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Principal's Message

John F. Kennedy High School is off to a very successful beginning to the 2003-2004 school year. In spite of hurricanes and power outages, there is much good news to report. Approximately half of the incoming freshman class took advantage of the many summer course offerings and used them as an opportunity to enhance their academic skills and to become familiar with the high school setting and the upcoming Academy programs. All ninth grade students were divided onto teams that would monitor and support their progress. Teachers on these teams used field trips to the Smith Center and Baltimore Aquarium to help students learn more about each other as well as

learn more about their personal strengths and weaknesses.

JFK also received the results of last year's SAT efforts and Kennedy had the greatest increase of any Montgomery County High School. This good news is balanced by the fact that there are still many high schools that score at a higher rate and to address this, we have implemented a weekly advisory period, that is largely used to target further SAT improvement. In addition, academic achievement is being emphasized in a four year plan aimed at making students aware of what it takes to become successful in high school and by having all students set personal objectives which will serve as reference points throughout the year.

The process of "school choice" will be coming to students in the Kennedy boundary as well as the larger Silver Spring area this fall and winter. Each high school will be developing academies designed to appeal to

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Mr. Fred Lowenbach
Principal



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the interest of students presently in the eighth grade. JFK has had an outstanding program for the past decade in the form of the Leadership Training Institute that has become nationally recognized. It is our plan to develop three additional academies that will rival, in quality, this LTI program. The Cambridge Academy, affiliated with the University of the same name, is the first of its kind in the State of Maryland. It is intended to be a rigorous academic program that will give students the type of educational experience that they would receive in an International Baccalaureate program. The Sports Management and Medicine Academy is designed to interest students in these fields and to provide them with an awareness of medical and business aspects of the field of Sports. Media.com academy will provide students with skill and experi-

ence in computer technology and digital art as well as the traditional fields of journalism and TV production.

This time of year also marks the fall sports season and it can be reported that our collective teams are highly competitive in their contests with competing schools. The marching band continues, as a source of pride and a STEP team that will perform at county events will join the Cheerleaders and Poms. The drama production of "Annie" is in rehearsal and the school will celebrate its Homecoming the last week of October with a parade, football game and dance all on Nov. 1st. **✦**

PTSA President's Message

I would like to welcome you to our first issue of the 2003-2004 JFK PTSA Newsletter. The PTSA of JFK High School feels that it is important to communicate directly with parents about services, programs and activities at JFK through this newsletter. Our goal is to provide our diverse learning community with opportunities for the development of academic excellence and leadership skills in all students. In order to achieve this task your participation and membership in the PTSA is essential. If you have not already done so,

please call Laurene Thomas, our membership chair at 301-929-2157 or email Laurene_Thomas@fc.mcps.k12.md.us to join or volunteer. Currently we are seeking volunteers for fund raising and the post prom party.

The PTSA also would like to extend a warm welcome to our new principal, Fred Lowenbach, and hope that together we will continue to provide our students with all possible opportunities. **✦**

Bobby Rencher
 President, JFK PTSA

Career Center Information

The Career Center is open all year for the convenience of students and parents. During the school year, students may visit the Career Center before school, after school and during lunchtime without a pass. Students must have a pass if coming during their class time. Parents and/or students are welcome to make an appointment to visit the Career Center for individual attention in researching careers and universities. The Career Center phone number is 301-929-2233.

Career and College Search Online Programs

Bridges CX Online (a career search) and *Choices* (a college search) are available through the Internet on home computers of all JFK families or at your public library. You will need the secure access information below to get into the websites:

Choices program:

Students investigate over 7,000 2- and 4-year colleges and develop an individualized list of colleges and universities according to personally selected criteria, such as location, size, majors, athletic and other special programs, and financial aid availability. There are direct links to the web pages of the colleges and universities listed and to online applications where these are available. Vocational/technical schools can also be explored. Financial aid applications and scholarships are available as well. The website for *eChoices* on the Internet is www.echoices.com; the Kennedy Access ID is 1013568; and the Password is BH72m6U6.

Bridges CX Online

Bridges CX Online is a career development resource whose site on the

Internet is available to all John F. Kennedy High School families. To get into the Bridges program you must log on to <http://cx.bridges.com>. This is a private site and you will need a username and password to get into it. The username is 0025959 and the password is kennedy (all lower case).

Web Resources

MCPS Career Center Information:

- www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/careercenter/
- <http://filemaker.mcps.k12.md.us/scholarships/>
- www.absolutelyscholarships.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.college-scholarships.com
- *FastWeb* – Student Resource Network: www.fastweb.com
- *FinAid* – Financial Aid information: www.finaid.org
- *EduPass* – International Student Guidance: www.edupass.org

For Maryland financial aid programs to help students pay for college, or to

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PTSA Notices:

The PTSA will be selling pizza slices along with Kennedy shirts, hooded sweat shirts and key chains (lanyards) most Fridays at the end of school as our major fundraiser. If you are interested in a great shirt you can also contact Dieter Klingler at 301-460-4725 or dklinger@starpower.net, anytime. The newsletter is dependent on the success of the fundraisers. Thanks for your support.

Our next PTSA meetings are Tuesdays, Nov. 18, 2003, Dec. 16, 2003, and Jan. 20, 2004 at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to everyone who wish to attend.

COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES

Towson University, Towson, Maryland

Open House – November 7 and 15. Reservations are required. Phone 1-888-4TOWSON and website: www.discover.towson.edu.

St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York

Open House – November 10 and December 6, 2003. Make reservations by calling 1-888-454-5333. Website: www.stlawr.edu/admis/admissions.html.

Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland

Open House – November 10, 2003 from 8:30am until 3:30pm. To register one week before the event you plan to attend, please call Meghan at 1-800-468-2437 x6585 or register online at www.goucher.edu.

Bridgewater of Virginia, Bridgewater, Virginia

Open House – November 8, 2003 and January 17, February 21 and April 24, 2004. For reservation or to schedule a visit, call Admissions at 540-828-5375.

Bowie State University, Bowie, Maryland

Open House – Saturday, November 15, 2003 between 9:00am – 1:00pm. Continental breakfast will be served and fee will be waived on applications. Make a reservation by phone at (301)860-3428 or at ugradadmissions@bowiestate.edu.

Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Open House – Saturday, November 22, 2003. Registration starts at 11:00am. RSVP online at www.temple.edu or by phone at 1-888-340-2222.

Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pennsylvania

Open house – November 15, 2003. to visit please call at 1-866-LVC-4ADM. Website: www.lvc.edu.

Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey

Open House – Sunday, November 9, 2003. Registration begins at 9:00am. RSVP by November 6 at admissions.shu.edu or 1-800-THEHALL.

Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts

Open House – November 11, 2003 between 10:00am and 4:30pm. For more information, www.wellesley.edu/admission/fall2003 or call 781-283-2270.

The University of Tampa

Open House – November 16, 2003, February 15, March 21 and April 18, 2004 between noon and 5pm. Phone 1-888-646-2738. email: admissions@ut.edu.

The University of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania

Open House – November 2, 2003. To schedule a campus visit call 1-888-SCRANTON. Website: www.scranton.edu.

Loyola College, Baltimore, Maryland

Open House – November 15, 2003 and February 7, 2004. More information is available at www.loyola.edu/admissions/visit.htm.

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request application or other materials contact: **STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION** at 410-260-4565/1-800-974-0203, TTY 1-800-735-2258 www.mhec.state.MD.us.

For information about the federal student financial aid programs or completing the FAFSA, contact **FEDERAL STUDENT AID INFORMATION CENTER**, 1-800-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243), TTY 1-800-730-8913 www.ed.gov/studentaid and www.fafsa.gov.

For information about saving for college and reducing student loans call: **MARYLAND PREPAID COLLEGE TRUST** 1-888-4-MD-GRAD www.prepaid.usmd.edu

SAT PREPARATION CLASSES


John F. Kennedy High School offers a one-semester SAT preparatory course. The fall semester is offered to seniors and the second semester is offered to juniors. This course is part of the curriculum and requires that the student purchase an SAT Prep book (approx-

mately \$25) and take the SAT test at the end of the semester. The registration for the SAT test is an additional \$28.50.

UMBC in Catonsville, MD offers classes in preparation for the SAT I. Tuition is \$395. Information is available in the Career Center or phone (410) 455-2831.

John F. Kennedy High School and Princeton Review have an SAT Preparation Course Partnership Program. For more information, contact the Career Center.

Parent Information Session on the PSAT

A representative from the Princeton Review will provide a parent information session on how to interpret and analyze your student's PSAT score at 7:00 p.m. on December 16th in conjunction with the PTSA meeting previously scheduled for that evening. The speaker will discuss how to identify areas of strength and weakness and how to prepare for future tests as well as answer questions from the audience. Students are welcome to attend the presentation. 

College Visits to John F. Kennedy High School for School Year 2003-04

College of Santa Fe, Santa Fe, New Mexico

October 29, 2003 at 9:15am

Towson University, Towson, Maryland

October 29, 2003 at 10:00am

George Washington University, Washington, DC

November 3, 2003 at 8:00am

Colgate University, Hamilton, New York

November 5, 2003 at 8:30am

East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina

November 7, 2003 at 8:20am

University of Maryland Baltimore County, (UMBC)

November 7, 2003 at 10:00am

Montgomery College Regular Admission

November 12, 2003 at 12:30pm

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, Virginia

November 14, 2003 at 9:15am

Wells College, Aurora, New York (Women's College)

November 14, 2003 at 10:15am

Manhattanville College, Purchase, New York

November 19, 2003 at 8:15am

2003-2004 GUIDANCE CALENDAR

OCTOBER

30.....Dec. 6 SAT I/II registration deadline

NOVEMBER

- 1.....SAT I/II; ELPT (English Language Proficiency Test) and SAT II foreign language listening testing
 3.....End of first marking period
 7.....Dec. 13 ACT registration deadline
 12.....Late Dec. SAT I/II registration deadline
 13.....Washington, DC National College Fair, Washington Convention Center 9:30am-12:30pm and 6:00-8:30pm
 13.....Report Card distributed
 17.....Baltimore National College Fair, Baltimore Convention Center 9:30am-1:00pm and 6:00-9:00pm and Nov. 18th 9:00am-12:00pm
 20.....Late Dec. 13 ACT deadline

DECEMBER

- 3-4.....Maryland Writing Test (Gr. 8-12) SAT I/II Testing
 6.....Financial Aid night 7:00pm – 8:30pm
 11.....Financial Aid Night 7:00-8:30pm
 13.....ACT Testing
 22.....Jan. 24 SAT I/II registration deadline
 30.....Late Jan. 24 SAT I/II registration deadline

JANUARY

- 1.....Starting date for filing FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 2.....Feb. 7 ACT registration deadline
 16.....Late Feb. 7 ACT deadline
 23.....End second marking period. End first semester
 24.....SAT I/II; ELPT Testing
 28.....Feb 2 - H.S.A. Make-ups

FEBRUARY

- 5.....Report cards distributed
 7.....ACT Testing
 8.....College Goal Sunday – Financial Aid Workshop at Wheaton High School 2:00-4:00pm. Free to all Montgomery County seniors and parents.
 20.....March 27 SAT I only registration deadline
 27.....April 3 ACT registration deadline

MARCH

- 1.....FAFSA deadline to qualify for all Maryland State Scholarships and grants
 4.....Late March 27 SAT I only registration deadline
 12.....Late April 3 ACT deadline
 25.....May 1 SAT I/II registration deadline
 27.....SAT I Only Testing

APRIL

- 1.....End of third marking period
 3.....ACT Testing
 7.....Late May 1 SAT registration deadline
 15.....Report cards distributed
 20.....Maryland Functional Math Test (gr. 7-12)
 20-21.....MCPS National College Fair at Agriculture Fairgrounds
 26.....Maryland Functional Reading Test (retest)
 29.....June 5 SAT I/II registration deadline

MAY

- 1.....SAT I/II Testing
 3-4.....Maryland Functional Writing Testing (graduating seniors only)
 3-14.....AP Exams
 7.....June 12 ACT registration deadline
 12.....Late June 5 SAT I/II deadline
 21.....Late June 12 ACT deadline
 24-28.....Maryland High School Assessment Tests
 28.....Last Day for seniors

JUNE

- 1-14.....HSA Make-ups
 5.....SAT I/II Testing
 12.....ACT Testing
 10-15.....Final Exams
 15.....End of fourth marking period, end second semester
 28.....Report card mailed home




News Around the School

9th Grade Academy

In mid-September, Kennedy's ninth grade academy made several field trips to the Smith Center, an outdoor educational center. Four different field trips to the Smith Center took place for each of the four teams in the ninth grade academy. The teachers and counselors assigned to each team attended the field trip with their respective teams. Traditionally, this event has been only for ninth grade students in the Leadership Training Institute (LTI), but this year, it was opened up to the entire ninth grade class. This was also the case with the October 3rd field trip to the National Aquarium in Baltimore.

