The State of the Schools

October 17, 2023

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Why?

- Provides an update of how and what we are doing as a district
- Communicates a transparent view of operations of schools within the district

Overview of Presentations

- Keansburg High School
  - Presented by Sean Brophy, Principal; Mr. John Bird, Vice Principal
- Joseph R. Bolger Middle School
  - Presented by Mr. Joe LaRocca, Principal; Mr. Ryan Lillis, Vice Principal
- Joseph C. Caruso Elementary School
  - Presented by Mrs. Elyse McMahon, Mr. Sean Henry and Caruso Student Council members
- Keansburg PreK
  - Presented by Mrs. Anne Hazeldine, Principal; Ms. Diane Gonzales, Intern
- Pupil Personnel Services
  - Presented by Ms. Tara Smith, Supervisor of Special Education
- Office of Curriculum
  - Presented by Ms. Christine Formica

Keansburg High School

Titan Progress

Post graduation data: class of 2023

- **Over <u>50%</u> of our** Students are attending a 4 or 2 year college.

  Stockton University
  The College of NJ
  Harcum University
  Brookdale Community College
  Culinary Institute of America
  DeSales University
  William Paterson University
  Kean University
  Rochester Institute of Technology
  Montclair University
  Fairleigh Dickinson University

- Many of our students enlisted in the military and/or have joined the workforce.

Keansburg High School

2023-2024 School Year - Goals

- Increase student engagement inside and outside the classroom.
- Increase the percentage of students reporting they feel like a member of the KHS community.
- Increase the average scores in Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II, comparing benchmark scores at the beginning and end of the 2023-34 school year.
- Students at Keansburg High School will improve daily attendance by 5% compared to the previous school year's data.

KHS New Course Offerings

- Pre-algebra
- Weight training
- Nutrition
- Medical Terminology
- History of Rock/Music Approach
- Mock Trial/Debate
- Child Development
- Abnormal Psych
- Sports Business
- Intro to ASL/Interpretation
- 21st Century Business
- Photography
- World Geography
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Wealth Management
- Piano

KHS Supports

- Credit Recovery Program
- School Based Youth Services
- Guidance/CST
- ESS
- After School Math Help Tuesdays and Thursdays

Titan Community

Titan Happenings and Highlights!

Already underway or eagerly anticipated

- Keansburg Law Enforcement Academy
- Class Officers and Advisors
- FAFSA Night (11/2)
- College & Military Visits
- PSAT/NMSQT (10/12)
- Fall Pep Rally (10/20)
- Homecoming (10/21)
- ESports Gaming Club
- KEY Club
- Film Club
- School Drama/Musical
- Art Club
- World Culture Club
- School Musical
- National Honor Society

Titan Happenings and Highlights!

Continued

- Fundraisers
- Fall Sports
  - Girls Varsity Tennis
  - Girls & Boys Varsity Cross Country
  - Varsity & Junior Varsity Football
  - Girls Varsity Field Hockey (Keansburg/Keyport Team)
  - Cheerleading
- Senior Day 10/21 before the Varsity Football Game - Homecoming!
- Guest Speaker - Jared Scott
  - Mental Health/School Culture
- Winter Sports
  - Wrestling
  - Basketball
  - Bowling
- Celebrating success and academics with Marking period Honor Roll awards
- Embracing positivity through Titan Character assemblies (no conduct referrals)
- Decrease in Chronic absenteeism from last year.
- Increase in Graduation Rate

Bolger Middle School

Titans in the Community

Upcoming 6th Grade Trip to the Keansburg Museum.

