

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Date	11/17/25	11/18/25	11/19/25	11/20/25	11/21/25
Schedule	**B Day**	**A Day**	**B Day**	**A Day** ***Last Day for incompletes**	**B Day**
Pride				 Club Meetings	
Meetings & Evening Events	Optional: New Faculty & Staff Meeting 2:30-3			3 pm Boys JV Football vs Woodstock	

🏫 Principal's Messages

Dear Students and Families,

Please review your student's grades in PowerSchool and reach out to their teachers if you have any questions. Quarter 1 assignments and assessments cannot be made up after the quarter closes. In addition to Pride Intervention, we have an after school program to support students with missing assignments or to get extra help. Students must sign up for the late bus if they stay after school and need a bus home.

The start of the new marking term is a great time for students to reflect on their learning and set goals for growth.

Go Trailblazers!

Carrie Apanovitch, Principal

🏒 Winter Sports Tryouts

Sport	Tryout Start Date
Cheerleading	Nov. 17
Girls Basketball & Wrestling	Dec. 1
Boys Basketball, Gymnastics, Indoor Track	Dec. 4

♻️ Environmental Club Fundraiser – Thrift Store Event

The Environmental Club is excited to host its first fundraiser, a student-run thrift store featuring gently used clothing, all priced under $15. The pop-up shop will be open **during Pride and all lunches on Monday, November 24th**.

The club is **accepting donations of gently used clothing** to help stock the thrift store. All contributions are greatly appreciated and support the club's mission. Donations will be accepted until November 19th.

This fundraiser aims to raise awareness about the impact of the fast fashion industry and promote more sustainable, eco-friendly choices within our school community. We encourage students and staff to stop by, browse, and support both the club and the planet!

📘 Yearbook Announcements

- **Order Now:** Purchase your yearbook by **midnight on Nov. 21** to lock in the lowest price and use Jostens' convenient 3-payment plan.
  👉 Order Your Yearbook Here

- **Senior Recognition Ads:** 10% off through Nov. 21. Celebrate your senior and save!
  👉 Create a Senior Ad Here

📌 Reminders & Announcements

- All students must complete **PGR requirements**, including community service hours.

- **Seniors:** Check the "Class of 2026 School Counseling Information" Google site regularly.

- **Financial Support:** The Free and Reduced-Price Meal Program is available all year. Families experiencing a loss of income may apply at any time. Applications are on the district website or via **Susan Theroux** at stheroux@killinglyschools.org.

- School Governance Meeting Tuesday December 9th 2:30 pm. See flyer below!

Instructional Focus: Encourage student goal setting aligned to learning objectives and standards as a foundation for growth.

Thrift Store

ALL ITEMS <$15

NOV 24th



OPEN DURING PRIDE & LUNCHES

PRESENTED BY THE KHS ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

BRING CLOTHING DONATIONS TO ROOM 2207

📣 Join the Killingly High School Governance Council!

Are you passionate about making a difference at Killingly High School? Do you want to help shape decisions that impact students, teachers, and families? We're looking for students, teachers, and parents to join the Killingly High School Governance Council (SGC)!

What is the SGC? The School Governance Council is a collaborative team of students, educators, parents, and community members who work together to:

- Influence school policies and priorities
- Review and advise on school improvement plans
- Promote a positive school culture
- Help strengthen school-family partnerships

Why Join?

✅ Have your voice heard
✅ Collaborate on real decisions
✅ Gain leadership experience
✅ Make a lasting impact on our school community

Who Can Join? We're currently recruiting:

- **Students** (Grades 9–12) who are committed to representing their peers
- **Parents/Guardians** who want to be active partners in school success
- **Teachers & Staff** who are invested in continuous improvement

How to Get Involved: Interested? Click here and complete this form by **12/5/25**.

Let's work together to make Killingly High School the best it can be — your voice matters!

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Great Things Happen Here!

Dr. Sue Nash-Ditzel
Superintendent
snash@killinglyschools.org

Andrea Drake
Assistant Superintendent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting the holistic development of all students, we are excited to continue to use the Devereux Student Strengths Assessment (DESSA). Over two decades of research has helped us understand the important role social-emotional skills play in each student's success in and outside of school and in life. Skills such as demonstrating self-control, persisting at challenging tasks, making good decisions, and working well in groups are all essential for success as students and, eventually, as adults.

As part of this process, our teachers will utilize a strength-based social-emotional observation tool called the DESSA 2 for grades K-8 and the DESSA-HSE (High School Edition) for grades 9-12. Teachers will use this observation tool to assess the degree to which each student has demonstrated specific skills and their growth over time.

Sample DESSA 2 questions include:

- How often did the student keep trying when unsuccessful?
- How often did the student show appreciation of others?
- How often did the student prepare for school activities or upcoming events?
- How often did the student cooperate with others to solve a problem?

Students in grades 6-12 will also be using the DESSA Student Self-Report (DESSA SSR), which encourages students to reflect on their own social-emotional strengths. Students complete the SSR on their own and receive immediate feedback. They can then use this feedback to choose the skill they want to improve and set goals for themselves. The ultimate goal is for students to learn new strategies that will help them succeed.

Sample DESSA SSR questions include:

- How often did you take steps to reach a goal?
- How often did you think of positive things?
- How often do you use good judgment?
- How often do you take an active role in your learning?

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) and our district selected the DESSA System in part due to Aperture Education's strong commitment to respecting and protecting your student's privacy. Aperture Education will never share your child's data with a third party.

We have amplified our focus on this work for both students and adults, striving to support our students in developing essential skills that enable them to reach their greatest potential and fully thrive. If you have any questions or would prefer your child to opt out of this observational assessment, please feel free to contact Meredith Tukey at 860-779-6672.

Below are some resources for your review regarding the DESSA:

- **Aperture Education's Parent Portal**
- **DESSA Parent FAQ**

Sincerely,

Meredith Tukey
Director of Mental Health, Student Wellness, and Family Engagement
Killingly Public Schools

PERFORMANCE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Acceptable Progress 2025-2026 School Year

Students will be required to make acceptable progress on their PGRs in order to attend school sponsored events such as the homecoming dance and prom. Specifically, this means that students will be required to have completed the following PGRs to attend these events:

Homecoming PGR Requirements		
Freshmen – No PGR requirements		
Sophomores		
PGR	***Description***	***Where to Complete***
1.1	4-Year Academic and Course Planner	Naviance
1.2	Career Interest Profiler	Naviance
1.3	Career Interest Profiler Follow-up	Naviance
8	Community Service - 5 hours	
Juniors		
PGR	***Description***	***Where to Complete***
1.1	4-Year Academic and Course Planner	Naviance
1.2	Career Interest Profiler	Naviance
1.3	Career Interest Profiler Follow-up	Naviance
1.4	College/School Investigation	Naviance
8	Community Service - 15 hours	
Seniors		
PGR	***Description***	***Where to Complete***
1.1	4-Year Academic and Course Planner	Naviance
1.2	Career Interest Profiler	Naviance
1.3	Career Interest Profiler Follow-up	Naviance
1.4	College/School Investigation	Naviance
8	Community Service - 30 hours	