Welcome Future Knights

2019-2020

Principal: Joe Daw

Key Staff to Know

- **Assistant Principals**
  - Ms. Hinton (AP A-F)
  - Mr. Ferguson(AP G-N)
  - Mrs. West (AP O-Z)
- **Counselors**
  - Mike McCune (A-F)
  - Kristina Spencer (G-N)
  - Jenny Wheeler (O-Z)
- **Department Chairs**
  - Carrie Karr (L.A.)
  - Myia Johnson (Science)
  - Amy Hall(History)
  - Lisa Bruce (Math)
  - Pam Hollis (Sped.)
  - Jenn Dillard (Electives)
- **Diagnostician**
  - Tammy Clark
- **Athletic Coordinator**
  - David Hutyra

Snapshot of our school

STAAR	Knox	State
Reading	**93%**	**74%**
Math	**93%**	**81%**
Writing	**84%**	**66%**
Science	**91%**	**80%**
Social St.	**89%**	**77%**

Distinction Designations

ELA/Reading	Earned
Mathematics	Earned
Science	Earned
Social Studies	Earned
Comparative Academic Growth	Earned
Postsecondary Readiness	Earned

Goals

- Provide a safe environment
  - Visitors Sign in and Out
  - Full Time Campus Officer
  - Drills are conducted throughout the year
  - Cameras Throughout the building
  - Teachers are on Duty starting at 8:10 am
    - Try not to drop your child of before this

School Safety

CONROE ISD POLICE
STATE OF TEXAS

1-888-Kid Chat
543-2428

Conroe Independent School District

- Monitored 24/7 by the Conroe ISD Police Department

Anonymous Alerts® report it®

Available on the iPhone App Store

GET IT ON Google play

- Download the Anonymous Alerts® app
- Login: **conroeisd**
- Send reports with a screenshot, photo or video
- Monitored 24/7 by the Conroe ISD Police Department

CONROE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

report threats against your school

for emergencies, call 911

Goals

- Enable students to become successful:
  - Academically
  - Socially
  - Emotionally
- Encourage well-rounded education
- Prepare students for their future
  - There is nothing impeding them from becoming whatever they want to be
- Work together to make school a fun place to be

A Typical Day

- Arrival (Front and Back)
- When? No earlier than 8 am
- Lockers/Backpacks
- First period 8:50
- Lunch/4th Period
- School Ends 4:00
- Pick-up/Car and Bus

The Schedule (Sample Schedule)

1st period 8:50-9:40	Athletics / P.E./Drill
2nd period 9:45-10:35	Language Arts
3rd period 10:40-11:40 (Pledges & Announcements)	Math
4th period 11:40-1:10 (lunch)	Elective
5th period	Science
6th period	History
7th period	Elective

CISD Program of Studies (Course Description Guide)

- General Information regarding courses offered at KJH and College Park
- Placement information for core courses
- Course descriptions including electives
- Posted on School Website

Course Request Sheet

Grade 7 Course Selection 2014-2015
KNOX JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Student ID#:** _____
Home Phone#: (____)_____ Parent Contact #: (____)_____
Parent Email: _____ Name of School (6th grade year):_____

INSTRUCTIONS: Select a **total of 7 credits**. *Complete the 6 steps below.*

Step I. Required Academic Courses (5 credits): You are required to take at least **5 credits** of Language Arts, Math, Science, History and Physical Education. Select one from each required course.

✓Course#	Language Arts– 7th Grade	Credit
[ ] 7110	Language Arts	1.0
[ ] 7120	*Pre-AP* Language Arts *(Advanced)*	1.0
	Mathematics – 7th Grade	
[ ] 7201	7th Grade Math	1.0
[ ]7205	7th Grade Pre-Algebra *Pre-AP (Advanced)*	1.0
[ ] **J1621**	*ALGEBRA I (Advanced- H.S. credit course)*	1.0
	Science – 7th Grade	
[ ] 7300	Science	1.0
[ ] 7303	*Pre-AP* Science *(Advanced)*	1.0
	History – 7th Grade	
[ ] 7400	TX History	1.0
[ ] 7403	Pre-AP TX History *(Advanced)*	1.0
	Physical Education – 7th Grade	
[ ] 7500	PE	1.0
[ ] 7509	Girls Athletics – *team sports (VB, BB)*	1.0
[ ] 7510	Boys Athletics – *must play football*	1.0
[ ] 7526	Cross Country	1.0

Private PE, Cheer, Drill Team – *Students should initially choose regular PE. Private PE forms will be available in April on our district website and Private PE Applications are due May 1st, 2014.*

Course Description Guide: *please visit* ***http://knox.conroeisd.net*** and select 2014-2015 Course Description Guide for CISD's Program of Studies and course information.

