

John F. Kennedy Middle School – September 2, 2026



Dear John F. Kennedy Middle School families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. It's hard to believe the first day of school is around the corner, and we're excited to welcome you and your child back for the 2026-2027 school year. I want to share some important updates for the first day of school on Tuesday, September 8th, 2026.

First Day of School

Student schedules are live via the student portal. Please review your child's schedule. It is extremely helpful for all students to know the name of their homeroom teacher. When students enter the building on Tuesday, they will report directly to their homeroom. They will then have time to get breakfast, set up their locker, receive their Chromebook, and review important procedures. Band students do not need to bring their instruments on the first day. Mr. Prutsman has alternate lessons for the first day.

Pick up/Drop off

School begins at 8:00 AM. Thank you for referencing the attached map. All walkers and students riding the school bus will enter through the middle school front entrance, labeled in blue. Any student who is dropped off in the morning should enter through the back of the school, labeled in green. Students should NOT be dropped off in the front bus loop/parking lot. This is critically important, as it is a safety hazard that delays bus drivers attempting to exit the parking lot and begin their next route for TR students and families. The school day ends at 3:08 PM. Walkers and students riding the bus will exit through the middle school front entrance and board their bus. Any student who is picked up should follow the morning procedure and exit from the back of the school to meet their family member. As a reminder, e-bikes or motorized vehicles such as scooters, skateboards, etc. are not permitted on school grounds. Students who use these on school grounds will be subject to disciplinary action. Thank you for your attention to these important safety reminders.



School Pictures

Picture Day is on Tuesday, September 15th. Please use the company's [website](#), as pictures are only ordered online - there is no order form. The ordering code is **0560KSF**, and online ordering is available before and after Picture Day. Shipping and handling charges may apply to orders placed after Picture Day. All students must have their picture taken for their school ID card and eSchool profile. If you wish to have your child's picture removed from the yearbook, please email Mrs. Sante. For any additional questions, please contact Mrs. Sante at ssante@cheektowagasloan.org.

Spirit Days

Please see below for our September spirit days 

Friday, September 11 - Buffalo Bills Spirit Day 

Tuesday, September 15th - School Photos

Thursday, September 17th - Buffalo Bills Spirit Day 

Friday, September 18th - JFK Black and Gold 

Monday, September 21st through Friday, September 25th - Homecoming Spirit Week!

Thursday, September 24th - District Homecoming Bonfire - 7 PM - 9 PM

Friday, September 25th - Buffalo Bills Spirit Day 

Friday, September 25th - District Homecoming Parade - 5:45 PM - Doyle Fire Co.

Tuesday, September 29th - Open House - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

As a reminder, our [school supply lists](#) are posted on the website. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our main office at 716-897-7300 or email Mr. Farrell at cfarrell@cheektowagasloan.org. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mr. Farrell