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SAVE-THE-DATE

October 1 - 10th and 12th PAYS Survey

October 3- Homecoming Pep Rally

October 4- Homecoming Dance!

October 9- 9th grade Renaissance Fair Field trip

October 13- School is Closed

October 15- PSATs

October 16- 9th grade BCTC Field Trip

October 30- End of 1st Quarter

November 3- BCTC Applications due

Tentative Emergency Lockdown Drill in October

Principal's Corner

Congratulations on a successful September at KAHS. As we move into October, I'm excited about the positive energy within the classroom and the greater school community. Parents may always access their child's progress in PowerSchool. Please encourage your child to make contact with their teachers for additional support. We will be hosting parent-teacher conferences on November 24 and 25. Additional information will be in the November newsletter. Included in this month's newsletter are the junior class president's message, a student collaboration on the fish tank aquarium, and upcoming events.

- Dr. Flicker

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Postings

Bear Creek Mountain Resort
→ Local high school students ages 16+ for positions in Mountain Operations, Food and Beverage, and Hotel divisions
→ Employees get over $500 in perks
→ Apply online at www.bcmountainresort.com

Hillside Acres Hog Farm
→ Part-time position
→ Ages 14+
→ Position includes feeding, caring for sowing, growing pigs, pressure washing, farm help
→ Call Matt at 484-955-2608

Senior Helpers Inc.
→ In-home Caregiver
→ https://www.seniorhelpers.com/pa/lehigh-valley/

College Open Houses

Kutztown University STEM
→ October 4, 2025
Pennsylvania College of Technology
→ October 4, 2025
→ November 2, 2025
→ February 21, 2025
West Virginia University
→ January 31, 2026
→ February 28, 2026
Holy Family University
→ October 5, 2025
→ November 9, 2025
Immaculata University
→ October 18, 2025
→ November 22, 2025
Messiah University
→ October 3, 2025
Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences
→ October 18th, 2025
→ November 5, 2025
Elizabethtown College
→ October 25, 2025
→ November 8, 2025
West Chester University
→ October 8, 2025
→ October 22nd, 2025
Thaddeus Stevens College of Tech
→ October 18, 2025

Parent Volunteer Sign Up Information: Please click HERE to volunteer or chaperone a KAHS event.

NetJets Aviation Career Fair

- ★ Hosted by the Reading Aviation Expo and the Reading Regional Airport
- ★ Friday, October 10
- ★ 9am - 2pm
- ★ Reading Regional Airport, 24 Liberator Way, Reading, PA 19605
- ★ Unique opportunity to explore dynamic and rewarding careers in aviation

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Student Spotlight

Jackson Raffin (9) and Olivia Vos (12)

After introducing myself to the school as School Board Representative for this year, Jackson approached me about making some improvements to the small aquarium in the fish tank lobby at school. I don't know much about fish, but it seemed like a great idea! I brought up his suggestions to Dr. Flicker, and we discussed them further. Thanks to Jackson, who is also now my SMART mentee, updates in the fish tank lobby are now underway!