Step II. Elective Courses (2 credits): Select your remaining **2 credits** from the elective choices below.

✓Course#	Full Year Electives	Credit
[ ] 9705	Band	1.0
[ ] 9717	Orchestra	1.0
[ ] 9723	Girls Choir	1.0
[ ] 9730	Boys Choir	1.0
	Semester Electives	
[ ] 9700H	Music Appreciation	.5
[ ] 9740H	Theater Arts I	.5
[ ] 9743H	Art I	.5
[ ] 9754H	Career Portals: Technology I 7	.5
[ ] 9758H	Career Portals: Human Services 7	.5
[ ] 9761H	Career Portals: Computer Science 7	.5
[ ] 9763H	Teen Leadership	.5
[ ] 9767H	Exploring Careers 7	.5

TV Broadcasting, Debate, Yearbook: *Students should initially choose other electives choices. Students must submit an application and interview. Applications will be available on Elective Night (February 6, 2014).*

Step III. ALTERNATE ELECTIVES: List 3 Semester Elective alternates in order of preference. Alternates will be used if a student's first choice is unavailable. Full Year Electives may not be selected as Alternate Electives.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The Registration Process (Online through PAC and SAC)

- Course Selections Sheets (Given to all Collins and Wilkerson Students)
  - Extras were given to each intermediate school and will be available online
- Due February 15 to intermediate teachers
- Placement into Academics
  - Testing at Intermediates for Math Placement
  - Evaluate students based on recommended standards
  - Students should choose appropriate core classes based on past academic performance (STAAR scores, report card grades, and placement tests for math)
- Course Verification Sheets
  - Not a schedule or guarantee

Considerations when choosing classes

- Choosing a class is a commitment for the year
  - Please review your child's course verifications in PAC or SAC. If changes are needed please email your child's counselor
    - Mike McCune (A-F) mmccune@conroeisd.net
    - Kristina Spencer (G-N) kespencer@conroeisd.net
    - Jenny Wheeler (O-Z) jwheeler@conroeisd.net
  - **May 1 deadline**

- We will not be able to change schedules
  - Hire proper staff for children based on requests
  - Equalize class size for all children's learning
  - Availability

- **The final deadline for Knox JHS is May 1**

Adventure into Academics

Core subject Information

Required Courses – 7th grade – level or Pre AP

- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Texas History
- Physical Education (Boys & Girls Athletics, Boys & Girls Cross Country, Gingham Girls, Color Guard, Cheer, or Private P.E. substitute for a P.E. class on campus)
- Electives – Multiple choices

Semester and Final Exams

- All classes will take semester exams in December and May/June
- The exams are usually cumulative
- The exam will count 10% of the semester average
- Exams for Algebra, Geometry, Spanish, Health, Comm. App. count 15% (high school credit)

