

John F. Kennedy Middle School – May 22, 2026



Good afternoon, Families,

I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather and sunshine. It has been a long winter, and it feels like Spring is finally upon us! Thank you for reading this month's newsletter. It contains several important end-of-the-year updates. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Academics



Friday, May 22nd, is our 35th week of school. Progress reports go live on the eSchool parent portal next week. Please check your child's progress report and reach out to their teachers with any questions. We want students to finish the year strong and feel confident and prepared moving into the 2026-2027 school year.

School-wide Updates



We have several end-of-the-year activities planned for students. All students must adhere to our school-wide academic and behavioral expectations to participate. All students have done a great job adhering to New York State's Distraction Free Zone Law, and I thank you for reminding your children to continue putting their cell phones or electronic devices in their lockers.

We've noticed an increase in inappropriate behavior in the restrooms, including acts of vandalism. This creates dangerous and unsafe situations. Students should not loiter in the restrooms but rather use the restroom quickly, wash their hands, dispose of paper towels in the trash receptacles, and exit. Students not following the restroom rules will be subject to disciplinary action. As always, we ask students to report any incidents that require administrative follow up.

Attendance



Attendance in our final weeks of school is important. Our attendance percentages have increased this school year, and we want to close out the year with this same positive momentum. With final exams just around the corner, it is essential that students arrive to school on time, ready to learn. Remind students to finish strong and be present learners in all of their classroom spaces. Please continue to communicate with your child's team leaders regarding any grade-related questions.

End of Year Updates



Our last day of school is Wednesday, June 24th, and this will be a half-day of school. Students will arrive at 8:00 AM and be dismissed at 11:45 AM. Students will turn in their school-issued Chromebook and charger during their homeroom on Wednesday, June 24th. This is the same day as our 8th-grade Moving Up Day Ceremony. I will send a separate email to all 8th-grade families explaining the details for Moving Up Day.

Our final exams begin on Monday, June 15th and run through our last day of school on Wednesday, June 24th. These are all full days of instruction, and students are expected to remain in school for the entire day. Please see below for our final exam schedule.

June Final Exam Schedule				
15th ELA	16th Social Studies	17th Math	18th Science	19th Juneteenth NO SCHOOL
22nd Writing, Health, Foreign Language	23rd Technology Foundations	24th LAST DAY OF SCHOOL <i>(half day - 11:45 AM dismissal)</i> Moving Up Day Ceremony - 9:30 AM		

Upcoming Spirit Days



Friday, May 29th - JFK Spirit Day - Wear Black and Gold Bear-Ware

Monday, June 1st - Class Color Day 🎨

Friday, June 5th - JFK Spirit Day - Wear Black and Gold Bear-Ware

Friday, June 12th - Red, White, and Blue Spirit Day!

Friday, June 18th - Wear Black and Gold Bear-Ware

Wednesday, June 24th - Last day of school (half day - 11:45 AM release)

Wednesday, June 24th - 8th Grade Moving Up Day Ceremony - 9:30 AM

Best,

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