-Olivia Vos

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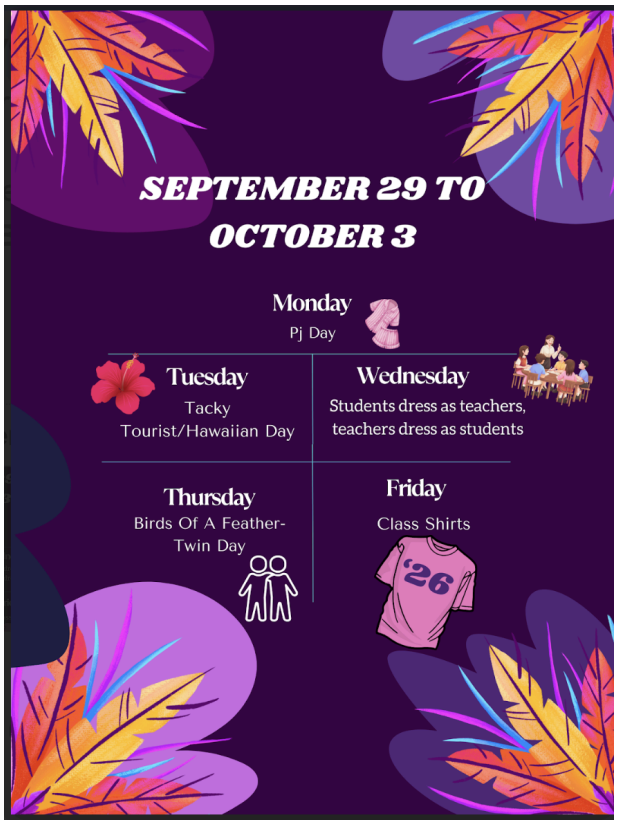

ATTENDANCE

In the month of September, we celebrated Attendance Awareness Month to remind students of the importance of school attendance. Activities to highlight attendance included attendance trivia at lunch, students creating attendance- focused posters, an attendance contest in Homeroom, and more. For important information about school attendance, please visit the Attendance Information page on the high school website (https://khs.kasd.org/essentials/attendance-information).

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SAT Dates

October 24, 2025
November 21, 2025
February 27, 2026
April 17, 2026
May 22, 2026

To register, visit
www.collegeboard.org

ACT Dates

October 18, 2025
December 13, 2025
February 14, 2026
April 11, 2026
June 13, 2026
July 11, 2026

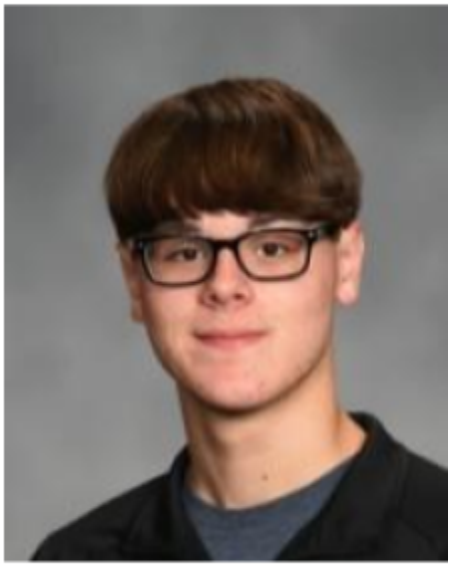
To register, visit
www.my.act.org

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Student Assistance Program (SAP) identifies and helps students who are experiencing behavior and/or academic barriers that come between students and success in school. If you know someone who could benefit from SAP, please fill out a SAP Referral Form.

President's POV

Hello one and all! The name's Jack, but you can just call me...well, Jack, I guess. It's been over a full month since we've been back in school, and quite a lot has been going on, as I'm sure you've been able to tell. Let me be the one to tell you that we're just getting started! We've got an amazing list of activities to plan, from fundraisers to Homecoming to Prom, and I guarantee you'll find members of our class at community events in Kutztown. Now, when it comes to the class of 2027, you'll never find a shortage of uniqueness. We've got folks from all crowds and all different walks of life, and I guarantee that you'll always find a friend amongst us if you look hard enough. We've got some of the most imaginative and creative people I have ever met, who are ready to inspire and shape the future with their bright ideas. In the class of 2027, there is never a dull moment. We'll always find ways to keep you both intellectually or creatively stimulated, or keep you laughing your socks off for days. There just isn't another class of 2027 quite like Kutztown's. That's a great thing. Wouldn't you agree?