Enrichment Classes

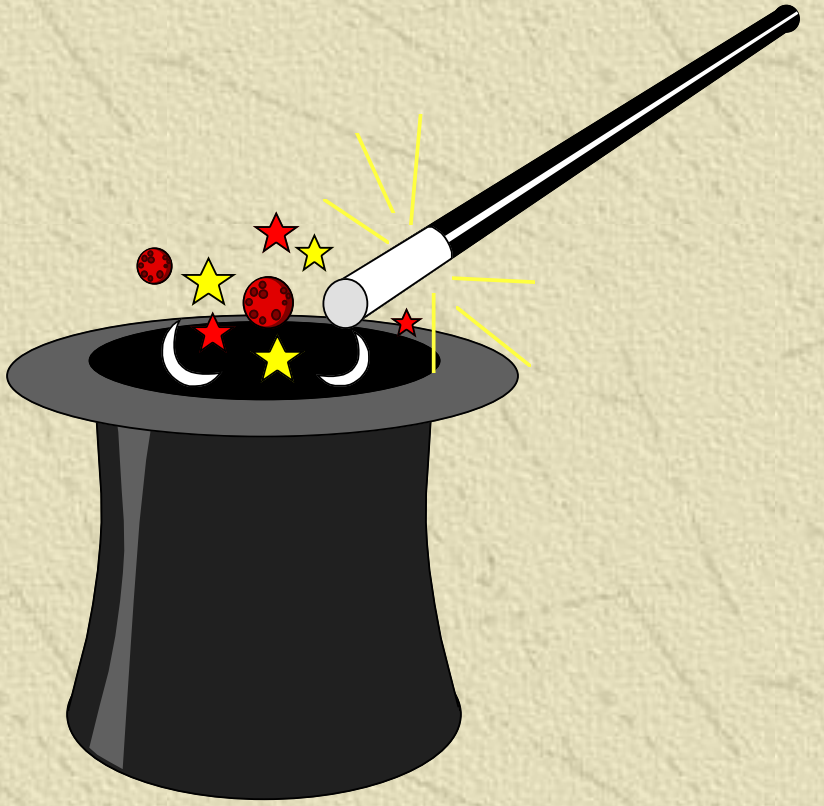
- All students will be reviewed over the summer
- Students needing assistance will be placed in a Reading and or Math Enrichment Classes
- Previous years will be examined as well
- Students not passing the Reading and Math STAAR assessment in 8th grade may not be going on to 9th grade.

Special Education Services

- Small Group/IEP instruction – Math, Language Arts
- Life Skills
- Support Facilitator in general education classes
- Monitoring Teachers
- Staffings and ARD's
- Pam Hollis is our Special Ed. Dept. Chair phollis@conroeisd.net
- Tammy Clark is our Diagnostician tclark@conroeisd.net

Guiding Knights

- Knox Transition Days
- Character Ed. Program
  - Men of Character
  - Ladies of Honor
- Knight School
- Tutorials
- Mentor Program
- Counselors



Looking ahead to High School…

What AP Courses are offered at College Park High School?

- Art History
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Chinese Language
- Computer Science A
- English Language
- English Literature
- Environmental Science
- European History
- French Language
- French Literature
- German Language
- Government: United States
- Human Geography
- Japanese Language
- Macroeconomics
- Music Theory
- Physics C
- Psychology
- Spanish Language
- Spanish Literature
- Statistics
- Studio Art: 2D Design
- Studio Art: 3D Design
- Studio Art: Drawing
- United States History
- World History

Junior High Pre-AP

- **We offer Pre-AP courses as an option for *all* students – not just GT**
- **Prepares students for high school Advanced Placement (AP) courses**

Pre-AP

- Requires more independent study
- Student needs to be a doer and a thinker
- A student who is challenged and doing his/her personal best with a B is successful!
- Organization
- Work ethic
- Desire
- One Year Commitment

SCIENCE

Level	**Pre-AP**
Homework 1 hr per week (on average)	Homework Class: 1-2 hrs per week (on average) ISP: 2-3 hrs per week (on average)
More class time is spent teaching curriculum	Curriculum is covered at an accelerated pace

SCIENCE

Level

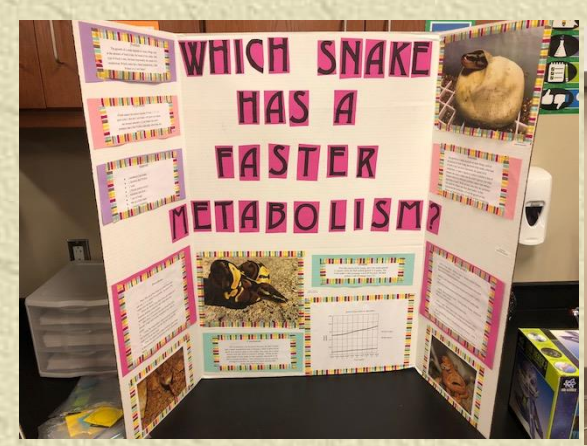
Projects are completed in school during class time but can be finished as homework