The field trip to the Smith Center consisted of four sections. These four sections were the confidence course, orienteering, goal planning, and pond studies. The confidence course challenged students physically as well as intellectually. During this course students had to analyze an obstacle to overcome it, while building trust and teamwork. Orienteering involved stu-

dents learning how to use a compass, and how to reach a certain destination based on the skills they just acquired. Goal Planning had students designing a license plate about themselves. The license plate included personality traits about the student and one goal that each group within a team could all accomplish. Pond Studies had the freshman students examine a pond ecosystem and the organisms that contained them. The ninth graders collected samples of the creatures to observe and then release.

The main objectives of the field trip to the Smith Center were to build teamwork among the students and for the ninth graders to socially interact with one another. Both of these goals were accomplished and the field trip was a success. The ideals of John F Kennedy High School were upheld. The teams were respectful, responsible, and resourceful. As a result of the experience, a newfound sense of unity has emerged among the freshmen at John F. Kennedy High School. 

9th Grade Academy Field Trip

The Ninth Grade Academy of John F. Kennedy high school embarked upon an un-chartered endeavor accommodating 300 ninth graders on a field trip to the National Aquarium in Baltimore on Friday, October 3, 2003. The massive ninth grade adventure produced anxiety and excitement for the students the entire day. The students were eagerly anticipating arriving in Baltimore to begin

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Field Trip

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their activities. Prior to departure, chaperone assignments were designated and attendance was recorded. The ninth grade academy is a small learning community within the school composed of four teams. We were fortunate to have all academy teachers serve as chaperones along with other teachers, counselors, and staff. Furthermore, many parents of our ninth graders served as chaperones. A total of 40 adults served as chaperones, accountable for approximately 8-10 students. Once the chaperone assignments were completed and the attendance recorded, the diesel engines of six coach buses began to rev and the voyage toward Baltimore began.

The students were engaged in various activities involving the sites and attractions on the Inner Harbor in addition to the National Aquarium. Student groups composed of 10 students were given an Inner Harbor Research Project.

The project required the students to examine the historical sites and read the narratives regarding its relevance and place in history. Moreover, the students were engaged in the aquarium with a science assignment analyzing underwater creatures and their environment. Amid the sites and research, students were able to enjoy conversation with their contemporaries and establish a connection with classmates from various middle schools.

The ninth grade academy field trip reflects the notion that teamwork is the key to success. This was the first trip in modern JFK history that an entire 9th grade class participated on a field trip at one time. Furthermore, the trip was not around the corner, it was in Baltimore and all of our students were accounted for on our return. The trip was a success thanks to the efforts of the JFK staff and their commitment to our students. ✦

From the Science Department

The John F. Kennedy High School Science Department is inviting parents to come meet individually with their child's science teacher on Thursday, December 4 from 5 - 7 p.m. More information regarding how to make an appointment will be sent home in the coming weeks. ✦

Dawn Gibbons, Science Resource Teacher

From the ESOL Department

Did you know? Our ESOL department has almost 170 students from over 30 countries speaking over 17 languages? Did you know? That ESOL students are everywhere? They are on Varsity and JV sports, active in clubs and on the honor roll? Did you know? That former ESOL students are in LTI?

Members of the ESOL Department are proud to be Cavaliers. ✦

The Down County Middle School Consortium Sporting Competition (DCMSCSC)

The Down County Middle School Consortium Sporting Competition (DCMSCSC) is being introduced for the first time and the program is sponsored by the NJROTC. Michelle Allen, Christina Allen, Alicia Rodriguez, and Adriana Hernandez will be hosting this event. The main goal is to create an inter-middle school rivalry, promote the knowledge of NJROTC and LTI programs, as well as participation in extracurricular activities. Another goal is to give middle school students the opportunity to play basketball on a Saturday and in the process, hope to instill school pride and spirit.

The John F. Kennedy HS Activity Fair will promote the different activities offered within the school. This group consists of Samantha Klinger, Jaimie Rich, and Angela Schaefer. The goal is to get students and the community more involved with the school. The fair will be held in mid January during a Varsity Boys' Basketball game. An exact date is still to be determined. Please come and support Kennedy activities.

Each of the seniors involved in these projects know how difficult it is to organize a big event. The goal of all senior projects is to serve the community and improve our surrounding environment. Many of these projects are dependent upon the cooperation of the school, community, and student population. In essence, the senior projects are pulling the community together, which is what LTI is all about. ✦

From the NJROTC

Welcome back to school. We are now starting our third year. We had a very successful 02-03 school year. Our drill team and color guard placed in six trophy positions at drill meets. The Company supported over 17 events in the school and community last year. We had a graduate enter the U.S. Naval Academy. I would like to thank all the parents who supported the Company with their time and pocketbooks.


We have high expectations for our cadets this year. We have set three basic goals for our Company this year. Every cadet will achieve a 2.5 GPA for the year. We are instituting a study hall for the cadets initially to support this goal. Our second goal is to finish our Company teams in the top five in all events entered. The third goal is key to improving our community image. We will complete one community service project each semester. We will find a community activity, which we can participate in on a regular basis.

We are expanding our extracurricular activities by adding an academic team, an air rifle team and an orienteering team. The academic team and air rifle team will start up in October. The orienteering team will start up in November. As the new teams develop combined with the schedules of Drill Team, Color Guard and Athletic Team, we could be participating in over 30 events this year. We plan to stay busy.

