



KCHS News

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Welcome back to Kenai Central! It has been great having our students back in the building and seeing the energy they bring to our school. We are off to a good start, and I'm looking forward to what this school year will bring.

As we get into the routine of the year, please make sure you are checking PowerSchool regularly. It is a good way to keep up with your student's grades, attendance, schedule, and other important information. If you have trouble accessing your account, give the office a call and we will be happy to help.

We know that a successful school year takes all of us, students, families, teachers, and staff working together. If you have a question or concern, please reach out. We want to make sure our students have what they need to be successful.

Thank you for being part of the Kenai Central community. We are excited for the year ahead and all the opportunities it will bring our students.

Go Cardinals!
Daniel Beck
Principal
Kenai Central High School

STUDENT LUNCH INFORMATION

A new Free & Reduced-Price Meal application must be completed each school year. If your family qualified in previous years, you still need to submit a new application for the 2026-2027 school year. Completing the application helps determine if your student qualifies for free or reduced-price meals and may provide access to other benefits as well.

Please take a few minutes to complete your application. If you have questions or need help with the paperwork, please contact the school office. We are happy to help!

Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

September 7 – Labor Day — No School

September 9 – Senior Sunrise

September 11 – Early Release

September 14–18 – Spirit Week

September 14 – Eligibility Check

September 17 – Homecoming Assembly

September 18 – Homecoming Bonfire

September 19 – Homecoming Dance | 8:00–11:00 PM

OCTOBER

October 7 – KCHS Choir Concert at 7:00 PM

October 12 – College Fair at SOHI

October 13 – Picture Retakes

October 14 – Student of the Month Lunch

October 16 – No School — In-Service Day

October 19 – Q1 Eligibility Check

October 19 – Honor Choir in Homer

October 20 – Honor Choir Concert at 6:00pm in Homer

October 23 – Early Release

October 29 – No School — Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 30 – No School — In-Service Day

KCHS 9th and 10th Grade MAPS Testing Dates

September 1–3 – MAPS Testing: Reading & Language Arts

September 8–9 – MAPS Testing: Math

September 14–17 – Make-Up Testing

Kardinal News

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

The first round of fall sports is officially underway, and our Cardinals are out there competing, working hard, and representing KCHS!
The second round of fall/Winter sports starts soon!

September 9th-Fall E Sports-Matt Cross-mcross@kpbsd.k12.ak.us

October 2nd- Wrestling- Jason Chavarria-hialeah39@gmail.com

October 16th- Hockey- Steve Hallam- steven.c.hallam@gmail.com

October 30th- Nordic Ski- Kristin Davis- Kdavis2@kpbsd.k12.ak.us

SCHEDULES AND LIVESTREAM INFO-

KCHS SCHEDULES: FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL, BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL, BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER, GIRLS SOFTBALL, BOYS BASEBALL SCHEDULES ARE ON MAXPREPS @
[HTTPS://WWW.MAXPREPS.COM/AK/KENAI /KENAI-CENTRAL-KARDINALS/](https://www.maxpreps.com/ak/kenai/kenai-central-kardinals/)

KCHS FREE LIVESTREAM: ED HOLLIER FIELD AND CLIFFE MASSE COURT @
<https://fan.hudl.com/usa/ak/kenai/organization/20747/kenai-peninsula-boro-high-school>



Kardinal Homecoming

Friday, September 18th-Parade, Powderpuff & Bonfire

Join us for a night full of school spirit!

Festivities kick off at 6:00 PM and wrap up at 9:00 PM.

Parade Route: 6:00 PM

Starting at the AIH parking lot → Left on Tern Ave → Left on Walker → Continue on Lawton to the football field

Powderpuff Football Game:

Right after the parade, head to the football stands and cheer on our teams!

Bonfire:

The Bonfire will start at halftime of the PowderPuff game and go until it is out!

Homecoming Dance Guest Information

Ticket Sales Begin: Monday of Homecoming Week

Tickets: \$10 each

Guest Info:

Any student enrolled at another school must be signed up as a guest. This includes students who take a class or participate in sports at KCHS but are officially enrolled elsewhere.