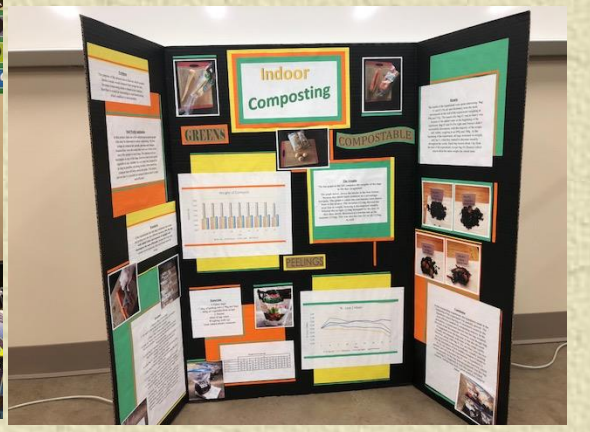
Pre-AP

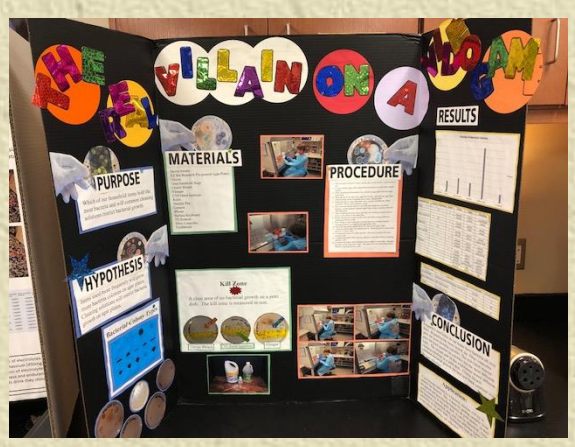
- Independent Study Project (ISP)
- Science Fair or EDC (robotics)
- The projects spans the beginning of September until February
- All ISP projects are completed outside of school
- Science Fair is an individual project and EDC teams requires 2-3 participants
- The first three 9-week grading periods include 1-2 major grades based on the project
- Students need to have 7th grade level reading, writing and technology skills

Example ISP Projects

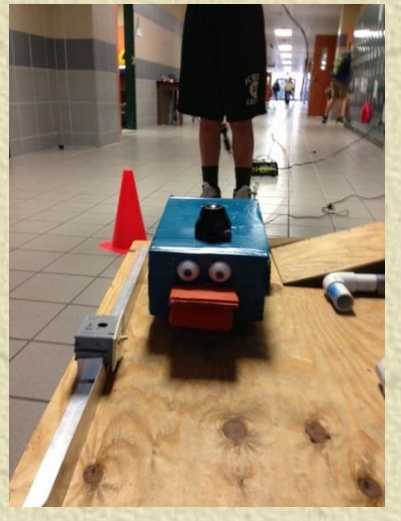
Science Fair







EDC



Is MY Student Capable of Taking These Courses?

- **If he/she is willing to put in the time and energy necessary**
- **Different students have different strengths. Some excel in science, others in art. There's a place for both students. Capitalize on those <u>strengths.</u>**

Math Placement

- 7th Grade placement is dictated by which level a student is currently enrolled in
  - Accelerated (covers most of the 7th Grade curriculum) advances to Pre-AP Pre-Alg.
  - Level (covers 6th Grade Curriculum) advances to 7th Grade Level
- Three examples that apply to all 7th Graders
  - **Level** (7th Grade Math 7201)
  - **One Year advanced** (7th Grade Pre-Algebra Pre AP 7205)
  - **Two Years advanced** (Algebra I J162)

Math Success Factors

- **Unlike the other disciplines, hard work alone in math may *not* always ensure success**
- ***Involves math knowledge and mental math maturity***

District Math Progression (Level)

Majority **of Students**

- **6th Grade - Level Math**
- **7th Grade – 7th Math**
- **8th Grade - Pre-Algebra**
- **9th Grade - Algebra**
- **10th Grade - Geometry**
- **11th Grade - Algebra II**
- **12th Grade – Pre-Calculus/College Alg.**

(Advanced 1 year) *Accelerated Students (Still Requires 4 years of High School Math)*

- **6th Grade- Accelerated Math (*7th grade Math*)**
- **7th Grade – Pre-Algebra Pre-AP**
- **8th Grade – Algebra Pre-AP (High School)**
- **9th Grade - Geometry**
- **10th Grade - Algebra II**
- **11th Grade - Pre-Calculus**
- **12th Grade – Calculus/AP Stats**

District Math Sequence (Advanced 2 years) V*ery Few* Students (*(Still Requires 4 years of High School Math)*

