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KHS BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

August 3rd

6-7pm 9th and 10th Grade

7-8pm 11th and 12th Grade

Knightstown High School
Auditorium

*Enter through Door 14 or 7

*Short Presentation To Review New Rules

*Get Your Schedule

*Find The New Locations of Classrooms

*Locker Info



Join us !!

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If you cannot make it at your designated time you can come to either session!

IMPORTANT DATES

- 8/5 First Student Day of School
- 8/18 School Board Mtng 7pm
- 8/28 School Picture Day
- 9/3 Sr Financial Aid Mtng 5:30
- 9/8 No School-Teacher PD Day



WELCOME BACK!



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Project 27 is off and running and changes are happening daily. Remodels will be taking place throughout this school year and should be complete by the start of next school year. Thank you for being patient with us as we navigate the new and exciting changes.

SPORTS PASSES

Sports passes are now available for purchase in the KHS office or at the first two games of each fall home sporting event.

KHS Student entry is always free!

Adult Passes: \$100

Senior Citizen 65+: \$65

Emergency Responders: \$65

POLICIES



Attached to this newsletter are policies on **ATTENDANCE, CELL PHONES and CHROMEBOOKS**. These are ALL very important to be aware of. Please read through them carefully. We will be discussing them in more detail at back to school night.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL CHANGES 26-27 KNIGHTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL



CELL PHONES, APPLE WATCHES AND PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Indiana's new law on wireless devices (SB 78 / IC 20-26-9-0.7) requires that students may not access personal devices during the entire school day and must keep any such device powered off and out of reach. The law applies to cellphones, tablets, laptops, gaming devices and smartwatches and includes exceptions for students with IEP/504 accommodations, medical needs, language-translation requirements or emergencies. Teacher-assigned digital work must use school-issued devices.

GENERAL PROCEDURES



Parents and students are encouraged to keep phones and other personal devices at home. In urgent situations, call the school office.



If you must bring it, follow our **storage rules**. Devices must be powered off and kept in the location designated by each school. They may not be used during the school day.



Exceptions: Students with documented accommodations, medical or translation needs, or emergency situations may access devices with administrative approval.



Searches/confiscation. Administrators may confiscate devices when there is reasonable suspicion of a policy violation.



Discipline resets annually. Consequences apply to all personal devices (phones, smartwatches, earbuds, etc.).



KNIGHTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)

Students should leave devices at home or in their vehicles. Those who need a phone after school for athletics or work must check it in at the main office by 8 a.m. and retrieve it after dismissal (3:05 p.m.). Devices should not be seen or heard on campus.

CONSEQUENCES:

1

FIRST OFFENSE – Phone will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day.



2

SECOND OFFENSE – Detention. Phone confiscated until dismissal.



3

THIRD OFFENSE – Friday school or loss of extracurricular privileges; device is confiscated until a parent/guardian retrieves.



4

FOURTH (OR MORE) OFFENSE – Suspension for insubordination; parent/guardian retrieves.



PARENT/GUARDIAN WILL BE REQUIRED TO RETRIEVE THE PHONE FROM THE 3RD OFFENSE AND ON.



Failure to serve an assigned consequence or refusal to turn over the device when requested will result in immediate loss of extracurricular privileges and suspension from school.



ATTENDANCE

Every day in school matters!

Good attendance = better learning, better grades, and a better future.



BE HERE.



SUCCEED HERE.



KHS and The Department of Education encourages at minimum 94% attendance.



This is equivalent to 10 days absent including excused, unexcused and pre-arranged absences.



If a student surpasses this standard for the year, interventions that include meetings with school administration and/or Henry County Juvenile Probation will be required.



See the Student Handbook for further details regarding these interventions.



LUNCHES

We have been fortunate to be able to offer all of our students free breakfast and lunch over the past several years. However, this year, students will be charged for both. The following prices will be charged at KHS:

BREAKFAST
\$1.70

LUNCH
\$2.85

It is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** for all families to fill out an application for Free and Reduced Lunches. This application costs nothing and does not hurt in any way to apply.



