

July 8, 2026

Dear Kennedy Families:

We hope that you are having a great summer, and we are looking forward to the 2026-2027 school year! For those of you who are new to Kennedy this year, welcome! We are confident that you will find our staff to be caring and supportive in your transition. The information contained in this letter will detail the necessary requirements for registration and provide you with important upcoming events.

The school year officially begins on Thursday, August 13, 2026. Our school day runs from 8:00 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. Transportation services also begin on that day. **Transportation information for students will be posted in Infinite Campus on Tuesday, August 4th at 3:00 p.m.** Please check back frequently leading up to the start of school, as there may be changes in routes and pick-up times. If you need assistance regarding transportation information, call the Transportation Department at 630-420-6464. Moving forward, you can access real-time bus information once the school year starts using the My Ride K-12 app. [Review this communication](#) to learn more.

If you drive your child to school, please be aware of the drop-off protocols and follow the directions of the staff who are there to assist you. A video showing the KJHS carpool-lane procedures can be found [HERE](#), while further information is also provided on the KJHS school website. However, if your child is a bus rider, we highly recommend having them ride the bus each day.

Student class schedules will be available in Infinite Campus on Monday, August 3rd, after 8:00 a.m. Please print out your student's schedule, **with locker combinations**, and have them bring it with them on their designated Locker Jam date (listed below). When printing the schedule, please select "schedule with locker and combo." **Please note, you will not be able to view the locker combinations on your cell phone, so a printed copy of the schedule is required.**

More than one-third of our students are new each year, and we understand the importance of ensuring that all students feel comfortable at their new school. As a result, we will be offering "Locker Jam" sessions where students are provided the opportunity to come in before the start of school to set up their lockers, walk their schedules, and exchange PE uniforms, if needed. Additional information regarding PE uniforms is included below.

The Locker Jam schedule can be found below. If you are unable to attend your designated Locker Jam session, feel free to come during one of the other scheduled times.

LOCKER JAM SESSIONS

Tuesday, August 4 th	6th Grade Locker Jam A-G (8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.) 6th Grade Locker Jam H-N (9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.) 6th Grade Locker Jam O-Z (10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) KJHS Families/Students who are new to District 203 (11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. meet in the KJHS Learning Commons) Building open for all students to walk schedules and set up their lockers (6:00-7:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, August 5 th	7th Grade Locker Jam (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.) 8th Grade Locker Jam (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
Thursday, August 6 th	Any student who is not available on August 4 th or 5 th and wishes to walk their schedule may do so between 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

*Please note that Kennedy will be closed Monday, August 10th through Wednesday, August 12th, as staff meetings and professional learning will be occurring at this time. Our office staff will continue to accept phone and email questions during this timeframe.

*Students who miss the Locker Jam dates will be able to walk their schedule, pick-up their school supplies (if applicable), and set up their lockers starting at 7:00 a.m. on the first day of school. No additional times during the summer will be available to enter the building to walk schedules and set-up lockers.

Other Important Dates

Picture Day	Friday, August 14 th (Order Forms will be mailed directly to your homes)
Curriculum Night	Wednesday, August 19 th at 6:00 p.m.

Absence Procedure

Please make note of the direct number to call when your student will be late, absent, or dismissed early: **630-848-5636**. Any absences, late arrivals, and/or early dismissals can also be submitted online using the Parent Portal (Infinite Campus).

Yearbooks

Please be aware that **yearbooks can only be purchased online directly through the vendor (Walsworth Yearbooks)**. We will send out a separate communication at the onset of the 26-27 school year with the QR code to use to order a yearbook. We will also include all pertinent information in the weekly KJHS Newsletter.

School Fees

We are excited to announce that D203 will use SchoolCash Online for the upcoming school year. This will be our preferred method of payment for school fees. It is designed to be safer, faster, and more convenient than sending cash or checks with your student. When you see an email from SchoolCash later in July, please know it is a legitimate communication from the district regarding setting up your parent account. School course fees will be added to student accounts on October 1st.

Documents and Resources

The following information may be found on our website under [Our School/Back To School Updates](#), or you can click [HERE](#) to access these documents.

- NEF Flyers (English, Spanish and Mandarin)
- SY 2026-2027 Free and Reduced Household Eligibility Application (Pending from the State of IL and will be added soon)
- Free and Reduced Lunch Application Instructions (English, Spanish)
- SY 2026-2027 Free and Reduced Income Eligibility Guidelines
- Organic Life flyer (Pending and will be added soon)
- Student Data Privacy & Protection Overview
- SY 2026-27 Acceptable Use Guidelines - Policy 6.235-E- Authorization For Use of Computers and Electronic Networks
- SY 2026-2027 District Calendar (English, Spanish, Mandarin)
- Dental and Medical Forms
- Important Dates to Remember (Please see the KJHS [Homepage](#))
- 2026-27 School Supply Lists
- KJHS Drop-Off and Pick-Up Information
- KJHS Carpool Lane Video - please click [HERE](#) to access the video.
- KJHS Carpool Lane Map
- P.E. Uniform/Spirit Wear Information

We are looking forward to an outstanding year at Kennedy Junior High. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the main office at 630-420-3220. As always, we truly appreciate all your support!

We will be resending this information to all KJHS families by the end of next week.

Sincerely,



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