- **Must have passed 8th grade math through credit by exam or take the summer accelerated course.**
- **7th Grade – Algebra Pre-AP (High School)**
- **8th Grade – Geometry Pre-AP (High School)**
- **9th Grade - Algebra II**
- **10th Grade – Pre-AP Pre-Calculus/AP Statistics I**
- **11th Grade – Pre-AP Pre-Calculus**
- **12th Grade – Calculus AB/BC**

Math Placement Exams

- Pre Alg. Placement Exam
  - Level Students recommended score 70 or above to qualify for Pre AP Pre Alg. (For Level Students it stops right here)
  - Accelerated Students are recommended to score 70 or above to be eligible to take Alg. Readiness
- Credit by Exam for 7th graders wanting to take Pre-AP Highschool Credit Algebra

Advancing from 6th grade Level to 7th grade Pre-AP Pre-Alg.

For a student to move from sixth grade Level Math to Pre-AP Pre-Algebra, students are recommended to meet all of the following criteria:

- **90 average in sixth grade Level Math**
- **Minimum of 70% on the C.I.S.D. Readiness Exam for entrance into Pre- Algebra Pre-AP**
- **Final Level II or Level III on STAAR Math in 5th or 6th grade**
- **We will review common assessments given throughout their 5th and 6th grade year.**
- **Remember that your child will be skipping an entire grade level of math**
- **We will make a decision together .**

How do I know my kids placement test score?

- **The intermediate math teachers will share with parents/guardians the results of their readiness exams.**
- **This information can be used by parents/guardians to help decide the level of math placement and commitment for the year they want for their child.**

Advancing from 6th grade Accelerated Math to Algebra I

- Students cannot skip two years of Math. For example, a student cannot go from Level math in 6th grade to high school algebra in 7th grade.
- Must first earn credit for 8th grade Math according to the state
- Students can earn this credit either by:
  - Credit by Examination
  - Acceleration Initial Credit summer school program

Alg. I

Algebra I is a High School Credit that will appear on your child's High School Transcript, but will not be a factor in their GPA

The Algebra at Knox is Pre-AP Alg. I

Pre-AP vs. Level

- **Student initiated learning with emphasis on strong work ethic**
- **More depth and complexity**
- **Consistent use of higher level thinking skills**

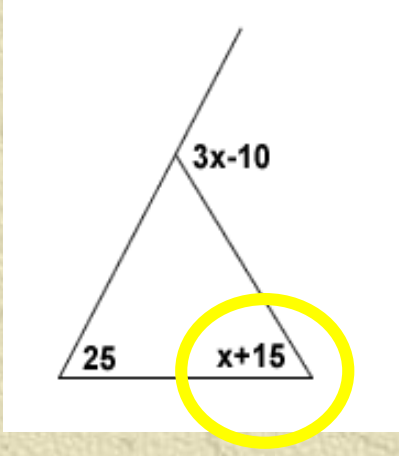
The purpose of a Pre AP course is to prepare students for college-level experienced in AP classes

- Student-initiated learning with an emphasis on strong work ethic
- Rigorous academic content requiring reading proficiency
- More depth and complexity
- Application of content strategies
- Consistent use of higher-level thinking skills

Examples

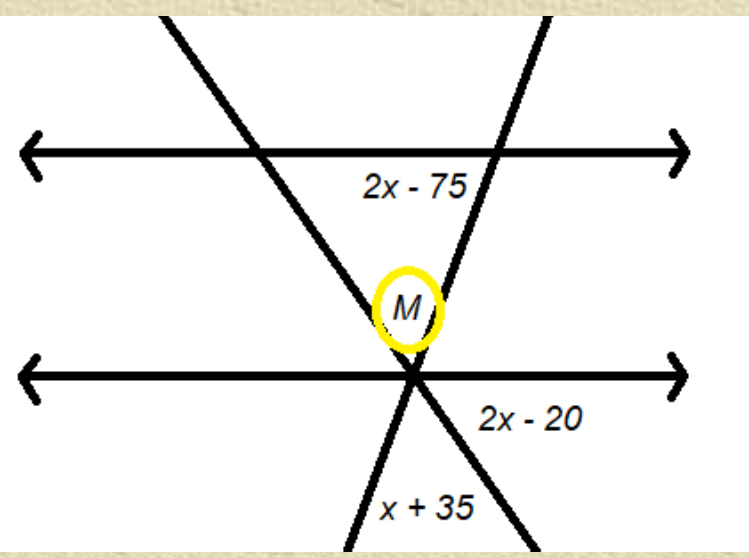
Level Pre-Algebra

$2x - 6 = 4x + 10$



Pre-AP Pre-Algebra

$$\frac{3}{5}x + \frac{7}{10}x - 4 = \frac{4}{5}x - 2$$



Electives

A Taste of Adventure

Elective Choices (Info Night Feb. 5)