For the rest of the school policies and expectations, please refer to the student handbook.



Please feel free to contact the KHS main office with any questions.



Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of our continued commitment to supporting student learning through technology, our school district provides Chromebooks to all students for educational use throughout the school year. These devices are vital learning tools, and we aim to ensure they remain in good working condition and available each day.

To help protect and maintain these devices, we are sending you our **Student Chromebook Repair Guidelines**, which outlines family responsibilities in the event of damage, loss, or misuse.

If a device becomes damaged or stops working, students should bring it to the school's main office for assistance as soon as possible.

Repair Responsibility

Families are responsible for the **cost of parts** required to repair any damage to a student-issued Chromebook. The district does **not** charge for labor.

Damage not consistent with normal wear and tear may result in the family being billed for the full cost of repair or device replacement, depending on the circumstances.

Billing

In the event of damage, parents will be sent notification of the damage and cost of repair outlining the cost of necessary parts. If payment is **not received in a timely manner**, the outstanding balance will be forwarded to a **collection agency** for further action.

We encourage families to communicate with the school or central office if there are any concerns about billing or if payment arrangements are needed.

Attached you will find a **Student Chromebook Repair Cost Guide**, which outlines estimated part costs for common repairs. Actual costs may vary slightly based on parts availability and Chromebook model.

If you have any questions about this policy or need to report a damaged, lost, or stolen device, please contact the school that your child attends by email or phone. This information can be found at the bottom of each school's webpage.

Thank you for your partnership in supporting our students and for helping us maintain this important educational resource.

Sincerely,

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Student Chromebook Repair Cost Guide

Issue	Example	Cost (Parts Only)
LCD Screen - Non Touch	Cracked screen, display issues	\$34.00
Touch Screen / Digitizer	Cracked screen, display issues	\$129.00
LCD Cable (Display)	Faulty or damaged cable	\$14.00
Keyboard	Missing keys, liquid damage	\$29.99
Palm Rest	Damage around touchpad/keyboard	\$44.00
Top Housing (Cover)	Dropped/impacted device	\$34.00
Bottom Housing (Cover)	Damage to underside	\$29.00
Battery	Not holding charge, damaged	\$49.99
Charger (AC Adapter)	Lost, damaged, chewed cord	\$29.00
Full Device Replacement - Non-Touch	Lost, stolen, or beyond repair	\$355.00
Full Device Replacement - Touch	Lost, stolen, or beyond repair	\$455.00

10 Simple Ways to Keep Your Chromebook Safe and Clean

- 1. Carry with Two Hands**
Always carry your Chromebook with both hands—don't grab it by the screen.
- 2. Keep Food and Drinks Away**
Never eat or drink near your Chromebook to avoid spills and crumbs.
- 3. Close the Lid Carefully**
Make sure nothing is on the keyboard (like pens or earbuds) before closing the lid gently.
- 4. Put It Away Safely**
When you're not using it, store your Chromebook in a safe place like a desk or shelf—not on the floor.
- 5. Don't Leave It Plugged in All the Time**
Unplug it once it's fully charged to help the battery last longer.
- 6. Clean the Screen with a Soft Cloth**
Use a soft, dry cloth (like a microfiber cloth) to clean the screen—never paper towels.
- 7. Wipe the Keyboard Carefully**
Use electronics-safe wipes or a slightly damp cloth to gently clean the keyboard and touchpad.
- 8. Keep Ports Clean**
Don't put anything into the ports except approved cables. Keep dust and dirt out.
- 9. Keep It Cool**
Don't leave your Chromebook in a hot car or cold place—it can hurt the battery.
- 10. Tell Someone If It's Broken**
If your Chromebook is acting strange or something's not working, tell a teacher or bring it to the office right away.

For questions regarding billing or payment, please contact the **Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation** at (765) 345-5101 or via email at accountspayable@cabeard.k12.in.us.