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SCHOLARSHIPS

- ★ **Be Bold Scholarship**
  - **$25,000**
  - **Deadline: October 1, 2025**
  - To be eligible for the scholarship a student must be in Grade 12 and plan on enrolling in college by the fall of 2026 and have a GPA of at least 2.5.
  - Applications can be found by going to: https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/17251/be_bold_scholarship
- ★ **Girls Impact the World Scholarship Awards**
  - **$5,000**
  - **Deadline: October 1, 2025**
  - To be eligible for the scholarship a student must be attending high school or enrolled in an undergraduate program
  - Applications can be found by going to: https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/14062/girls_impact_the_world_scholarship_awards
- ★ **Niche Scholarship**
  - **$40,000**
  - **Deadline: October 15, 2025**
  - To be eligible for the scholarship a student must be a senior in high school or a current college student and be attending or planning to attend college, university, or professional training school.
  - Applications can be found by going to: https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/30745/niche-scholarship
- ★ **Women in Aviation International Scholarships**
  - **$20,000**
  - **Deadline: October 15, 2025**
  - To be eligible for the scholarship a student must plan on enrolling in an aviation related program (i.e. flight training, aerospace engineering, or aviation
  - management).
  - Submit a 500-word essay detailing your passion for aviation.
  - Applications can be found by going to: https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9630/women-in-aviation-international-scholarships
- ★ **Regeneron Science Talent Search**
  - **$250,000**
  - **Deadline: November 6, 2025**
  - To be eligible for the scholarship a student must be living in and attending their last year of secondary school in the US or its territories and accept the challenge of conducting independent science, math or engineering research.

- Applications can be found by going to: https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/20481/regeneron-science-talent-search

★ **10 Words or Less Scholarship**
- **$1,000**
- **Deadline: November 15, 2025**
- To be eligible for the scholarship a student must be between the ages of 14-25 and be attending school in the Fall of 2026.
- Submit a response to the essay prompt.
- Applications can be found by going to: https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10258/10_words_or_less_scholarship

★ **National Space Club Scholarship**
- **$20,000**
- **Deadline: November 17, 2025**
- To be eligible for the scholarship a student must be a senior in high school and have the intention of pursuing a career in the STEM fields.
- Applications can be found by going to: https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12191/national_space_club_scholarship

★ **Common App Scholarship**
- **$2,000**
- **Deadline: December 15, 2025**
- To be eligible for the scholarship a student must be in Grade 11 or Grade 12 and have achieved a GPA of 2.5 or greater during their last academic year.
- Applications can be found by going to: https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/20665/common-app-scholarship

★ **AIAA Lockheed Martin Marillyn Hewson Scholarship**
- **$10,000**
- **Deadline: Dec. 31, 2025**
- To be eligible for the scholarship a student must be a high school senior intending to pursue an aerospace STEM Major in one of the following areas: Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering or Physics.
- Applications can be found by going to: https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/25703/aiaa-lockheed-martin-marillyn-hewson-scholarship

★ **Thiel High School Fellowship**
- **$200,000**
- **Deadline: December 31, 2025**
- To be eligible for the scholarship a student must be under the age of 22 and be interested in designing and building things.
- Applications can be found by going to: https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/14065/thiel_fellowship

★ **Healthcare Leaders Scholarship**

- **$1,500**
- **Deadline: December 31, 2025**
- To be eligible for the scholarship a student must be entering, or currently pursuing, an educational program related to nursing or medicine and be at least 17 years old with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Applications can be found by going to: https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/24419/healthcare-leaders-scholarship

★ **Perseverance Scholarship**
- **$1,000**
- **Deadline: December 31, 2025**
- To be eligible for the scholarship a student must have experienced a birth/childhood injury and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Applications can be found by going to: https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/25320/perseverance-scholarship

★ **Ephrata-Reading Elks Lodge Scholarship Most Valuable Student (MVS) Contest**
- Apply online at https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm
- **Deadline: November 12, 2025**
- Awards range from **$1,000 to $7,500 per year**
- **Eligibility Highlights**→ U.S. citizens currently in their senior year of high school
- Students should select Ephrata-Reading Elks Lodge #115 as their sponsoring Lodge when applying

