

John F. Kennedy Middle School – September 25, 2025

# JOHN F. KENNEDY BEARS



Good afternoon, Families,

Thank you for reading our newsletter. As always, please reach out with any questions.

### **First Weeks of School**

I want to thank all students and families for a wonderful September. We're very pleased with the behavior and attitudes we're seeing from students. They are engaging in their classroom learning and demonstrating respectful, responsible, and safe behavior. Students are dressing up for spirit days and participating in after-school activities. Additionally, all students are complying with the New York State Distraction Free Zone Law, which prohibits cell phone and electronic device use during the school day. I appreciate your partnership in making this a seamless transition.

### **Welcome Back, Dance!**

Tomorrow, September 26th, is our Welcome Back Dance from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the cafeteria. The cost of the dance is \$5.00, and all permission slips and money are due tomorrow at 3:00 PM. We've received over one hundred RSVPs, and I know this will be a moment to remember for our students. Please drop off and pick up your child at the back entrance. All students must be picked up by 8:00 PM. We will have staff members assisting with the dismissal process. Cell phones are not permitted during the dance. We have a photo wall if students wish to have their photo taken. The photos will be available for students to view/download after the dance.


### **Athletics**


Our modified football, volleyball, cheerleading, and cross country teams are having a great season! Additionally, we have several students on the varsity golf, tennis, soccer, and cross country teams. This is wonderful to see, and I'm proud of their energy and commitment. Our modified football games feature the use of our brand-new concession stand. All money raised from concessions goes directly towards our school programming - allowing us to fund positive culture and climate activities throughout the school year. The next modified home football games are October 14th and October 21st. Thank you for your continued support of the concession stand.


### **Level Up!**

Our Level Up initiative is a success. As a reminder, for students to earn their daily points, they must be present in school and prepared with their folder, Chromebook, and pencil. Daily attendance and preparation are critical predictors for student success, and I appreciate you prioritizing this as well.

### **Spirit Days**

Please see below for our remaining September spirit days .

Friday, September 26th - Buffalo Bills 

Tuesday, September 30th - Class Color 

Best,

Mr. Christopher Farrell, Principal, *John F. Kennedy Middle School*