Jump Start and Middle College students are considered full-time KCHS students. All guest must fill out the Dance Guest Form.

Guest Ticket Limit:

Only 75 guest tickets are available this year. Tickets are first-come, first-served. Once 75 guests are approved, no additional guests will be allowed.

Guests are approved once their Dance Guest Form has been received and reviewed by the office.

Ticket Sales Deadline:

All ticket sales will end at 2:15 PM on Thursday, September 17th.

Saturday, September 19th

Homecoming Dance

Commons

8:00–11:00 PM

Doors close at 9:00 PM — NO late entry!

Tickets: \$10 each

Reminder: No coats or bags are allowed inside.

MAMMA MIA! SPIRIT WEEK

MONDAY - SWEET DREAMS

Pajama Day

Start the week cozy and comfortable!

TUESDAY - DANCING QUEENS

Triplet Day

Grab your friends and dress alike!

WEDNESDAY - WEDDING GUEST DAY

Dress like you're headed to a Greek island wedding!

THURSDAY - GREEK OUT

Bright Blues & Pastels

Bring the colors of the Greek islands to KCHS!

FRIDAY - BEACH DAY

Hawaiian shirts, sunglasses, beach vibes, and summer fun!



LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

KCHS Student Council has been busy building school spirit and preparing for an exciting Homecoming! Students are working together to plan activities that strengthen our school community while also learning how to effectively represent student voice, communicate ideas, and feedback with administration. Through these experiences, students are developing valuable skills in leadership, collaboration, and communication.

Student Body Officers:

Caroline Karpik - President
Elijah Pancoast - Vice President
Selah Coots - Secretary
Joshua Bolling - Treasurer

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Kenai Central High School

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- Answer fun memory questions to help remember the year.
- Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages are just \$1.99.

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1. Go to treering.com/validate
2. Enter our school's passcode: 1015513835903375



Welcome BACK SENIORS!

CLASS OF 2027



Welcome students and families to the final first semester of high school! I am looking forward to this year spent with the class of 2027 as we celebrate milestones and plan for the future together.

Maria Riedel-KCHS 10th and 12th Grade Counselor

HELP YOUR SENIOR

Senior year can be one of excitement and anxiety as students and families plan for the next steps. Here are some tips for the process:

- Know what classes your students need to graduate at KCHS and continue to monitor grades.
- Talk about options for next year: College/University, Trade School, Military, etc.
- Look at and discuss costs.
- Meet with your School Counselor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sept. 1 8 AM:** Deadline for schedule changes.
- **Sept. 2:** Rep. from the Army at lunch.
- **Sept. 7:** Labor Day. No School.
- **Sept. 9:** Rep. from U. Alaska Fairbanks at lunch.
- **Sept. 11:** Early release.
- **Sept. 18:** SAT Deadline for Oct. 3 Test @SOHI
- **Sept. 18:** 9th Grade Check. Bonfire
- **Sept. 19:** Homecoming Dance
- **Oct. 1:** FAFSA opens
- **Oct. 12:** College and Career Fair @SOHI

RESOURCES

Throughout the year, I will be going into classes to work with seniors on their post-high school options with topics including:

- College/University, Trade/Vocational School, Military, Workforce
- How to complete applications
- Understanding Financial Aid and Scholarships

The KCHS counseling department has created a website where a variety of information is available for students and families. Please explore the link below.

<https://sites.google.com/g.kpbsd.org/kenaicentralhighschool/home>

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Dear Parents:

Should an emergency situation ever arise in our area while school is in session, we want you to be aware that schools have made preparations to respond effectively. Should we have a major earthquake or other emergency during school hours, your child will be cared for at school. Training in emergency action procedures is mandatory for all school personnel. Your cooperation is essential. Please post the following information to be referred to in the event of an emergency:

1. Do not telephone the school. Telephone lines may be needed for emergency communication.
2. Emergency contact information for your child(ren) is critical. In the event of an emergency, students will be kept at their schools until they are picked up by an adult listed on their Student Registration Form. It is imperative that this form be kept current. Please consider the following criteria when authorizing another person to pick up your child(ren):
 - They must be at least 18 years of age
 - They are usually home during the day
 - They could walk to school if necessary
 - They are known to your child(ren)
 - They are both aware and able to assume this responsibility

3. It is important the sign-out process be followed. We want to avoid sending emergency responders into a dangerous situation when a student might have just left without checking out.