The Company took a trip to the Marine Corps Expo at the Quantico Marine Base. The cadets were amazed at the level of technology use by the Marine Corps. It was an eye-opening trip for many of them. At the time of this publication we will have visited the

Naval Academy with LTI. We want to expose the cadets to as many different opportunities for college and careers as possible.

The Company is looking for a community service project and a partnership. If you have a proposal or believe we could assist a project you have please give us a call.

If you have any questions about NJROTC, please contact Gunnery Sergeant Bob Bowman or Capt. Kenneth Trass at 301 962-5933 or email Capt. Trass at Kenneth_Trass@fc.mcps.k12.md.us. 

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JFK DRAMA CLUB:

John F. Kennedy's Drama Club is proud to start the 2003-04 theater season with the beloved musical *Annie* on November 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 7:00 p.m. *Annie*, the story of an orphan searching for her parents, is a musical comedy suitable for all ages. Tickets for the evening performances of *Annie* are \$5 for students of any age and \$7 for adults. Tickets are only available at the door.

There will be a special matinee performance on Wednesday, November 19 for the local middle school students, with a chance for the students in the audience to meet and ask questions of the cast members.

The Drama Club would also like to welcome its newest faculty addition, Ronald Isaacson, who is taking over as the Music Director of the Drama Club, as well as Kennedy's new Choir Director.

As usual, the Drama Club is soliciting donations of time and "stuff" from the Kennedy community. Remember: your junk is our treasure! We always need paint, old clothing, old furniture, rugs, drapes, sheets, fabric, and pretty much anything you might be thinking of throwing away. We can arrange to come and pick it up. If you can donate your time to help out with concession sales, costume construction, or publicity, or if you would like to purchase a program ad, please contact the Drama Director, Stacey Wahrman at (301) 962-5950. 

Activity Calendar

N O V E M B E R 2 0 0 3 • K E N N E D Y H S

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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- **EARLY DISMISSAL DAY** - First Marking Period Ends
 - 8th Grade LTI Orientation @ 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm - Media Ctr

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- **EARLY DISMISSAL DAY**
- JV FB vs. Poolsville @ Einstein @ 5:30 pm

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- LTI International Night Rehearsal @ 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm - Cafeteria

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- LTI International Night Rehearsal @ 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm - Cafeteria

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- LTI Hoops for Heart @ Argyle MS @ 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
- LTI Subcommittee Meeting @ 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Room 114, 116, 118

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- Homecoming**
- Parade @ 11:00 am
 - V FB Game vs. Springbrook @ JFK @ 1:30 pm
 - Homecoming Dance @ 8 p - Main Gym

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VETERANS DAY

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- LTI International Night Rehearsal @ 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm - Cafeteria

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- Report Card Distribution

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- Fall Musical @ 7:00 pm - PAC

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- Try-outs for Winter Sports
- Fall Musical @ 7:00 pm - PAC

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- PTSA Meeting @ 7:00 pm - Media Center

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- Fall Sports Recognition Night @ 7:00 pm - Café/Main Gym/First Floor Classrooms

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- LTI Hoops for Heart @ Lee MS @ 8 am to 3 pm
- Rehearsal for LTI Entertainment/Mr. Cavalier @ 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm - Cafe.
- NJROTC Field Trip (Pentagon, Alex., VA)

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- Fall Musical @ 7:00 pm - PAC

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- LTI Walk for the Homeless @ 9 am - 1 pm -
- LTI Family Fun Fest @ 11:00 am to 3 pm - Main Gym
- Fall Musical @ 7:00 pm - PAC

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- Dress Rehearsal for LTI A Night of Fashion @ 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm - Cafeteria

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HOLIDAY
THANKSGIVING
Schools and
Offices Closed

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HOLIDAY
THANKSGIVING
Schools and
Offices Closed

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Activity Calendar

D E C E M B E R 2 0 0 3 • K E N N E D Y H S

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 • Dress Rehearsal for LTI Entertainment/Mr. Cavalier Night @ 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm - PAC	2 • LTI Hoops for Heart @ Kemp Mill ES @ 8 am to 3 pm • LTI Entertainment Night/Mr. Cavalier @ 6:30 pm to 9 pm - PAC (Snow Date TBD)	3 • LTI Hoops for Heart @ Kemp Mill ES @ 8am -3pm • University of MD Math Competition • Dress Rehearsal for LTI A Night of Fashion @ 3:30pm-5:30pm - PAC	4 • LTI Hoops for Heart @ Kemp Mill ES @ 8am-3pm • LTI Advisory Committee @ 3pm to 4pm - MC CR • LTI A Night of Fashion @ 7-9 pm - PAC	5 • BB @ 5:15 pm & 7:00 pm	6 • LTI Food Festival @ 11:00 am to 5:00 pm - Cafeteria
7	8 • LTI Hoops for Heart @ Glenallen ES @ 8 am to 3 pm • ESOL/LUCHA Parent Night @ 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm - Media Center	9 • LTI Grade 10 Field Trip (Holocaust Museum) @ 7:25 am - 2:10 pm • BB @ 5:15 pm & 7:00 pm	10 • LTI Health Fair during Periods 1 thru 7 - Main Gym • LTI International Night Dress Rehearsal @ 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm - PAC	11 • All LTI Assembly during Period 1 thru 4 - PAC • LTI International Night @ 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - PAC (Snow Date - 12/17/03)	12 • INTERIMS MAILED • BB @ 5:15 pm & 7:00 pm	13 • MCPS Big Band Jazz Festival @ Sherwood HS - TBD • LTI & CAPS Testing @ 8:00 am to 10:30 am - Blair HS • NJROTC Drill Meet, Stone HS, Herndon
14	15	16 • PTSA Meeting @ 7:00 pm - Media Center	17 • LTI & CAPS Testing @ 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm - Rooms 114, 116, 118 • WR @ 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm • Snow Date for International Night @ 7:00 pm - PAC	18 • Winter Concert @ 7:00 pm - PAC	19 • BB @ 5:15 pm & 7:00 pm	20
21	22	23	24 HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS Schools and Offices Closed	25 HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS Schools and Offices Closed	26 WINTER BREAK No School for Students and Teachers	27
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SPORTS CALENDAR

