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Celebrating the Class of 2022

*More than 1,600 graduates
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This spring has been a season of celebration across North Kansas City Schools! On April 5, voters throughout our district overwhelmingly approved two critically important zero-tax-increase ballot measures. Together, the levy transfer and bond mean improved facilities and expanded opportunities for the more than 21,000 students we serve. I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your support. Thank you for making your vote count, trusting us to continue serving as good financial stewards and fulfill our mission.

As a result of your support, we can address growth in all parts of our district and ensure all students and staff take pride in their facilities. Construction has already begun on several new buildings for some of our oldest sites. Significant improvements will be made to other areas all throughout the district. The levy transfer will increase operational funds so that we can best serve our students and families through changing times of inflation and evolving need.

We are thrilled to deliver on promises made during our 2020 bond campaign. NKC Schools will officially open three brand-new and renovated elementary schools in our southern neighborhoods this fall at Maplewood, Davidson and Briarcliff. These schools represent key steps in our commitment to reinvestment in older facilities across the district, ensuring all students have modern and inviting spaces in which to learn.

We also honored another class of outstanding seniors this spring! Congratulations to each of our more than 1,600 graduates. I have enjoyed recognizing their accomplishments and cannot wait to follow their future successes. On behalf of our entire NKC Schools family, thank you. Your support makes these celebrations possible. I hope you take time to rest, relax and recharge this summer. We're looking forward to seeing our students back on Monday, August 22 for the start of another fantastic school year!

Dan Clemens, Ed.D.
Superintendent – North Kansas City Schools • superintendent@nkcschools.org



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Join Us For Homecoming 2022!

Homecoming is a wonderful time to return to your alma mater, visit new stadiums, and catch up with old classmates. Come home this fall and join us for celebrations across the district.

North Kansas City

Hornets vs. Truman High School

Friday, September 30, 2022

NKC Football Stadium

Oak Park

Northmen vs. St. Joseph Central High School

Friday, October 14, 2022

Oak Park Activities Complex

Staley

Falcons vs. Park Hill South High School

Friday, October 7, 2022

District Activities Complex (behind Staley HS)

Winnetonka

Griffins vs. Kearney High School

Friday, September 23, 2022

Griffin Stadium

Keep up with details and planned activities by following our alumni associations on Twitter:

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@staleyalumni @tonkaalumni

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Extraordinary Achievements

Battle of the Brains Top 20 Finalists



Ten SAGE students and their teacher, **Erin Nash**, are a Top 20 Finalist team in the Burns & McDonnell Battle of the Brains competition. One of 750 teams from across the metro, they dreamed up a new exhibit concept for Science City, creating a “World of Robotics” proposal.

Madilayna Boyer – Clardy

Zander Dodd – Ravenwood

Wren Gardner – Gracemor

Isaac Harrison – Lakewood

James Keith – Topping

Dallas Mackie – Gracemor

Jibril Mohamed – Chouteau

Ryder Roberts – Bell Prairie

Flynn Sullins – Crestview

Christina Williams – Gracemor

Debate State Champions

Congratulations to the **North Kansas City High School Speech & Debate** team, our newest state champions! Together, the team earned the overall state title in debate for the first time in school history. Seniors **Duaa Mohamed** and **Trent Dixon** were also crowned individual state champions in policy debate.



State Golf Champion

Staley senior **Bryson Oots** made history on May 17! Oots was named co-champion of the Missouri Class 5 State Golf Championship held in Cape Girardeau on the same day as his graduation. What a way to cap off an incredible high school career!



Honoring Our Champions

Each spring, North Kansas City Schools honors those staff members who go above and beyond each day to serve as relentless champions for all students. The thirty individuals who make up the **2022 Service & Teaching Honor Cadres** truly exemplify North Kansas City Schools' culture of excellence. Several honorees were also recognized by the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce as part of their annual awards program honoring the best educators across our region.

2022 Service Honor Cadre



2022 Teaching Honor Cadre



2022 Presidential Award for Excellence

Bell Prairie fourth grade teacher **Stacy Adamson** was surprised earlier this spring with the **Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Math Teaching!** Mrs. Adamson is one of only two winners in the entire state. This award is the highest honor that K-12 mathematics and science teachers can receive from the U.S. government.



Stacy Adamson

2022 Northland Exemplary Service Award

Aliza Perea has made the **Winnwood** cafeteria a warm and welcoming home for all. Her patience, grace and dedication mean students and staff alike know that they can count on her for endless support. For her commitment, she was named the **2022 Northland Exemplary Service Award** winner by the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce.



Aliza Perea

Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Education Recipients



Sherrie Brown
Chapel Hill
Elementary



Kristi Kennedy
Gateway
6th Grade Center



Alison Latcham
Antioch
Middle School



Angela Nakoulima
Eastgate
6th Grade Center



Jeff Steadman
Crestview
Elementary



Joy Donnell
Eastgate
6th Grade Center



Teri Mann
Antioch
Middle School

CELEBRATING THE *class* of 2022

Congratulations to the NKC Schools Class of 2022! More than 1,600 seniors walked the stage and earned their diplomas this May. We are so proud of each graduate and all that they have accomplished.