★ **Ephrata-Reading Elks Lodge Scholarship Legacy Awards**
- **$4,000 scholarships**
- Eligible applicants include children and grandchildren of dues-paying Elks members
- **Deadline: February 2, 2026**
- More info is available at https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm

★ **Reading Civic Theatre Celebration of the Arts Scholarship Competition**
- **Deadline: October 3, 2025**
- Please let your guidance counselor know if you are interested in applying by Oct. 3
- **Award→ 1,200.00**
- Eligible applicants include juniors and seniors in Music and Theatre
- Auditions for the second round will be October 25 and 26 at 4350 Perkiomen Avenue, Exeter, PA
- $10.00 audition fee
- Applications are available in the guidance office

★ **Case Western Reserve University Theater Department Theater Weekend**
- October 3-4 and/or November 14-15
- $10,000.00 scholarship available
- Full scholarship also available
- Register here: https://go.case.edu/register/?id=4b0b4f0c-389e-4677-ad3a-d0399d2416e0

★ **2026 Pennsylvania American KLegion 91st Annual Essay Contest**
- Grades 9-12

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- Essay prompt- “Why is the 14th Amendment Important in Today’s America?”
- Applications are available in the guidance office
- **Deadline: January 7, 2026**
- Applications are available in the guidance office
- **Award→ $3,500.00**

★ **2026 High School Oratorical Scholarship Program**

- **Award→ $7,500.00**
- **Deadline: November 30, 2025**
- Applications are available in the guidance office
- Speech topics can be found here: https://www.legion.org/get-involved/youth-programs/oratorical-contest/oratorical-contest-assigned-topics

★ **Farm Credit Foundation for Agricultural Advancement Scholarship**

- **Deadline: January 2, 2026**
- **Award→ $10,000.00**
- Eligible applicants include graduating seniors who are planning to continue their education in a two or four-year program and live in the Horizon Farm Credit footprint
- Visit www.fcfoundationforag.org

EVENTS

Muhlenberg College Pre-Emerging Leaders Program

- Goal→ address the common misconception that high-tuition institutions are inaccessible to low-income students
- Provides personalized guidance through the college planning process and exposure to the college experience
- Encourages students to not only consider Muhlenberg, but also other institutions with high graduation rates, promoting broader access to quality higher education.
- Key program features include:
  - Direct support for high school students through a specially crafted curriculum
  - Participation in Muhlenberg College admissions events
  - Comprehensive college planning assistance
  - Long-term support aimed at student success in higher education
  - No cost to students or families to participate
  - Transportation to and from program activities is provided

For more information please check out this presentation.

If you are interested, please see your school counselor by October 2

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Girls Exploring Tomorrow's Technology®

- Go to www.gettpa.org to register today
- November 1, 2025
- 10 am -2 pm
- Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at Oaks
- Free STEM experience for girls in grades 4-10

Student Spotlight

Brian Bauscher (9), Reeves Moyer (10), and Cohen Weisner (10)

Kutztown FFA members are starting their Antique Tractor Restoration Project in preparation for the contest at the PA Farm Show in January. The Kutztown FFA Chapter received a donated 1948 John Deere B tractor, and students will be restoring it to its original condition to display at the upcoming 2026 Farm Show.

The tractor was purchased by the Marberger family at an auction in Kempton in the early 1970s and was used to farm approximately 200 acres on their farm in Schuylkill County. Marbarger Family Farm was recognized as a Century Farm this year, and the chapter is very appreciative of their donation of the tractor.

As a part of the contest, students will complete a 4-6 minute video, a tri-fold board, an online record book, and a 10-15 minute state presentation at Farm Show, documenting the restoration process and skills learned along the way.

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Monthly Words of Wisdom:

"No matter what happens in life, be good to people. Being good to people is a wonderful legacy to leave behind."

- Taylor Swift

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KAHS Guidance Department

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 Education 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 accommodations, 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