Boys Varsity Basketball

Dec. 5 - JFK @ Churchill - 7 pm
 Dec. 9 - Magruder @ JFK - 7 pm
 Dec. 12 - Poolesville @ JFK - 7 pm
 Dec. 16 - JFK @ BCC - 7 pm
 Dec. 19 - Paint Branch @ JFK - 7 pm
 Dec. 22 - JFK @ Einstein - 7 pm
 Holiday Break - Quince Orchard Tourn.
 Jan. 6 - Wheaton @ JFK - 7 pm
 Jan. 12 - JFK @ Seneca Valley - 7 pm
 Jan. 14 - Rockville @ JFK - 7 pm

Jan. 16 - JFK @ Northwest - 7 pm
 Jan. 23 - JFK @ Poolesville - 5:15pm
 Jan. 27 - BCC @ JFK - 5:15pm
 Jan. 30 - JFK @ Paint Branch - 5:15pm
 Feb. 2 - Einstein @ JFK - 5:15pm
 Feb. 4 - JFK @ Wheaton - 7 pm
 Feb. 10 - Seneca Valley @ JFK - 7 pm
 Feb. 13 - JFK @ Rockville - 5:15pm
 Feb. 17 - Northwest @ JFK - 5:15 pm
 Feb. 24 - JFK @ Sherwood - 7 pm

Boys Junior Varsity Basketball

Dec. 5 - JFK @ Churchill - 5:15 pm
 Dec. 9 - Magruder @ JFK - 5:15 pm
 Dec. 12 - JFK @ Poolesville - 5:15 pm
 Dec. 16 - BCC @ JFK - 5:15 pm
 Dec. 19 - JFK @ Paint Branch-5:15 pm
 Dec. 22 - Einstein @ JFK - 5:15 pm
 Jan. 6 - Wheaton @ JFK - 5:15pm
 Jan. 12 - JFK @ Seneca Valley-5:15pm
 Jan. 14 - JFK @ Rockville - 3 pm

Jan. 16 - Northwest @ JFK - 5:15 pm
 Jan. 23 - Poolesville @ JFK - 3:30pm
 Jan. 27 - JFK @ BCC - 3:30pm
 Jan. 30 - Paint Branch @ JFK - 3:30pm
 Feb. 4 - JFK @ Wheaton - 5:15pm
 Feb. 10 - Seneca Valley @ JFK - 5:15pm
 Feb. 13 - Rockville @ JFK - 3:30pm
 Feb. 16 - JFK @ Northwest - 3:30 pm

Activity Calendar

J A N U A R Y 2 0 0 4 • K E N N E D Y H S

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 HOLIDAY NEW YEAR'S DAY Schools and Offices Closed	2 WINTER BREAK No School for Students and Teachers	3
4	5	6 • BB @ 5:15 pm & 7:00 pm	7 • WR @ 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	8 • Financial Aid Information Evening @ 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Cafeteria (Snow Date – 1/13/03)	9	10 • HOLD LTI SENIOR PROJECT – MIDDLE SCHOOL BB TOURNAMENT
11	12 • BB @ 5:15 pm & 7:00 pm	13	14 • BB @ 5:15 pm & 7:00 pm	15 • LTI Winter Parent Meeting & Senior Project Fair @ 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Media Center, Rooms 114, 116, 118, 123, 149	16 • Final Exams – 1 & 2	17
18	19 HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE OF DR. MARTIN L. KING, JR'S BIRTHDAY Schools and Offices Closed	20 • Final Exams – 3 & 4 • PTSA Meeting @ 7:00 pm – Media Center	21 • Final Exams – 5 & 6	22 • Final Exams – 7 & Make-up	23 • Final Exams – Make-up (as arranged) • Second Marking Period Ends	24 • SAT
25	26 PROFESSIONAL DAY, REPORT CARD PREPARATION & PLANNING - No School for Students	27 PROFESSIONAL DAY & STAFF DEVELOPMENT TRAINING No School for Students • BB @ 5:15 pm & 7pm	28 • Semester Two Begins	29	30	31 • NJROTC Drill Meet Patuxent River HS - TBD

SPORTS CALENDAR

Girls' Varsity Basketball

Dec. 5 – Churchill @ JFK – 7 pm
 Dec. 9 – JFK @ Magruder – 7 pm
 Dec. 12 – Poolesville @ JFK – 5:15 pm
 Dec. 16 – JFK @ BCC – 5:15 pm
 Dec. 19 – Paint Branch @ JFK – 5:15 pm
 Dec. 22 – JFK @ Einstein – 5:15 pm
 Jan. 6 – JFK @ Wheaton – 7 pm
 Jan. 12 – Seneca Valley @ JFK – 7 pm
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 Jan. 27 – BCC @ JFK – 7 pm
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 Feb. 2 – Einstein @ JFK – 7 pm
 Feb. 4 – Wheaton @ JFK – 7 pm
 Feb. 10 – JFK @ Seneca Valley – 7 pm
 Feb. 13 – JFK @ Rockville – 7 pm
 Feb. 17 – Northwest @ JFK – 7 pm
 Feb. 24 – Sherwood @ JFK – 7 pm

Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball

Dec. 5 – Churchill @ JFK – 5:15 pm
 Dec. 9 – JFK @ Magruder – 5:15 pm
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Kennedy Sports

Home of the Cavaliers

The school year is off and running and our fall sports teams are right in the thick of things. I wanted to take this time to introduce myself to those of you who are new to JFK and to reconnect with our Kennedy veterans. As a Kennedy teacher for my sixteenth year and athletic director for now my ninth year, my job is to coordinate, facilitate, and monitor all of our school's interscholastic sports teams. By the time you read this newsletter, our fall teams will be gearing up for playoffs and the winter tryouts will be right

Students who are interested in our winter sports programs must remember that tryouts start November 15 and potential players must have all of the proper paperwork in place in order to tryout for a team. Students will need to have a current physical (signed by a doctor and dated within one calendar year), a permission form, a team standards form, and a medical card. All of these forms can be picked up in the athletic office, the main office, or from the winter coaches at their organizational

program here at Kennedy, please call me.

