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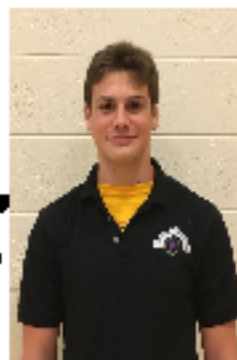


MESSAGE from your HEAD OF SCHOOL

Parents,

It is with great excitement that I tell you about the school year to date at Keystone Prep. Our students are off to a banner year. They have been very considerate and mature. I could not be more proud of them! They have adapted well to all the changes under new school leadership. Many of the students have thanked the new administrative team for the many ideas that were implemented. I am sincerely pleased with our student body and their commitment and effort to make their school an EXTRAORDINARY PLACE! To accomplish this goal it takes many wonderful people. I am blessed with outstanding teachers and a terrific support staff. Each one of the employees undertook the re-organization with a positive outlook, working tirelessly. They continue to further their efforts together as a team. Special thanks to Mrs. Maggio, Mrs. Foley, and Mrs. Goodman for their great work. Also I must recognize Mrs. Keck and Mr. Pomaes, who donned old clothes and scrubbed the school from top to bottom along with me, bleaching cabinets, sanitizing classrooms, and moving supplies. I wanted our school spotless for the students return and it was possible because of them. Also I need to give special thanks to Mr. Paul Harvey for his ability to move mountains — really it was cubicles. As we grow and expand, Paul has the unique task of helping us find spaces to fit into for offices. Great things are happening here at Keystone!

STUDENT
OF THE
MONTH



Congratulations to Elijah Deutsch, our first Student of the Month. Eli has demonstrated outstanding character qualities and always offers to help others. He is a good student with excellent behavior. Way to go Eli! We could not be more proud of you at KPHS.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Mr. Ken Wildner is an example to others. He literally gave up many days of his summer vacation for he and

Mrs. Keck to do great things with a schedule. He made work fun for all!

PRINCIPAL'S PEN



Mrs. Keck

WE have great things happening here! Our students are enrolled in courses that will move them successfully toward their graduation. Our teachers are enjoying educating them and sharing in their success. We have two students in Dual Enrollment at college for the first time. The curriculum has been expanded to include Speech and other new subjects. We are maintaining a graduation tracking form on each student to ensure their credit requirements are met. We began a new combined online and Face to Face class partnering with Florida Virtual.

THE DEAN'S DOINGS Mr. Pomales



One of the most important tasks in education is training and equipping students to be successful once they enter the real world. Here at Keystone Prep, teachers and our school leaders utilize high academic standards along with social skills instruction to do so. These are tools which prepare students to be successful in and out of the classroom. A major part of this dedicated training is teaching students self-management skills. Learning how to self-manage gives the individual the ability to properly internalize appropriate behaviors and engage in the right responses, regardless of what external forces or stimuli they may be exposed to in their lives every single day.

Understanding they are responsible for their actions and that those actions will result in praise or consequences, is the mark of maturity in every one of our students. We want our students to understand, develop, and grow.

COACHES CORNER ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Coach Keck

Our school year is off to a fantastic start! Your athletes have been doing a great job so far. We are expecting exciting things this school year and adding plans for new sports. We are offering both Boys and Girls Basketball. Coach Wilbekin will be coaching the girls and Coach Grossenbach the boys. Practice for the boys team is Monday through Friday, from 3:30 to 6:00 pm. I am happy to see we have some students who realize missing practice affects the whole team not just themselves and are here all the time. In athletics is often the first time many students learn the world is not just about them but about how they interface with others. Their commitment leads to excellence which is what we strive for daily. Girls practices will be Monday through Thursday from 3:30 to 4:45 pm. The schedules have been sent out. Come support the team!

UPCOMING PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION MEETING (PTO)

The first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 19th at 6:00 pm. Please join us as we elect new officers who are interested in serving at our school to help our kids. Homecoming is Nov. 10!

OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS



Some of our terrific parent volunteers have already been hard at work, tirelessly making improvements by trimming trees and updating the grounds. We could not be more grateful for Mr. Bitman and Mr. Young, for all they have done to help Keystone Prep High School. You do great work! Our school is a better place because of parents like Mr. Sean Bitman and Mr. and Mrs. Young who always help when they are needed. We appreciate you very much and the trees look great. Your dedicated hard work not only improved KPHS but you were a terrific example for our students about caring for others and expecting nothing in return.

There are many needs at Keystone Prep High School and we have limited funds. Please help us, help our students. Watch for [Sign Up Genius](#) to volunteer HELP for the upcoming [Homecoming Dance](#), and other events. High School kids count too!

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ...

On October 18 the Board Members will be in a 4 hour development meeting to redesign a new Strategic Plan that will greatly benefit the entire school. Our Board of Trustees is hard at work for all of you and our students.

THANKS will never be enough to a great organization like the Roy M. Speer Foundation for what they have done for our school and our students. We would not have a school without you! These Scholarship students wanted to send their personal appreciation to you, for all you do for Keystone Prep High School. Without the Speer Foundation Scholarship support, we might not have these incredible students at KPHS or see their many accomplishments. THANK YOU SPEER FAMILY FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OTHERS!



What's been happening at Keystone Prep High School? by Mrs. PJ Petrillo

Over the summer each teacher's classroom was painted and they created personal themes for their spaces, which reflect their subject areas. Several students came in and helped which meant a great deal to all of the staff. Daily, we see special things in our student body that make us proud of our students. Our KPHS community spirit is growing! More and more students and staff are helping the school in many ways. It is an exciting place to be and to watch the great community spirit evolving. We had two wonderful parents who volunteered \$9000 to give us a better van, so we could offer two pick up routes this year. The other older van is still on its last miles and needs to be replaced too, but we will keep the route open for now, and drive it until it dies. A new Master Calendar was built and a new Daily Schedule, which many students have said they love. Our curriculum and classes were revised to meet state standards. Each class must use pre and post tests to determine the student's mastery of learning. Please remember our students need 135 hours in their classroom seat to get credit for their class, so carefully watch their absences and tardies, even if those are excused. We offered Advance Placement classes again. And we also added college Dual Enrollment classes for the first time. In addition, all teachers are being evaluated quarterly. We have great teachers! KPHS is growing in size. On June 1 we had 33 students and we now have 61 students. We added two additions in new learning spaces to improve instruction and many new classes are being created. We are very proud of KPHS's future!