4. Turn your radio to KPEN 102.3 FM, KWAVE 104.9 AM, KSRM 920 AM, KBBI 890 AM or KDLL 91.9 FM for emergency announcements.

In the event of a major emergency, your district schools will need the assistance of community members. Supplies will be needed to provide for the children, and volunteers will be needed to assist with clean-up and the care and shelter of the children until they are picked up by a designated family member or friend. We would encourage you to consider the possibility of serving as an emergency volunteer. If you are interested, please contact your child(ren)'s school. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Will Chervenak
Assistant Principal

Kenai Central High School

HOME OF THE KARDINALS



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street, Soldotna, Alaska 99669

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Parents/Guardians/Students

FROM: Kevin Lyon, Planning and Operations Director

DATE: Fall, 2026

SUBJECT: AHERA School Management Plans

As mandated by Federal Regulation 40 CFR PART 763, known as AHERA (the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, enacted in 1987), local educational agencies must notify parents/guardians/students in writing each school year about the existence and location of AHERA School Management Plans for each school building within their jurisdiction.

Currently, copies of all AHERA School Management Plans are located at the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District's Central Office and at the Kenai Peninsula Borough Maintenance Office. Each school's administrative office also maintains a copy of the individual AHERA Management Plan for that school. AHERA Management Plans may be inspected at any of these sites.

Your school, Kenai Central High School, has been inspected for the presence of asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM), and some building materials were found to contain asbestos. None of the identified ACBM poses a health hazard to occupants of the building when left undisturbed and properly managed in place. The Borough Maintenance Department regularly inspects and monitors the condition of all identified ACBM in the facility.

In the past twelve months, the following AHERA-related actions have taken place regarding this facility:

1. Annual updates of AHERA Management Plan records.
2. Asbestos awareness refresher training provided for school staff, custodians and maintenance workers (required once each school year);
3. On-going communication of the presence of ACBM to visiting contractors and utility workers (required at the start of each site visit);
4. Use of operations and maintenance practices by school staff, custodians and maintenance workers to avoid or minimize disturbance of ACBM;
5. Every 6 months, a periodic inspection of all known ACBM;
6. Removal of the following ACBM by certified asbestos abatement workers:

December-Removed less than 1 sq. ft. of vinyl asbestos tile and mastic from rm. V2

July- 18 sq. ft. vinyl asbestos tile and black mastic removed from the commons area for locker replacement.

If you have any questions concerning the AHERA School Management Plans or asbestos-related activities at your school, as the designated Local Education Agency's Asbestos Coordinator, I can be contacted at the School District's Central Office or phone (907) 714-8875.



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of Superintendent

Clayton Holland, Superintendent

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Phone (907) 714-8888

Dear Parent(s), Guardian(s), and Students:

Each school day over 8,000 students attend our 39 schools. While at school, the safety and security of your child(ren) is always our number one priority. As a way to ensure this, the school district and the borough have installed security cameras at your child(ren)'s school. This letter is written to advise you that the cameras are located in public areas inside and outside of the school buildings. Please note that no cameras are placed in areas where students, staff, or community members have a reasonable expectation of privacy, e.g., a bathroom or a locker room.

School security is the main purpose for the cameras. However, recordings may be used in disciplinary proceedings. In addition, matters captured by the cameras may be referred to local law enforcement, as appropriate.

For more information, view [Board Policy 3515](#) School Safety and Security.

Please feel free to contact your school principal with questions regarding the cameras.

Sincerely,

Clayton Holland
Superintendent