"Go Cavaliers!"

around the corner. However, before the fall sports are over, I want to encourage each of you to come out to our Homecoming football game on Saturday, November 1 at 2:00 PM. Tickets for adults are \$5.00 and for students the price is \$3.00. Tickets for children aged seven to eleven are only \$1.00. We will be having a parade in the community before the game and the dance will follow that night at 8:00 PM. This will be a Homecoming to remember!

meetings. We are looking forward to an exciting winter season with contests beginning the first week of December. We want to see your athletes on the courts and you in the stands supporting them!

We are always looking for parents who are interested in working concessions with our Sports Medicine and Management Academy students. If you are interested in helping out, or if you have any questions about our athletic

My office phone is (301) 962-5936. Also, check out our website by going to the school site and clicking on Sports. I try to keep any changes to the schedule or currently relevant information in the updates section of the page. **✦**

Go Cavaliers!

Mr. Kenneth Cudd, JFK Athletic Director

SPORTS CALENDAR	Swimming & Diving Team	Wrestling Varsity	Wrestling Junior Varsity
	Dec. 6 – JFK vs. Einstein – 10:45 am – Gaithersburg Aquatic Center Dec. 13 – JFK vs. Poolesville – 11:30 am – Montgomery Aquatic Center Dec. 20 – JFK vs. Springbrook – 9:15 am – Martin Luther King Jr. Swim Center Jan. 10 – Division IV Relay Carnival – 9:15 am – Martin Luther King Jr. Swim Center Jan. 24 – JFK vs. Wheaton – 1:00 pm – Montgomery College, Takoma Jan 31 – JFK vs. Seneca Valley – 9:15 am – Olney Swim Center Feb. 7 – JFK vs. Paint Branch – 4:15 pm – Rockville Municipal Pool Feb. 14 – Division IV Diving – 7:30 am – Olney Swim Center Feb. 14 – Division IV Swimming Championship – 9:30 am to 1:30 pm – Olney Swim Ctr.	Dec. 6 – Richard Montgomery @ JFK – 2 pm Dec. 10 – JFK @ Seneca Valley – 7 pm Dec. 17 – Einstein @ JFK – 7 pm Dec. 23 – JFK @ Blair – 7 pm Jan 7 – BCC @ JFK – 6 pm Jan. 13 – JFK @ Magruder – 6 pm Jan. 24 – Gaithersburg @ JFK – 2 pm Jan. 28 – JFK @ Watkins Mill – 6 pm Feb. 7 – Blake @ JFK – 1 pm	Dec. 10 – JFK @ Seneca Valley – 5:30 pm Dec. 17 – Einstein @ JFK – 5:30 pm Dec. 23 – JFK @ Blair – 5:30 pm Jan 7 – BCC @ JFK – 7 pm Jan. 13 – JFK @ Magruder – 7 pm Jan. 24 – Gaithersburg @ JFK – 3:30 pm Jan. 28 – JFK @ Watkins Mill – 7 pm Feb. 7 – Blake @ JFK – 2:30 pm
	Indoor Track • Meets TBD		

Kennedy Sports

Home of the Cavaliers

Kennedy Golf

The Kennedy Golf team showed marked improvement this season, finishing the season 5th place in their division. Overall, the team was young, playing just one senior, four juniors, two sophomores, and a freshman. Despite this inexperience, with each competition the team improved on its score from the previous match. The squad was led by the solid play of Simon Tabellion and Chris Hill. Christia Panizales, Will Solomon, Jason Lee, and Kevin Watkins each played in a majority of the matches, providing consistency and leadership. James Grant provided the biggest highlight of the season when he returned from a season long absence to shoot an 81 in the District Tournament. This round qualified him for the Maryland State Tournament at the University of Maryland, where he will compete for the individual state championship with the best high school individuals in the area. The team concludes their season with a match play event against Poolesville High School. The expectations for next year are set high, as the team returns all but one of their members. **✦**

Brad Watts, Golf Coach

Cavalier Swimmers!

It's not too late to try out for the Kennedy Swimming and Diving Team. Look for notices of the first meeting, which will be held in late October or early November. Practices are usually held Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Martin Luther King Pool in White Oak from 2:30 - 3:30 pm starting the week of Nov. 15th. Swimmers are responsible for their own transportation. Questions may be directed to Coach Terry Kominski at mermade1967@aol.com or 301-260-8676. **✦**

JV Girls Volleyball

JFK's Junior Varsity Volleyball team has had a fun-filled season so far this semester. Most of the girls are first-year players but have each contributed loads of enthusiasm to the team! It was not long before the Lady Cavs learned how to be aggressive, work together, and bump-set-spike! Team players are: Rosana Espinoza, Grace Park, Elizabeth Gyamfi, Vivian Yohannes, Stacy Oluwo, Chernor Kamara, Virginia Quan, Shuting Yu, Alexandria Monroe, Monica Nunez, Esther Suarez, Ada Suarez, and Penelope Suarez. Our team manager is Jun-Young Cha. Go Kennedy!!! **✦**

June Jetabut, JV Girls Volleyball Coach

Indoor Track

Practices will begin on November 15th. The coach is Kevin Monroe. Come to practice if you are interested in joining the team. More information will be announced at a later time. **✦**

JFK Varsity & JV Girls Basketball Tryouts

Tryouts will begin on Saturday, Nov. 15th this year. Students must have all medical and permission forms filled out PRIOR to the first tryout date. You may printout these documents from the Kennedy HS website at <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/kennedyhs/old/sports/sports.htm#>.

Girls Varsity Basketball will begin with two practices on Nov. 15th at 8:00am-10:00am & 12pm-2pm. On Monday, Nov.17th time (TBA), there will be one more practice for Varsity Girls tryouts.

Ms. Rita Boule will be coaching the Girls JV Basketball Team and will have one or two practice times (TBA) to organize her team.

Varsity Girls Basketball had a successful season in the summer league finishing with a 6-4 record missing the playoffs by one game. This is a huge improvement from past seasons and I am looking forward to a successful Winter season. **✦**

Carlos Smith, Varsity Girls Basketball

Field Hockey

**"Lady Cavs Have H.E.A.R.T!"
is our motto this year.**

H—Honesty, E—Endurance, A—Attitude, R—Respect, T—Toughness.

