



# Kutztown Area Middle School

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*Mr. Shawn Lynch, Principal*

*~ Maximize potential, embrace change, create the future ~*

Dear Parents, Guardians and Middle School Students,

I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year at Kutztown Area Middle School! Whether you are a returning student excited for another year of learning and growth, or a new student joining our community, we are delighted to have you here.

With this letter, you will receive the following;

- A label indicating your homeroom.
- Papers to be signed by parents/guardians and returned on the first day of school.

**KAMS Student Orientations held on August 22, 2024 are as follows:**

Camp Cougar for all incoming 6th grade students:

Students should arrive by 9:00 AM at KAMS's auditorium. Parent pick-up is at 10:30 am.

New Student Orientation for 7th & 8th graders new to our district this year:

Please arrive at the KAMS office at 8:30 am on Thursday, August 22nd. The guided orientation by our school counselor, Keegan White, will last 45 minutes. Pick up is 9:15 AM. Parents are welcome to attend this orientation.

The first day of school for all students is Tuesday, August 27th. Our doors open at 7:25 am. School begins promptly at 7:40 am and ends at 2:43 pm. All students will enter at the Auditorium doors. Students will then report to their homerooms where they will receive their schedules and locker assignments.

A calendar for Middle School events and other important information can be found on the KAMS website. The middle school website can be accessed through the district website at:

<http://www.kasd.org>.

Please enjoy the last days of summer and look forward to a great 2024-2025 school year. I look forward to seeing you soon. If you ever need to contact me: office 610-683-3575, cell 484-861-7692, email [slynch@kasd.org](mailto:slynch@kasd.org). It will be my pleasure to make an appointment to meet and discuss any issues you may have.

Sincerely,  
Shawn Lynch  
KAMS Principal

***Please see the reverse side of this letter for additional information.***

Kutztown Area School District does not discriminate in our educational programs, activities or employment practices, based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ancestry or any other legally protected classification. This policy is in accordance with state and federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. Information relative to special accommodation, grievance procedure, and the designated responsible official for compliance with Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 may be obtained by contacting the school district. EOE

## **KAMS PARENT NIGHT**

KAMS Parent Night/Open house will be held on August 28th, 2023 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Middle School Commons. Please make sure you know your child's homeroom. Parents will be escorted from the Commons to the grade level hallways by your child's teachers.

### **Calendar of Additional Upcoming Events:**

August 22 - Camp Cougar 6th graders 9:00 am - 10:30 am  
August 22 - New 7th & 8th grade Student Orientation from 8:30 am - 9:15 am  
August 27 - First Day for Students  
August 28 - Parent Night 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
August 30 - School Closed  
September 2 - School Closed  
September 19 - School Pictures  
September 29 - Half Day for Students

### **Laptop Distribution:**

District devices will be distributed to students at the middle school. This will happen during the school day at a time to be determined. Students will receive their devices only after their parent/guardian has completed the contact update form and medical information form on PowerSchool.

### **Gym Uniforms**

Students will not be required to wear a KAMS gym uniform for their gym classes this year. Students will change for gym class, and gym clothing must follow the middle school's dress code, and sneakers must be worn. Gym teachers will explain the dress expectations during the first gym classes of the year. Students wishing to purchase a KAMS gym uniform may do so by visiting the main office.

### **Student Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures:**

Students who are walking or being dropped-off should arrive by 7:35 am at the latest. For the safety of everyone involved in the morning commute, please follow these procedures (**Please note changes in procedures**):

- Students walking must stay on the sidewalk and cross at designated crosswalks
- Parents dropping off students in the morning must turn left into the Commons parking lot, proceed to the bottom of the lot for drop-off, and loop through the parking lot to the Constitution Boulevard exit. This is for the safety of students using the crosswalk to the Commons.
- There is no parking in the side lot along the curb while waiting for after school pick up. This area is needed for athletic buses. Parents can pull curbside for parent pick-up as soon as the buses leave.
- Students will be dismissed from the front of the building and will not be permitted to exit from the side exit.

### **Access to PowerSchool:**

PowerSchool offers students and parents access to their individual grade and attendance records. Please note that Parents have a separate login than their students.