This class of graduates has earned more than \$18 million in funding to pursue their postsecondary goals. Nearly 250 students graduated with additional distinction, earning honors through the International Baccalaureate, Gold Medallion or AP Capstone programs. 71 seniors demonstrated proficiency in a language beyond English, earning the Seal of Biliteracy. More than 500 earned the Missouri A+ scholarship for excellence in the classroom and in service to the community.

Our graduates will continue on to a wide variety of colleges and career fields, including several who have answered the call to serve and will enlist in our nation's military. We cannot wait to see the many successes that lie ahead for the class of 2022!

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Construction Continues on New Schools

All will be ready for the opening of the 2022-23 school year!

With just a few months until opening day, three NKC school buildings are getting closer to completion. **Briarcliff**, **Davidson** and **Maplewood** elementary schools will all welcome students back in August with new facilities.

BRIARCLIFF



After a year spent at the old Norclay building in NKC, students will enter a much improved Briarcliff in August. Classroom space will be open and bright and arranged by grade level "neighborhoods" with shared amenities.



The old gym space is being repurposed as a lunch room, giving students needed space in which to eat with peers.

DAVIDSON



A brand new Davidson exterior is taking shape. Windows allowing an abundance of light into the building are prevalent. Once the new school is complete, the old Davidson will be demolished to create playground and parking space.



Classroom space will be bright and well-appointed. Following the current concept of "neighborhoods," like other newer NKC Schools elementaries, academic space in Davidson will be separated by grade levels allowing for more student and teacher collaboration.

MAPLEWOOD



The front entrance of Maplewood will be easily accessible to students, staff and parents.



Large windows fill the stairwells with light as students and staff move through the building. The existing Maplewood facility will be removed for parking once the new school is complete.

Promises Made, Promises Kept

Projects Completed – Summer 2022

- ✓ **Davidson Elementary School** – new building
- ✓ **Maplewood Elementary School** – new building
- ✓ **Briarcliff Elementary School** – complete renovation
- ✓ **Chapel Hill Elementary School** – new gym addition
- ✓ **Linden West Elementary School** – restroom renovations, new ceilings, new roof
- ✓ **Chouteau Elementary School** – new roof
- ✓ **Fox Hill Elementary School** – fire alarm upgrades, playground
- ✓ **Gracemor Elementary School** – new flooring
- ✓ **Meadowbrook Elementary School** – fire alarm upgrades, outdoor lighting, asphalt work, playground
- ✓ **Oakwood Manor Elementary School** – restroom renovations, HVAC work, ANSUL connection
- ✓ **Ravenwood Elementary School** – fire alarm upgrade, asphalt
- ✓ **Eastgate 6th Grade Center** – fire alarm upgrades, HVAC improvements
- ✓ **New Mark Middle School** – emergency lighting, restroom renovations
- ✓ **Northgate Middle School** – asphalt work
- ✓ **Oak Park High School** – interior painting, courtyard glass replacement, graphics
- ✓ **Winnetonka High School** – new dust collection system, interior painting, graphics

Projects Started – Summer 2022

- ✓ **Districtwide IT Center** – Prospect Plaza

Projects Completed – Fall 2022

- **Districtwide IT Center** – Prospect Plaza

Projects Started – Winter 2022/2023

- **Nashua Elementary School** – new building
- **Crestview Elementary School** – new building
- **Rising Hill Elementary School** – new addition
- **Chapel Hill Elementary School** – new addition

Grants for Staff

Since 1997, district staff have received 344 Dr. Dan Kahler Innovative Teaching Grants worth \$500,000. They include 23 grants benefitting 8,150 students next year.



3D Printer for High School Art Department

Aaron Shirley, North Kansas City, \$1,000

A Year in the Life: Creating a Culture-Rich Community

Renee Harman & Sara Weikel, Rising Hill, \$2,684

Connecting Families & School Through Social Stories

Katie Aubrey, Gracemor, \$500

Developing Decoders

Shy Dreps & Julie Gorham, Clardy, \$1,000

District-Wide HOSA (Future Health Professionals) Library

Michelle Lawrence, Staley, \$1,650

Exploring Multi-Cultural Music Through Jazz Performance

Blake Duren, Antioch, \$1,000

Fitness for Life & Learning

Riley Byrne & Isaiah Washington, Eastgate, \$3,000

Full STEAM Ahead

Renee Alfrey & Samantha Outler, Fox Hill, \$2,609

Generations of Service

Lori Dameron & Lisa Elder, Oak Park, \$700

Growing Northtown

Garden Team, North Kansas City High, \$2,000

How Does Your Garden Grow ... in Math?!

Samantha Brown, Northgate, \$614

I Can't Wait to Read This Book at HOME!