Titan extracurriculars are underway

Cross Country Team is off and running…

Titan extracurriculars are underway

- Spanish Club
- Drama Club
- Jr. National Honor Society
- Student Council
- Yearbook Committee
- Fitness Club

Titan Student Services

- Why-Try Leadership Program
- Bolger guidance/CST department.
- YMCA Counseling
- Big Brothers Big Sisters

Titan Climate and Culture

- Dean of Climate and Culture
- Increased student counseling and support
- Addition of increased school wide programs and educational opportunities.
- Increased community and family involvement-Talking Points

Joseph C. Caruso School

So Far

- Currently 643 students K-5
- Benchmark A has been administered
- Continuing with Academic Loss support as well as Wilson Reading Intervention for students in need
- G&T class 3-5 continuing
- We just rewarded our students who completed the summer reading assignment with an ice cream party with Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Liantonio and Mr. Henry.
- Picture Day was a success
- Guided reading and math groups are up and running
- Back to School Night was a big success

Addition of Mrs. Corcione, Dean of Climate and Culture

In reviewing our Code of Conduct, the Dean of Climate and Culture will now be instituting classroom interventions, Restorative Practice lessons and reflections, and as ve behavior supports.

We are celebrating the positive here at Caruso!

- We have just introduced our Titan of the Week Award focusing on students going above and beyond to help their peers.
- The Square Dance is returning on October 25th
- We will have the first of three assemblies on October 26th focusing on anti-bullying and positive character traits!
- Our Halloween Parade is coming up at 9:00 on October 31st
- We just honored the first group of students of the month.
- We just completed a week of respect focusing on what we are looking for in our respectful Titans.
- Each trimester we will celebrate student successes at an evening recognition ceremony. Attendance, positive behavior, and academic achievements are just a few of the highlights. Our first one is on November 30th at 6:00.

Congratulations to Jaleana Martinez for being our first Titan of the Week!

Titan of the Week candidates receive a golden ticket for a chance to enter a raffle each Friday. The winner's photo is displayed in the hall and students receive a gift card to a local business and a coin for the book machine. The more kindness and outstanding character students display, the more chances they have to be entered!

Caruso Student Council

This paragraph will be coming from a two year student council representative. If a child is nominated for student council they will definitely experience some fun but also will need to work hard. Some student council events from last year are…

- Morning Meetings once a month
- Estimation station every month
- Teacher helper in different classrooms
- Hide the elf, every December
- Morning announcements
- Alex's Lemonade Stand

In order to be in student council you have to…

- Have good behavior
- Be in fourth or fifth grade
- Be voted in by your classmates
- Most important thing is to be respectful

Thank you for your time.

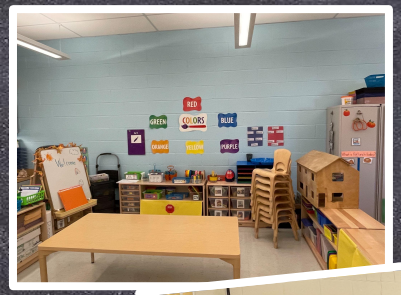
Benchmark Incentive Program

Benchmark rewards are exciting, enjoyable, and easy to earn if you work hard. By rewarding kids when they do well, they will try harder to get a better score on the test to go to the activities. Rewards from last year included:

- Movies in the library
- A carnival set up in the cafeteria
- Laser tag in the gym

You can earn these exciting prizes by doing different things on the first, second, and third benchmark. On the first you had to get an MS or ES to go to the movie. On the second, you had to get ten points higher on the next benchmark to go to the carnival. On the third, you had to get ten points higher on both to go to the final reward. Thank you for listening to this short presentation about the benchmark rewards.

Keansburg Early Learning Center



- Both sides of the building are now open and occupied
- Current Enrollment is 162 students
- 12 inclusion classrooms
- 2 self-contained special education classes

Current Initiatives

- Year Three of Tools of the Mind Curriculum will have trainers from the curriculum do instructional rounds with our faculty to dig deeper into classroom implementation.

- Year Three of TS GOLD Assessment. Data collection will be used as part of multiple measures to gain information for family reports and for the Child Outcomes Summary.

- The Child Outcomes Summary is part of a data collection process that the state special education office has asked us to use to collect data on 3 key indicators of child development for students with special needs at their entry if they qualify for an IEP and upon exit of our program. (Positive Social Emotional Skills, Acquisition and Use of Knowledge and Skills & Use of Appropriate Behaviors to Meet Needs.)