- Art I
- Music Appreciation
- Exploring Career Connections
- Computer Applications
- Technology I
- Exploring Languages
- Teen Leadership I&II
- Theater Arts I
- Theater Arts II
- Human Services
- TV broadcasting
- Yearbook
- Health (8th only)
- Comm. App. (8th Only)
- Spanish I (8TH only)
- Art II (8th Only)

Spanish I

- 1-Year program (8th only)
- Will receive one elective high school credit after completing the two years
- Will count as a foreign language credit in high school
- Students must earn an 85 average in their 7th grade Language Arts class

Fine Arts

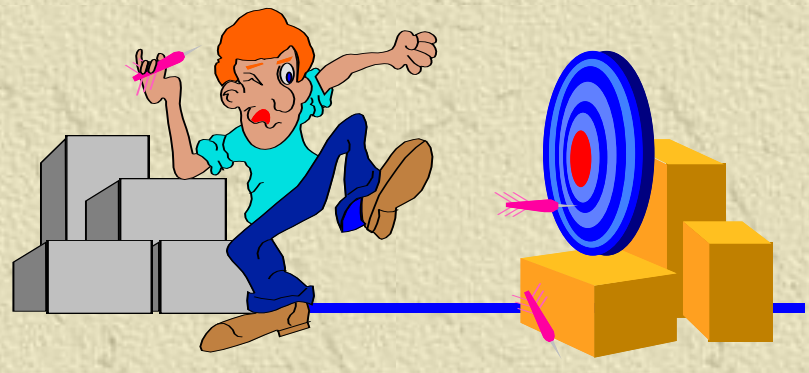
- Band
- Choir
- Orchestra
- Theater
  - CP Sound of Music

Each of these courses fills two elective slots – one in the Fall and one in the Spring.

Directors will visit intermediates to make placements

<u>Commitment</u> for the year.

Athletics (Presentation Feb.5)



- Volleyball
- Football
- Basketball
- Cross Country

Before or after school only:

- Track
- Golf
- Tennis
- Soccer

Athletics

- Attend Athletic Info meeting held at intermediates during PE classes in March
- Athletic information meeting Feb 5 (Elective Information Night)
- Physical required **(Turn in to Coaches only!)**
- Birth Certificate (copy)
- ***<u>Commitment for the year</u>***

Athletic Timelines

- Must have a physical for tryouts/participation
- Volleyball try-outs first week of school
- Football equipment pick-up mid-August
- Cross Country – no tryouts, but students need to “like” to run long distance
- Basketball tryouts in November
- Track, soccer, tennis, golf in the Spring semester before or after school

Private PE

- Applications and guidelines for 2019-20 will be on the CISD website soon. https://apps.conroeisd.net/physedoffsite/
- 5+ hours per week can substitute for P.E. only if student takes band, choir, or orchestra, (no early release)
- 15+ hours per week will allow for early release at 3:00 pm (7th Period)

Spirit/Performing Groups

- Cheerleaders
- Gingham Girls
- Color Guard
- All Three Count for PE Credit
- Packets will be delivered to the intermediates

Clubs

- Athletic
  - Golf
  - Tennis
  - Soccer
  - Intramurals
- Service
  - Campus Watch
  - Reading Buddies
- Activity
  - Drama
  - Science
  - Astronomy
  - Chess
  - Student Council
  - Robotics
  - Yearbook
  - DI
  - FCS
  - Fishing Club
  - Any Club you want!!!! (Find a Knox staff member to Sponsor)

Information to Help

A Guide to Success

Important Dates

- Feb. 5 - Elective Information Night/Parent Help Session 6:00 pm
- Feb. 21 Wilkerson/Feb. 26 Collins - Course Request Data Input
- Early April - Course Verification Sheets sent home
- Band/Choir/ Orchestra auditions in March
- **Schedule Change Deadlines: May 1**
- Student Orientations Mid August

Student Orientation

We will have student orientation mid-August.