We are midway through a tough season. We have been struggling with our field since it seems to have a sink-hole in the middle. We can't seem to keep it in playable condition, therefore a number of "home" games have been rescheduled to other locations. We are intending on having the senior game against Blake here at Kennedy on October 16th.

Both JV and Varsity have players who are giving 110% and are improving their skills and finesse. We have been working on changing up our positioning to better work with the strengths of the girls on the field. They are responsive to the changes and are playing hard. Both teams have been plagued by injuries but we are recovering. **✦**

Jennifer M. Petering, Varsity Field Hockey coach

Support

Kennedy Sports

Come to a game! Check out the Sports Calendars on pages 9-11.

News Around the School Section

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JV Football


Coming into the 2003-2004 JV football season, we had a lot of question marks about what type of talent and participation we would have. We knew we had voids to fill, replacing players that are now on the Varsity team, like Coral Anderson, Chad Davis, and Kimery Williams, to name a few. So far this season we have had pleasant surprises enter into the program along with consistent returning talent from last year. Returning players: like quarterback Arin Talley, running backs Brandon Castleberry and Ricardo Marr, offensive lineman Spencer Irvine and Justin Sheridan, and receivers Torry Turner and Jamie Fisher have set the tone thus far. They have provided the early leadership needed for such a young team that has five freshmen offensive starters and six freshmen defensive starters. So far this season the team has been very competitive but has suffered a few set backs due to minor injuries to key players that have left them 0-3. The team is feeling very optimistic and enthused about the remainder of the season and are looking forward to being very competitive and earn their first win of the season. The Future looks good for Kennedy football with this dedicated bunch of student athletes leading the way. 

Diallo Nelson, JV Football Coach


Grading and Reporting COUNTY DELAYS IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW GRADING POLICY

On March 24, 2003, the Board of Education approved implementation of Policy IKA, Grading and Reporting, to change the way grades are calculated. However, they postponed implementation of the new policy until July 2004. Until then, the schools will continue to use the grading policy last revised in 1993 and the related regulation IKA-RA, as the governing documents on grading and reporting for Montgomery County public schools (MCPS) during the 2003-2004 school years.

The Board of Education began revising the grading and reporting policy over three years ago when it became evident that schools were applying the grading policy differently at a time when Federal and state organizations were calling for consistent standards. The new grading policy will be phased-in over a multi-year period. A stakeholder group will convene this Fall to develop an implementation plan, detailing the phase-in process. The plan will be presented to the Board of Education at the January 2004 meeting. If the Board approves the plan, the schools will start using the new grading policy beginning July 2004.

Many of the documents relating to these policies are available on the MCPS website and in the schools and public libraries. In particular, the old policy grading and reporting policy (currently being used) is available at <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/policy/pdf/ika-b.pdf>. The new policy (not yet implemented) is available at <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/policy/pdf/ika.pdf>. 

CAVALIER PRIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Elisa Lee—a commended student in the 2004 National Merit Scholarship Program. In addition Elisa also received the Governor's citation for Outstanding Community Service and served as an intern in the Maryland House of Delegates this past summer.
- Seniors Elisa Lee, Yelena Keyzman, and Kevin Lee received the 2003 Maryland Distinguished Scholars recognition awarded by the Maryland Higher Education Commission.
- Jamila McCoy was nominated for the United States Senate Youth Program.
- Marcus Bagley was nominated for the All State Chorus.
- Will Solomon & Aaron Josephson- attended a brunch hosted by Senator Paul Sarbanes for National History Day. Both students were invited because of their outstanding project which won the "20th Century History" Award in a national contest last June. 

Every year, the JFK High School Leadership Training Institute seniors create senior projects that will benefit the community. Many of the projects donate all proceeds to charities in the area. Here are descriptions of our senior projects for this year:

A new project this year is Project Green School. Sponsored by Ms. Petering, this is an on-going effort to improve the environment of Kennedy HS by conserving energy, planting trees, and other projects. SSL hours are available. Please contact Romeo Hillman in Room 118.

Our first ever Mr. Cavalier Night, will be held on Dec. 2, 2003. This is a talent-based competition for junior and senior males who will perform in 4 different categories (casual wear, formal wear, pajama wear, and individual or group skits). All proceeds of this event will be donated to Camp Friendship, a camp designed for children with cancerous illnesses.

Another new project is Music Outreach, under the direction of our Kennedy Band Director Ms. Hopkins assisted by Martin Stevenson. They will work with the underclassmen to improve their skills in music with the goal of promoting JFK music programs and attracting new band members.

On Nov. 2nd from 11 am-3 pm, Family Fun Fest will be held at Kemp Mill Elementary School hosted by Amanda Miller, Ashley Ray, Nidhi Juneja, Andy Rivera, and Christophe McHale. There will be clowns, face painting, games, and more. Proceeds go to the Literacy Council of Montgomery County. Book donations are sought.

Anikka Ahmed, Kevin Lee, Corey Love, Greg Visscher, and Joshua Josephson will be hosting Hoops for Heart & Jump Rope for Heart at Col. E. Brooke Lee, Argyle and Kemp Mill Middle Schools on Nov. 6, 17, and Dec. 2-4, respectively. Proceeds will go to the American Heart Association. SSL hours will be given to student volunteers.

Swim For A Cure Swim-a-Thon will be held on Nov. 15th at the Takoma

Park campus of Montgomery College, 12-4 pm, supervised by swim coach Terry Kominski. This event will benefit the Children's Cancer Fund. Volunteers should contact Kristy Irvine, Yianna Sideris, or Casey Stauffer.

The 6th annual International Night will be held on Dec. 11th, directed by JingFei Chen, Elisa Lee, Jamila McCoy, Annie Phung, and Mandy Tith. The purpose of this night is to highlight the cultural diversity of our school and community.

Azita June Adli, Emily Dubbaneh, Paola Gonzalez, and Adrian Carter will host the Walk for the Homeless and Mental Health Project. This event benefits the Montgomery County Mental Health Association and the Fannie Mae Foundation. There will be walks on Oct. 19th at the Univ. of MD/College Park, Oct. 25th at the Rio Entertainment Center, and Nov. 22nd in Washington, DC on Nov. 22nd. Mini-Walks will be organized at Kemp Mill and Strathmore Elementary. Walkers and donations are needed.