- The Inclusive Classroom Profile was used last year as a classroom observation tool from independent observers from NIEER. This tool is used to measure classroom practices that support the developmental needs of students with special needs in general education classrooms. Based on these scores, administration and instructional coaches will work with faculty and staff to bolster student Conflict Resolution Skill, Membership Skills, Family- Professional Partnerships.

Collaborative Initiative

- On August 31, 2023, a parent workshop was held on the transition from Preschool to Kindergarten.
- Two sessions were made available for our families, 12-2 and 6-8, with informational pamphlets, a smartboard presentation, food and beverages for attendees.
- The goal of this workshop was to inform parents of the expectations in the Kindergarten year; the foundational skills and concepts that are taught in preschool prepare children to meet those expectations.
- 21 families participated, 13 families utilizing the childcare option.
- The childcare providers were volunteer high school students: Clair Haughian, Gabby Flanzbaum and Emma Gonzales. We thank those students for their time.
- Additional information was also provided related to communication platforms, the importance of parent involvement, daily schedules, and procedures for arrival and dismissal at JCCS.

Current Highlights

- The KHS Football Team helped walk our youngest Titans in the first week of school!
- Preschool Welcome invited 80 families into the ELC to meet and greet teachers and visit the classrooms.
- Fire Prevention Assembly was on October 13. Thanks to Keansburg Fire Dept # 1.
- Tender Smiles Dental Screenings are scheduled for October 23 & 24
- La Tee Da Fundraiser was a success. We raised $1,972. All proceeds will go to fund student activities for the ELC.
- Families will be invited for pumpkin painting on October 26th. Students will “pick their pumpkins” at school during the day and paint them with their families in the evening starting at 6 pm in the ELC.
- Titan Gear fundraiser will be upcoming- Dates to be determined
- Halloween Parade will be at 10:30.

Pupil Personnel Services

Department of Pupil Personnel Services

- Child Study Team (Psychologists, LDT-C, Social Workers)
- Related Service Providers (OT, PT, Speech)
- Nurses
- Paraprofessionals

Special Education Department

District Special Education Population is 28%

Out of District Placements
28 Students (Down from Last Year)

Pre-K
2 Self Contained (Autism & PSD)
12 General Education Inclusion

Caruso
10 Self Contained (3-Autism, 1-BD, 6-LLD)
In Class Support ELA & Math
Resource 4th & 5th Grade ELA & Math
General Education

Special Education Department

Bolger
4 Self Contained (1-MD, 2-LLD, 1 BD)
In Class Support ELA & Math
Resource ELA & Math

KHS
Self Contained (1 MD, 2 LLD, 1 BD)
In Class Support ELA, Math, Science, History
Resource ELA, Math, Science, History
General Education

YMCA Mental Health Services

The YMCA of Greater Monmouth County will work in collaboration with the Keansburg School District to provide children's mental health services to special needs and emotionally challenged youth during the 2023-2024 school year.

YMCA School Contacts

Caruso

Dana Florio (K-2)
Caitlin McDonald (3-5)

Bolger

Petrina Zwirz (6)
Stefania Kohler (7 & 8)

KHS

Amanda Volturo (A-K)
Kelly King (L-Z)

Effective School Solutions (ESS)

Intensive Clinical Support Program

- Programming for students with the most intensive mental health challenges through weekly individual therapy and daily group therapy
- Bi-Weekly Family Therapy
- Weekly Administrative Meetings, Monthly Principal Meetings, Supervisor of Special Education Meetings, Superintendent Meetings & Board of Education Meetings

Effective School Solutions (ESS)

Clinicians are full time and housed in the school buildings (KHS-Beacon Program & KHS).

Clinicians will work with students in KHS Behavioral Disabilities Class and additional students who are at risk in KHS.

Dynamic Learning Maps Assessment

Special Education Students in the Keansburg School District participated in DLM testing, which is an alternative assessment for students with the most significant intellectual disabilities in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science.

Special Education News

SEPAG-Special Education Parent Advisory Group
Titan Friends of Diverse Learners

KSEPAG Mission Statement

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