

Kensington Woods HIGH SCHOOL *E-Newsletter*



Scholarship - Character - Purpose

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KWHS Mission

To prepare each student for success in college, career and life through an engaging, challenging and innovative educational program that is student centered and promotes character and values.

Upcoming Events

March 10, 11 & 12

MME Test
(11th grade)

Friday, March 13

Senior Cap and Gown orders
due to the company

Friday, March 20

Senior Shirt and School-wide
Spirit Wear Orders due to Mrs.
Pratt

After School Activities

A Message from the Principal

by Jim Perry

As part of the KWHS community, you know there are many wonderful qualities of our school. As I converse with students and parents I hear numerous reasons for choosing KWHS. Just as you all have your reasons for choosing KWHS, all of us as the professional faculty have our reasons for choosing KWHS to fulfill our careers in education. Most notably, I think, we choose to work at KWHS for the dynamic atmosphere we've created where our ideas and our best practices can easily gain a foothold in our educational program. Also, because we value strong staff/student relationships and we can preserve a "small school" atmosphere where we actually know all of our students at KWHS. I could go on and on about why we are all committed to this school but the purpose of this column is actually to get all of you thinking about the qualities of our school that mean most to you and to share some of your thoughts with us so we can communicate to the public what the true KWHS difference is all about.

We know we are different through our commitment to create a small, safe and orderly environment that inspires, but I still frequently hear comments from the public that they have never heard of our school or they didn't know the mission of our school. Therefore, it is our goal this spring and summer to make sure the greater Livingston County community not only hears about us but hears about the proper current mission of our school. With this, I am asking all of you to help us out. There is no better way to communicate the message of our mission than comments from our parents and students regarding their experience at KWHS. I would like to feature some of our parents' comments (testimonials) about why you all feel KWHS is the best choice for your child in our next community newsletter. Please forward a short remark about our school to me at jperry@kwoods.org with the word "comment" in the subject line and I will use your remark or a portion of it as a quote in our newsletter or website. I would like to include your name and the grade level of your student

Running Club
Monday & Wednesday, 3-4:15ish

Drama Club
Tuesday & Thursday, 3-5

Chess Club
Monday, 3-3:45

Robotics Club
Monday & Wednesday, 3-5

Thank You Parents!



On Friday, February 27th, the Parent Group threw a Mexican lunch-in for the teachers.

We would like to thank all parents involved for providing these delicious foods.

so if you do not want your name mentioned, please let me know. Thank you in advance for your comments and of course, for your continued support of KWHS.

Best regards,

Jim Perry

Senior Exhibition News:

by Laura Moellering

During the week of the ACT and MME, seniors will be working on their service learning proposal for their Senior Exhibition. They will write a proposal that is due on March 13 and will make the necessary contacts and do the groundwork to make the service learning project happen. The direction for the proposal are in their "Senior Ex" folder, as is the rubric. On Monday, March 23, they will present their proposal to their tuning panel during advisory. Beginning March 31st, seniors may use advisory time on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to work on campus or off (if they have parental permission to be off campus) on their final Senior Ex presentation, but they will still attend their Monday advisories as usual. If you have questions about Senior Ex, or any part of it, please contact Laura Moellering.

Parent Group's CHILL & SPILL

By Debbie Uhley (KWHS Parent Group)

Chill & Spill is a monthly get-together on a weekend sponsored by the KWHS Parent Group. Teens, Parents, and KW staff are invited. Come join in the activity or just chow and mingle. Coming events are:

Saturday, March 21st

Whirleyball/Go-carts at Great Escape in Howell on Grand River. Be there at 7:00 pm; close at 11:00 pm. Whirleyball cost is \$95/half hour (split by number of participants).

We are seeking a donation of a good-working-order microwave for the school store. If anyone has one they would like to donate please call the office.

Kensington Woods High School Drama Club Presents:

By Elissa Patterson & Jason Pratt

KWDC Presents:

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

The Nerd by Larry Shue

Kensington Woods Drama Club is selling advertisement space for the production's program. This program will be viewed by every audience member in attendance and people who were not present who later view the program. In addition to these immediate marketing possibilities, students involved in school productions, typically keep a copy of the show's program as a memento. This keepsake will ensure your business's advertisement will be valuable for years to come.