- **Opportunity to:**
  - **Receive books**
  - **Receive lockers**
  - **Receive schedules**
  - **Locate classes**
  - **PTA Information – selling school supplies**
  - **Bus Information**
  - **Athletic Information**

Immunization Requirements to Start School on August 25th for the Texas Education Agency

- Incoming Seventh Grade Required Immunizations
- Parents of current sixth graders: Please make sure your student is prepared for seventh grade by ensuring his/her immunizations are current. All seventh graders are required to have a Tetanus booster, Meningitis, and Chicken Pox booster BY THE FIRST DAY OF SEVENTH GRADE. If your student has already received the vaccines, please have the nurse on your current campus update the record.

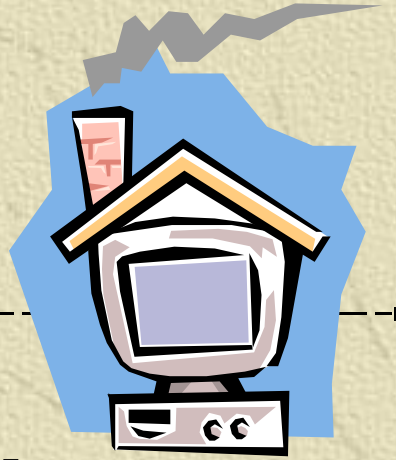
What to expect the first day of school

- Longer than usual lines of traffic
- Later Bus runs. The Jr. Highs are the last of three bus runs.
- Students will report to alpha home rooms the first few days of school (posters will be in the hallway to direct students to the proper room)
- Paper work sent home to return the second day of school
- Schedule changes will be made the first week of school if needed
- We will have a normal lunch schedule and expect all lines to be open
- Teachers will be in the hallways to help with locker combinations, give directions and assist any way they can.

Communication

- E-Mail – Easiest, Quickest
  - Teacher e-mail addresses are listed on the left green column of our website.
- Agendas – Hold students responsible
- Knox Web page
- Weekly Newsletters
- Parent Conferences – welcomed / recommended as needed (During Teachers Conf. Period)

Parent Access



- CISD Homepage – sign up now (Parent/Student; Receive Electronic Communication – enter your email and select Knox as the campus) *http://www.conroeisd.net/student-parent/pac.asp*
- Access child's report card
- Information about academics, behavior, etc.
- Newsletters e-mailed home when you register.

Parent Access

- Free opportunity to view grades, attendance, discipline, STAAR, etc.
  – Supplements planner
- This system will literally email you every time your child receives a grade in the Grade Book if you select for it to do so.
- View on computer, droid, iPhone, iPad, tablet, etc…

FAQ's

Cell Phones?

– Can have them, but no taking pictures or video allowed

Clinic?

Kids need to go to the clinic when they do not feel well.

- Please do not come get your child when they self-diagnose themselves with Scurvy or Beriberi in the bathroom or hallway.
- Turn in all meds to clinic…. Do not send them with your child
- Immunization Updates T-Dap & MCV4
- Update Info Snap

• Nurse Hoyt will contact you

FAQ's Cont…

Lost and Found?

- Located behind the stage
- Theft of electronic devices…
  - What usually really happens
    - Kids leave locker open and/or rigged
    - Phone on the floor, cafeteria table, or bench
- Name on items is invaluable

• We have enough Lost & Found Items to start a small Wal-Mart

How Parents Make the Difference!

- Talk to your student
- Have a PAC Account
- **Know where they are and why (Where's my Phone APP)**
- Be aware of what they should be doing academically
- Talk with or e-mail teachers if you have a question or concern
- Check and make sure all homework is complete
- Read Student Handbook and Code of Conduct – know school rules/practices/policies
- Look for Progress Reports – every 3 wks (In PAC)
- Hold students responsible for their actions (behaviorally and academically)
- Monitor their Cell Phones and Computers
- Junior High Students are at a very impressionable age…spend quality time so you are making the most impression. You are the best and first educator of your child!

PTO (Knox Rox Feb. 22)

- Volunteer
- Appreciate the help!
- Campus Enhancement
- PTO
- Student Orientation
- Socials
- PTO sells school supplies during orienta[illegible] have internet pre-sales.

All Means All

- Our school expectations are that every kid can be successful and has a bright future.
- We care about your child and hire people who do the same.

Knox
Junior High School

Thanks for coming and

have a great evening!