



# KCHS News

## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

As we approach the end of the first semester, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a wonderful semester it has been. From academic achievements to extracurricular successes, our students have shown incredible dedication and growth. With just a few weeks left, I encourage everyone to stay focused and finish strong—your hard work truly pays off. The second semester will be here before we know it, and it promises to be just as exciting and fast-paced. In the meantime, I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving filled with joy, gratitude, and time well spent with loved ones.

Daniel Beck



# Upcoming Events

## MAPS TESTING

KCHS 9th and 10th graders will be taking a MAP® Growth™ test from NWEA®. MAPGrowth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth.

The testing window for our school is December 17th-January 17th.

Teachers use results to tailor classroom lessons and set goals for students. MAP Growth tests are unique and adapt to your child's responses to measure your child's knowledge. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of where your child is on their learning journey—regardless of whether they are on, above, or below their grade level.

Each school year, students in grades 9th and 10th take the tests in the fall, winter and spring. Following each testing period, you will receive a Family Report showing a summary of how your child is performing academically.

If a parent wishes to Opt-Out of Testing they will need to fill out the digital Opt-Out form in their PowerSchool Portal. Paper forms will no longer be valid.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 28th and 29th- Thanksgiving- No School

December 3rd- Marching Band Information Meeting 6pm

December 10th- Site Council 5:00pm

December 10th- Winter Choir Concert at 6:00pm

December 11th- Student of the Month Lunch

December 12th- KCHS/KMS Band Concert and Dessert Auction at 6:00pm

December 13th- Early Release

December 17th and 18th- MAPS Math Testing

December 23rd- January 6th- Winter Break

January 6th- Inservice

January 7th- 2nd Semester Begins- S1 Eligibility Check

January 7th-9th- MAPS Language Arts Testing for 9th and 10th grade

January 10th- Senior pictures due

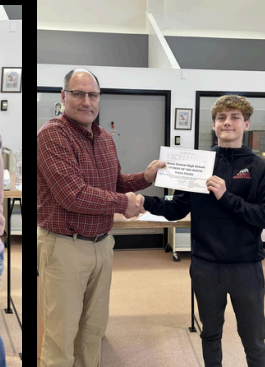
January 17th- Early Release

For all upcoming KCHS events please visit our school [Calendar](#).

# Kardinal Pride

## Student of the Month for September

Carter Felchle  
 P.J. Matulin  
 Alan Hack  
 Sabella Christoffersen  
 Afton Roberts  
 Lilly Gray  
 Ellee Pancoast  
 Jan Lehmborg  
 Ari Hensley  
 Levi Battiest  
 Kaya Lanman  
 Ximena Gonzelez  
 Alex Harrison  
 Tristan Rogers  
 Diego Huerta  
 Ty Morris  
 Grace Kahn  
 Alyssa Walker  
 Luis Saravia  
 Shawn Bultsma



## Student of the Month for October

Dakota Wisniewski  
 Karina Brencce  
 Caitlyn Eskelin  
 Jackson Tailiesin  
 Tylann Green  
 Franchesca Wingster  
 Emma Castimore  
 Willow Graham  
 Nakita Epps  
 Davis Deese  
 Claire Pellegroni  
 Jadon Rioux  
 Marcus Wong  
 Madyson Martin  
 Alicia Elias  
 Enrique Mercado  
 Tyler Van Sky  
 Kaden Bee  
 Mrs. Fitzsimmons



# Kardinal News

## ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Sports schedules can be found here-  
MAXPREPS

December 4th- Basketball Cheer Begins  
Coach- Katie Kilfoyle- [kathleenkilfoyle@outlook.com](mailto:kathleenkilfoyle@outlook.com)

December 4th- Girls Basketball Begins  
Coach- Jacob Songer- [jsonger@kpbsd.k12.ak.us](mailto:jsonger@kpbsd.k12.ak.us)

December 4th- Boys Basketball Begins  
Coach- Nolan Rose- [nrose@kpbsd.k12.ak.us](mailto:nrose@kpbsd.k12.ak.us)

All students must have a current physical on file to attend practices.

Contact our Athletic Director, Jesse Settlemyer, with any sports questions at  
[jsettlemyer@kpbsd.k12.ak.us](mailto:jsettlemyer@kpbsd.k12.ak.us)