We would also like to offer an opportunity to purchase a personal acknowledgement ad, congratulating a member of our cast. This is a great way for parents to acknowledge the accomplishments of their son or daughter and always brings a smile to their faces. If you wish to keep the contents of this ad a secret from your performer, please feel free to contact Directors Jason Pratt and Elissa Patterson at dramaclub@kwoods.org. Below you will find the price and dimensions of each ad space. Please provide the artwork you wish to include and a check payable to Kensington Woods High School.

Thank you very much for your time and contribution to the theatre program at Kensington Woods!

1/4 Page

Dimensions: (W): 2.25" x (H) 3.75"

Price: \$15.00

1/2 Page

Dimensions: (W): 4.5" x (H) 3.75"

Price: \$25.00

Full Page

Dimensions: (W): 4.5" x (H) 7.5"

Price: \$40.00

College News...

By Shawn Pollman

Scholarship Information

The Michigan Promise Scholarship

The Michigan Promise scholarship provides up to \$4,000 to high school graduates for successfully completing two years of postsecondary education. All students who took the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) have the opportunity to receive up to \$4,000 if they meet all eligibility requirements. Students who receive qualifying scores (Level 2 or above) in each of the required test components are eligible to receive up to half of their scholarship in the first two years of postsecondary enrollment (in installments of \$1,000 each year).

The primary criterion for award consideration is confirmation that the student took the MME while in high school. Students completing a vocational training program requiring less than two years to complete may be eligible for a prorated scholarship.

ACT Option for Installment Payments of the Michigan Promise Scholarship:

The revised State School Aid Act changes the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) in several ways. Perhaps the change most greatly noticed by students hoping to become eligible for installment payments of the Michigan Promise scholarship is the requirement that schools administer the complete MME

once and only once to each student. However, Michigan law now gives students the option of becoming eligible for installment payments by taking the national ACT test. Here's how it works...

The student must FIRST take the complete MME, and obtain MME scores (Level 1, 2, 3 or 4) in ALL of the MME subjects of Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. If the student's MME scores are insufficient for installment payments of the Michigan Promise scholarship, the student could then choose to take the national ACT. If the student were to then take the national ACT and score a Composite 21 or higher, the student would become eligible for installment payments, provided the student meets all other eligibility requirements established by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

For More Information:

- Visit www.michigan.gov/promise
- Contact the Michigan Promise scholarship program, Office of Scholarships and Grants, toll free at 1-888-4-GRANTS (1-888-447-2687)
- E-mail osg@michigan.gov.

Scholarship Opportunity for Seniors- Community Choice Credit Union

Scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors residing within Genesee, Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, St. Clair, Washtenaw, Oakland, or Wayne counties.

Community Choice Credit Union will provide \$100,000 in scholarships to Southeast Michigan high school students in 2009! Guided by the credit union principles of social responsibility, on-going education, and service to its members and community, they are pleased to support higher learning. Scholarship applications will be accepted until Friday, April 10, 2009.

For more information:

- Visit Community Choice Credit Union Website- <https://www.comm-choice.coop/scholarships.php>
- Call Community Choice Credit Union at: 877.243.2528.
- Email Community Choice Credit Union at: scholarships@comm-choice.coop

Spirit Wear, Now for Sale!

By Jessie MacGonigal Pratt

Congratulations to all who participated in the Spirit Wear contest. Everybody was very impressed with the submissions and it was a very close race. The winners of the Spirit Wear contest are (in no particular order): Torri Ward, Josh McGahey and Stephanie Dunivant. Winners receive their own shirt, a gift certificate to the school store and a gift certificate to Buffalo Wild Wings.



If you would like to preorder one of the winning designs, please return the preorder form that was passed out in school to Mrs. Pratt, or visit the website for another form (www.kwoods.org).

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Pratt at jpratt@kwoods.org.

Special Thanks go to the Parent Association for providing gift certificates for the winners!

Get Your Senior Shirts Now!

by Jessie MacGonigal Pratt

If you would like to remember your Senior year at Kensington Woods, what better way than to order your very own KWHs Senior Shirt? Shirts were designed by Senior Torri Ward.

Orders are being taken now, order forms were passed out during Advisory this week, or can be found on the website (www.kwoods.org). Orders are due to Mrs. Pratt on Friday, March 20th.

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Pratt at jpratt@kwoods.org.