Blair Amos is creating a mural for Bel Pre Elementary. The Mural Design project depicts creative displays of children's books with the goal of encouraging children to read. Donations for supplies may be left at the LTI office. Artistic students may volunteer in room 116 during 6th and 7th period.

The Community Service/Shadowing Senior Project, hosted by Rebecca Ahrnsbrak, Suramya Fonseca, Yelena Keyzman, Amanda Silva, and Boyd Tamanaha, will promote awareness and participation in volunteer activities. Prospective LTI students will shadow a freshman through a typical school day.

Veronica Lopez, Sandra Vuong, and Pelu Thomas are hosting Children in the Crossfire. The purpose is to show the horrors facing children in war torn countries. The next event will raise money for a former child soldier and teen mother from Sierra Leone. Students may join the club that meets every Monday after school.


Emma Sandler, Lissan Yared, Rahul Shah, Guy Shem-Tov, and May Nguy will host an Informational Health Fair at JFK on Dec. 10th from 8 am-2 pm. The purpose is to create health awareness of health issues. A blood drive will seek donations from those at least 16 and 110 lbs. To set up an information booth, please call 301-929-2100.

JFK's Night of Fashion will be held on Dec. 4th with Kashi Johnson, Samantha Amoonarquah, Eman El-Kabli, Muriel Langely, Domanique Williams, and DiAundrea Davis. All proceeds will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Cultural Communications, Inc. Volunteer models are needed. Student will receive SSL hours.

The Leader Magazine will be produced by Connie Ng, Christia Panizales, Anitha Vemury, and Morgan Young. The editors are accepting articles, pictures, poems, etc. Community service hours are offered.

Seniors Julian Chung, George Khouri, Emily Frizzell, Asher Novek, and Ben Cripps will host this year's Food Fest. They will receive donation from local restaurants. All proceeds will go to So Others May Eat. There will be games and other activities. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and \$2 for children under 5.

The Down County Middle School Consortium Sporting Competition (DCMSCSC) is sponsored by the NJROTC and hosted by Michelle Allen, Christina Allen, Alicia Rodriguez, and Adriana Hernandez. The goal is to promote inter-middle school rivalry, NJROTC and LTI programs, and participation in extracurricular activities.

The John F. Kennedy HS Activity Fair, hosted by Samantha Klinger, Jaimie Rich, and Angela Schaefer, will promote involvement in the different activities offered within the school. The fair will be held in mid January during a Varsity Boys' Basketball game – date to be determined. 



Academy Coordinator: Ms. Ruth Green

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What are academies?

Academies, or schools within schools, are programs that focus on fields of high interest to young people. Each academy is supported by a team of teachers who support a team of students. The academies are theme-based to help students make the connections between learning, college, and career possibilities.

Will a comprehensive high school program be available?

All schools will offer a comprehensive program of studies, which includes courses needed for graduation. Each academy program fulfills the requirements for a Maryland high school diploma.

Will students in ESOL or Special Education participate in the academy programs?

Academy programs are designed to include all students. Students, parents, staff, and school counselors will work together to determine the most appropriate instructional program(s).

Will transportation be provided?

All students within the Consortium attendance area who do not reside within walking distance of their assigned school, as defined by the MCPS, are provided bus transportation.

Are students guaranteed their base school?

Students are guaranteed their base school ONLY if it is written as their first or second choice on the initial Choice form.

Where can I get more information?

Please visit the Web site at www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/downcounty.

Which will students choose, a high school or an academy?

Students will choose a high school. Academy programs are designed to attract students to a specific high school based on student interest.

Who can participate in this program?

All current 8th graders who live within the consortium are part of the *Choice* process and are eligible to choose an academy at any of the five high schools. Students currently enrolled in the DCC high schools this year may choose to participate in any academy within the school they attend; however, they are not part of the *Choice* process.

Introducing the Academies at Kennedy

CAMBRIDGE ACADEMY

Academy Head: Ms. Jennifer Petering

For students interested in—

- earning an internationally recognized diploma from Cambridge University in England, and/or
- developing skills in independent research and investigations.

This program delivers a rigorous curriculum that aims to encourage the skills of independent research and investigation, the use of initiative and creativity, and the application of skills and knowledge through performance and essay-based examinations. Students will have the opportunity to choose a course of study in four major fields of humanities, languages and arts, mathematics, and science. We are sending several staff members to be trained in the curricula and examination administration for Cambridge International Examinations.

MEDIACOM: THE MULTIMEDIA & TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACADEMY

Academy Head: Ms. Carrie D'Amour

For students interested in—

- introducing technology into everyday aspects of life, and/or
- creating media messages from print to the internet and beyond

The goal of the MediaCom is to provide students a framework to access, analyze, evaluate and create media messages in a variety of formats. The Academy seeks to develop life long learners who have an understanding of the role media plays in society, as well as the essential skills of inquiry, self-expression, and critical thinking. MediaCom is currently recruiting students interested in being a part of the newly formed Web Team to help build the Kennedy website. Interested students can contact Carrie D'Amour, at damour@jfkccavs.com. MediaCom is happy to announce Kennedy's first domain name! Check it out www.jfkccavs.com!

SPORTS MEDICINE & MANAGEMENT ACADEMY


Academy Head: Ms. Rita Boule

For students interested in—

- managing an athlete's career and health, and/or
 - preventing and treating sport-related injuries
- This academy offers a challenging program in fields of interest influencing the health and well being of all individuals. Thai program meets the interests of students considering a career in the business or medical aspect of sports and athletics. The Sports Medicine and Management Academy integrates science, math, health, and physical education into a comprehensive academic program.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE (LTI)

Director: Greg Bowman

This program provides rigorous curriculum emphasizing hands-on learning, community service project and leadership theory and application. The program will support individual standards in growth, development, and reflection. Students will become responsible citizens by adhering to pillar expectations in the areas of participation, academics, ethics, and community service. See page 14 for a listing of 2003-04 senior projects. 

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