## SPRIT WEEK

November 25-27



11/25- Mello Monday- wear pajamas to school

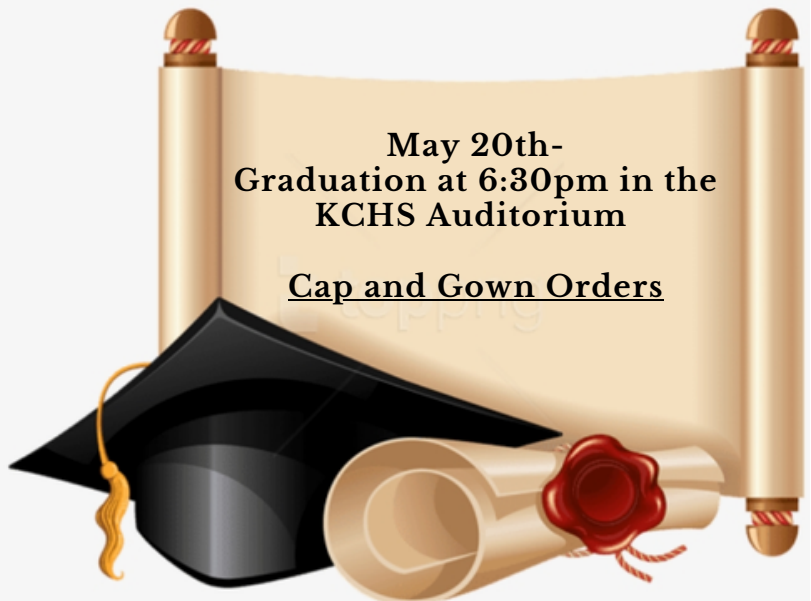
11/26- Jersey Tuesday- rep your favorite sport teams jersey

11/27- White Lie Wednesday - wear a white lie on a white t-shirt

**SCHOOL DRESS CODE APPLIES**

May 20th-  
Graduation at 6:30pm in the  
KCHS Auditorium

Cap and Gown Orders



**FEBRUARY 17TH -  
MAKE UP SNOW DAY  
FOR NO SCHOOL ON  
OCTOBER 29TH.**

# Counselor Corner

The 2025-26 FAFSA is scheduled to be open and available for students and parents December 1, 2024. The FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The FAFSA is free and gives students access to the largest source of student aid. Aid is available through the federal government in the form of grants, work-study funds, and loans. Students must complete the FAFSA to be eligible for the funds. According to the Federal Student Aid website: "The eligibility for federal student aid is based on financial need and on several other factors such as U.S. citizenship, enrollment in an eligible program, satisfactory academic progress in college, and more. There is no such thing as an income cut-off for federal aid. Eligibility is based on a number of factors. No student should assume that they won't qualify for federal aid. Filling out the FAFSA is the only way to truly find out. Additionally, the FAFSA is also an application for state and school aid as well. Many schools won't consider a student for their aid (even merit based) unless the student submits a FAFSA form."

Below I have included information directly from the Federal Student Aid site. The 2025-26 FAFSA Preview Presentation takes you screen by screen through the entire FAFSA. I have included this as google slides and PDF versions. An area students and parents can find complicated is who is considered a "parent" or "contributor" to the student. The link at the bottom walks you through determining who will be the contributor on a student's FAFSA form.

[2025-26 FAFSA Preview Presentation Google Slide Show](#)

[2025-26 FAFSA Preview Presentation PDF](#)

\*the PDF has not been edited where as the Google Slides has with additional information. I will include below:

-If a student selects "Yes" to the question of Homelessness under Personal Circumstances there may be additional information their desired college/university/trade school will need.

-Under the Select Colleges and Career Schools area for Students, a student can add or subtract schools at any time.

Who counts as a parent on the FAFSA form?

The above information helps students and parents determine who should fill out the parent contributor portion of the FAFSA.

We know the FAFSA can be confusing and overwhelming so please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.



**The Senior Scholarship Folder is due February 26, 2025 at 12:00pm.**

**Late submissions will not be accepted.**

**Counselors will also be presenting this information to seniors before winter break for any questions regarding the process.**

**Please make sure to check out the KCHS Counselors' Corner. It is updated regularly with Counseling news and scholarships.**

# Tech Skills for the Young Professional

Tech Skills for the Young Professional is a primer for high school juniors and seniors interested in exploring today's office career opportunities and getting off to the right start. If you are new to computers, keyboarding, and are interested in working in an office setting or learning the tech skills needed for success in postsecondary education, this course is the place to start.

## When:

January 21–April 15  
2025

## Instructional Delivery Model:

This course consists of a minimum of **60 hours of training delivered over 24 scheduled sessions**. A session consists of a live 1-hour synchronous video conference (Zoom) followed by 1 to 2 hours of asynchronous/anytime activities. Students will participate in two live Zoom sessions weekly on Tue/Thu (1:30-2:30 pm). **A Windows-based desktop/laptop PC and the desktop version of Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint are required.**

## Topics:

- Keyboarding
- Computer Basics
- Windows Basics
- Operating Hardware & Troubleshooting
- Cybersecurity
- MS Word Basics
- MS Excel Basics
- MS PowerPoint Basics
- MS Outlook Basics
- Office Career Explorations

**Cost: \$585 \$185\***

\*Tuition Reduced Due to Perkins Grant Funds



[Register here](#)

**Spot is not guaranteed until paid in full. For more information or to make a payment, contact admissions at (907) 224-3322 or [admissions@avtec.edu](mailto:admissions@avtec.edu)**

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