Andrea Stephenson, Bell Prairie, \$500

If You Build It, They Will Read: Reviving Classroom Leveled Libraries

Courtney Judd, Maplewood, \$2,500

Phonics to Go

Katie Aubrey, Gracemor, \$2,000

Preparing Responsible Individuals with Disabilities for Employment

Dale Brown, Winnetonka, \$950

Printing in the Third Dimension

TuWana Williams, Oak Park, \$1,500

Purposeful Practice to Build Phonics Brainpower

Abby Seymour & Jennifer Baker, Briarcliff, \$1,426

Ready, Set, Flow & Grow: Aquaponics in the Library

Angela Van Batavia, Oak Park, \$1,000

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Teri Freeman, Golden Oaks, \$2,996

The Write Place ... All Stages, All Pages. Writers Helping Writers

Carrie Marcantonio, Winnetonka, \$3,000

Thinking Outside the Box: 3D Prototyping in the Design Thinking Process

Angelia Adamovich & Serena Loving, New Mark, \$1,400

Culture of Excellence Service Cadre: Kelly Winger, Antioch, \$500

Culture of Excellence Teaching Cadre: Angela Nakoulima, Eastgate, \$500



Scholarships for Students

This spring, seniors won a record 110 scholarships totaling \$100,000. The Education Foundation has provided 980 scholarships worth almost \$880,000 since 2004.

North Kansas City

Jonas Anderson
Naomi Apodaca
Caitlyn Arnold
Logan Blazek
Janelle Douyon
Hannah Flynn
Ashley Gass
Esther Ko
Wesley McFarland
Charles Moloney
Joseph Mormino
Andrew Nelson
Abby Netherton
Hannah Schuh
Abigail Schweisberger
Allyssa Sicks
David Steel
Katelyn Strange
Irene Taboada
Kizzie Washington
Joe Winfrey

Oak Park

Ayah Abdelhameed
Jordan Carr
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Tyler Gray
Jack Holm
Erin Jarman
Zen Langley
Andrew Lesch
Mia Lunares
Kelsey Mathewson
Elise McCall
Kylie Michael
Christina Nguyen
Taygan O'Brien
Dylan O'Donnell
Zoe Saleem
Keaton Smith
Julijano Sokoli
Allison Stehle
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Sara Weeks
Olivia Zuniga

Staley

Elanna Aaron
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Drew Mangold
Bryce McCarthy
Kaitlyn Montemayor
Evan O'Day
Sydney Peck
Makaela Scott
Susan Silvio
Clare Simpson
Molly Vavak
Hannah Wilson

Winnetonka

Ani Alvarez
Brian Duong
Arlette Lara
Alyna Mathews
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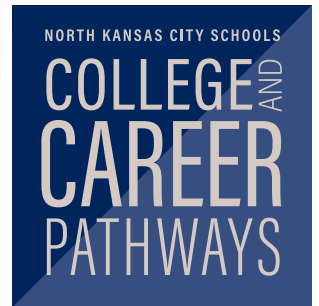
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7 a.m. Student Showcase

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet • 7:45 a.m. Program

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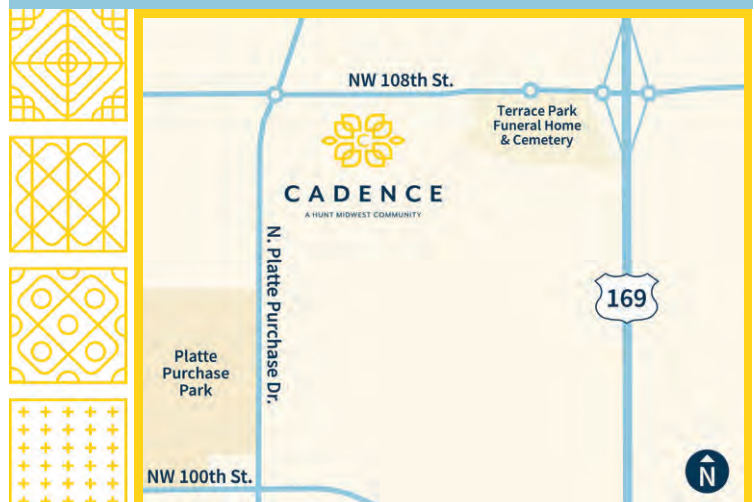
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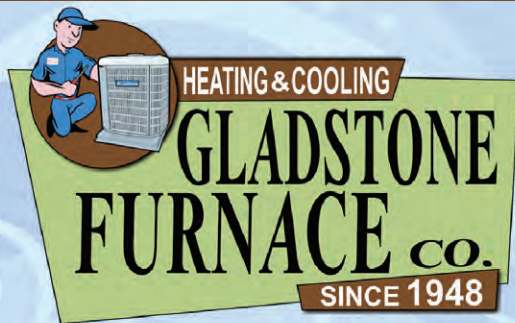
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