with email and phone numbers for our families. We are also in the process of developing a Kinnelon Public Schools app for smart phones and other devices to keep you informed of the happenings at Kinnelon schools.

## Upcoming Events – for more info check the individual school calendars

October 3

SAT Administration KHS 7:30 am

October 5

“Week of Respect” 10/5-10/9

PRM Book Fair

October 6

Stonybrook Back to School Night Kinder & 3rd Grades  
6:30 pm

October 7

Stonybrook Back to School Night 4th & 5th Grades  
6:30 pm

October 8

BOE Meeting Board Goal Setting 7:00 & Work Session  
8:00 pm KHS Aud.

KHS Senior Cruise 4:30 pm departure

October 13

KEHSA Meeting –Glenn L. Sisco School 9:30 am

KHS HSA Meeting 7:30 pm KHS Cafeteria

October 14

PSAT Administration - Delayed opening for Grade 12 only

October 15

Stonybrook STEM Night 6:00 pm

October 16

PRM Teen Canteen

October 19

“School Violence Awareness Week” & KHS Spirit Week  
10/19-10/23

October 20

Kiel & Stonybrook Parent Visitation Day

PRM HSA meeting 9:30 am

October 21

Goal Parent Information Meeting

October 23

PRM Celebrate Reading

BOE Regular Meeting 8:00 KHS Auditorium



## School Security Updates

We have made several security upgrades to each of our schools and there is more work to come across the school year in that area. In addition to new phone systems, there have been improvements in how we communicate to the Emergency Response Teams, the addition of classroom number identification on the external walls of our buildings, reflective block on windows and other important safety upgrades. We have reviewed our school safety and security plans and upgraded the amount and type of information contained in them. Mr. Shivas, the School Security Liaison along with staff and members of Kinnelon Police attended an in-depth school safety and security training on the cutting edge of K-12 school security.

## Student Stories

### Stonybrook *Minecraft* Club in its Second Year

More than 75 students signed up for the Stonybrook *Minecraft* Club which is in its second year. *Minecraft* is an online game about breaking and placing blocks. At first, people built structures to protect against nocturnal monsters, but as the game grew, players worked together to create wonderful, imaginative things. Mrs. Bosch is advising the club and has Kinnelon High School students assisting.



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## Important Announcement

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Please complete and send in your child's/children's emergency information card. It is important for emergency medical reasons as well as important to populate our notification system.



## Kinnelon High School remembers 9/11

Principal Gary Suda felt it was important for the 14th anniversary of 9/11 to be acknowledged at KHS and to honor the memories of two of the school's graduates, Matthew Yarnell and James Martello, who lost their lives that tragic day.

Read about the memorial program at KHS - <http://www.northjersey.com/news/education/khs-principal-recounts-tragic-events-of-sept-11-for-students-1.1409243>

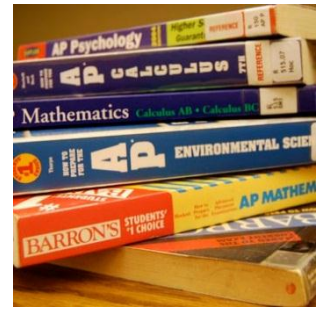
[Watch the video at Media Production Video YouTube link:](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5grOkj8VCA>

PRM, Stonybrook and Kiel also honored those lost on 9/11 with age appropriate readings and statements.

# Kinnelon High School AP Scores Make Another Leap Forward

Students at KHS made another huge leap on Advanced Placement tests that were administered in May of 2015. Scores were made available to the school administration in mid-July and student performance in the 3 or above category went from 83% in 2014 to 91% in 2015. A total number of 299 AP tests were administered to 157 students in 25 different disciplines. A closer look at how our students scored revealed that 25% scored the highest available score of 5 and 36% scored a 4.



## KHS Students Named National Merit and AP Scholars

**National Merit Scholarship Corporation Commended Scholars** – recognized for having top National PSAT scores

**AP Scholar** - Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams

**AP Scholar with Honor** - Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams

**AP Scholar with Distinction** - Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams

We congratulate all of these students!!

National Merit Scholarship Corporation Commended Scholars	AP Scholars	AP Scholars with Honor	AP Scholars with Distinction
Roluf Andersen	Kapil Amin	Natalia Bellini	Daria Babitsch
Sean Andersen	Rijul Banerjee	Kaitlyn Bosch	Lara Balick
Victoria Bloomfield	Christian Cavallo	Andrew Caratenuto	Carina Chien
Allison Davin	Aaron Cohen	Emily Coppa	Jessie Dromsky-Reed
Daniel Girardi	Thomas Demeri	Anthony De Palma	Olivia Ferraro
Colin Gregoire	Michelle Ditzig	Gianna De Palma	Hawkins Gardow
Elizabeth Herington	Catherine Dougherty	Noah Eckstein	Ariella Goldberg
Daniel Pileggi	Jacob Fairchild	Kyle Graupe	Colleen Griffin
Jacqueline Steuerer	Steven Johannemann	Colin Gregoire	Elizabeth Herington
Victoria Wheeler	Gyu Hyun Kim	Michelle Milone	Ryan Less
	Daniel Kraft	Daniel Pileggi	Morgan Pierpont
	Catherine Magee	Michael Prapopulos	Isabella Tighe
	Emily Merkel	Jennifer Roberts	Jay Vanput
	Brianna Miller	Patrick Rzeszutko	Shannon Wheeler
	Jason New	Nicholas Schrope	
	Kayle Pitts	Jacqueline Steuerer	
	Kyle Presti	Jenna Steuerer	
	Justin Scro	Emily Thiem	
	Amanda Shah	Joshua Wieder	
	Katharine Thompson		
	Benjamin Wasserman		

## KHS Future Business Leaders of America to Attend a State Conference in Oct.



The Kinnelon High School FBLA Executive Board Officers and FBLA Advisor, Anna Ellington, will be attending the New Jersey FBLA State Fall Leadership Conference. This year, the NJ FBLA will be hosting the 2015 State Fall Leadership Conference at Pines Manor in Edison on October 16, 2015. The State Fall Leadership Conference is a professional and motivating one day conference which provides local FBLA chapter officers and advisors the opportunity to network with business professionals, meet students from other schools who are also interested in business-related careers and experiences and to learn about NJ FBLA, which this year has chosen the theme of "Generating Greatness." The Fall Leadership Conference will consist of a general session and various workshops which will focus on the duties of the officers, leadership, professional networking and development and local chapter management. Each year, NJ FBLA holds a fundraising booth, where local members and advisors contribute towards the March of Dimes. This year, NJ FBLA will sponsor two fundraising events, including Baskets for Babies and Pick a Pumpkin Campaign. The Kinnelon High School FBLA will be donating a gift basket, which will be auctioned during the conference with proceeds going to March of Dimes. The KHS FBLA officers will also be designing a creative pumpkin to be auctioned at the conference. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 and all proceeds will go to the March of Dimes.

## KHS Student Council Hosts the NJASC Executive State Officers

The Student Council hosted the NJASC Executive State Officer meeting on Monday, September 21st in the media center from 9-12:45. There were nine schools represented from North Jersey. KHS's Riyan Kabir is Kinnelon's first representative on the NJASC Executive Board.

## PRM Students Act as Peer Leaders for Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

Approximately 40 peer mentors took time out from their summer activities to provide tours of Pearl R. Miller School. Incoming sixth grade students and students new to PRM were shown key areas of the building. Parents were encouraged to accompany their children on the tours.

## Staff Stories

Congratulations to Mrs. Lori Robbins, KHS English teacher on publishing her first book!!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teachers had a blast in an Activate Science professional development day with Mrs. Maddie Travaille, the District Supervisor of Science.



# **Important Information Links**

[Next Generation Science Standards Information](#)

[District Testing & Assessment Information](#)

[NJ State Assessment Calendar](#)

[Kinnelon Public Schools Learning & Assessment Principles](#)

[District & BOE Goals and Outcomes](#)

[Parent Resources](#)

- [Science Resources for Parents](#)
- [PARCC Resources and Information](#)
- [Common Core & NGSS Information](#)
- [Just Right Books information](#)
- [Math Information for Parents](#)

[Curriculum Resources](#)