

# KENAI MIDDLE NEWSLETTER

January | 2023

Welcome to 2023.....

Amazing as it may seem we just started the last semester of the school year. As we enter this semester, I would like to encourage every parent to help keep their children focused on school. Winter seems to get long this time of the year, and students need to be encouraged to stay involved in school activities and homework. Research has shown that students who attend school on time and have regular attendance perform much better than their peers who have excessive tardies or unexcused absences. Parents and teachers have the same goal - to provide the best education for their children/students. Working together we can maximize the educational opportunities for every child. As always, I want to thank you for choosing KMS as a school for your child. As a team we can provide your student with a great environment for success.

To help break up the monotony of our long winter, KMS has a tradition of doing clubs. On five Wednesdays in January/February staff and students will be taking a break from the classroom the last hour of the day. Your son or daughter should have signed up for a club before the holiday break. Please ask them what club they signed up for. If they are new to the school or did not sign up for a club, please have them see the ladies at the office and we will get them signed up for a club. Clubs will start on Wednesday, January 18th.

January, February, and March are prime learning months. Staff will be pushing students to maximize their learning. We appreciate anything and everything you can do at home to assist your child in completing homework, studying nightly, getting plenty of sleep, and valuing a quality education. We value your educational partnership! Your child's success is our goal, and we can't reach that without your support and efforts.

As always, Kenai Middle School offers an After School Tutoring Program three nights a week. If you would like to have your child in the program, please contact the office at 283-1700. After school tutoring transportation is available to a few different locations in the community.

We will have a regular school day on January 16 and April 7. These two days are our snow make up days.

Additionally, we are scheduled for early releases on January 13 and February 10.

There will be no school on February 16th or 17th. Kenai Middle will be holding second semester parent-teacher conferences. Core teachers will be in the gym, and exploratory staff members will be in the cafeteria area.

Please take time to visit your child's classroom. We are thankful that some of our classrooms got new carpet installed over the holidays. We have recently upgraded our smartboards with more current Promethean boards. We also have removed the 1970 vintage chalk boards and installed new white boards. The borough painters are in our classrooms as we speak getting some fresh paint on the walls. Kenai Middle School has not looked so good in a long time.

Again, we look forward to working with you to provide a meaningful academic experience for your child. As always, we encourage you to communicate your concerns and comments.

Vaughn Dosko  
Principal, Kenai Middle School



## CLUBS

KMS has a long-standing tradition of Winter Clubs. Each Wednesday, for 5 weeks following Holiday Break, the Teachers and Staff offer an assortment of Clubs for students where they might learn a new skill or hobby.

Students will not be missing out on regular core or exploratory classes because each class period has been shortened five minutes to allow for a club period at the end of the day. This is an excellent opportunity for staff members to get to know different students in the building, while sharing some of their talents. Examples of some of the clubs offered are; Hockey, rock climbing, anime, volleyball, board games, crafts, tea & books and computer games.

Clubs start Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FIELD TRIPS

Mark your calendars! Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> will be an exciting day of learning for KMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. All 7<sup>th</sup> graders will head out to Island Lake for a day of ice fishing. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will head to Solid Rock for indoor/outdoor activities and field trip on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>!

Make sure your student has appropriate outdoor gear ready to go for these amazing opportunities!

## CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES IN THIS YEAR'S

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## AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

After school tutoring continues. Students will be recommended to this program by their teachers, and parents can also request their student be considered. There is limited space. Typically, afterschool tutoring takes place three days a week until 4pm. Limited bussing is available. Students accepted into the program are expected to attend everyday it is offered. Attendance will be taken. Students must remain in their study hall classroom and will not be permitted to roam the building.

Contact the KMS Office for more information 907-283-1700.



## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conferences are coming! There will be no school for students on February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for conference schedules and formats. If you are unable to attend conferences, please contact the school to schedule a conference with your teacher. We look forward to seeing you.

## SPELLING BEE

The KMS School Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>! Each Language Arts class will have preliminary bees, to select participants in the school wide bee!



## ALUMINUM CANS

Be prepared! Start saving your aluminum cans for Mini Courses. They occur at the end of the school year. Bringing in a large trash bag full of crushed cans gets your students the opportunity to choose mini courses before those students that do not bring cans! Please do not bring cans to school now, we will let you know when we will collect them!

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Battle of the Books is a game show style competition between teams of students from different schools, who have all read the same group of books and compete to answer the most correct questions about the books they read. Kenai Middle School has two teams entered in this year's Battle of the Books competition. Our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade team will compete on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade team will compete on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

# KENAI MIDDLE SCHOOL 2022 / 2023 SPORTS AT A GLANCE



## 7TH & 8TH GRADE

EVENT	BEGINNING DATE	ENDING DATE
X-Country Running	08/16/22	9/30/22
Soccer	08/16/22	10/01/22
Basketball (Intramurals)	10/03/22	10/21/22
Basketball (Competitive)	10/24/22	12/10/22
Volleyball (Intramurals)	01/04/23	01/20/23
Volleyball (Competitive)	01/23/23	02/25/23
Wrestling	01/04/23	03/04/23
X-Country Skiing	01/04/23	03/04/23
Track & Field	03/27/23	05/06/23

## 6TH GRADE

EVENT	BEGINNING DATE	ENDING DATE
X-Country Running	08/16/22	9/30/22
Soccer	08/16/22	10/01/22
Wrestling	01/04/23	03/04/23
X-Country Skiing	01/04/23	03/04/23
Volleyball (Intramural)	March - TBA	March - TBA
Basketball (Intramural)	March - TBA	March - TBA
Track	03/27/23	05/06/23

Updated 5/24/2022

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

It's hard to believe it's time to start thinking about the next school year! 8th grade students will be attending a tour of KCHS elective offerings on February 21st, followed by scheduling with the KCHS 9th grade counselor, Ms. Jade on February 22nd. Current 6th and 7th graders will be inputting elective requests for the upcoming school year the same week. All requests will be handled online, so no paper copies to sign and return! If you plan for your student to attend a different school next year, please contact the office at 283-1700.

# WINTER SPORTS

## WRESTLING

**PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER SCHOOL EACH DAY FROM 2:30 – 4:15. STUDENTS NEED TO WEAR THEIR PE UNIFORM, HEADGEAR AND TENNIS OR WRESTLING SHOES TO PRACTICE.**

### KMS WRESTLING SCHEDULE 2023

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|---------------------------|---|
| 1. SATURDAY, JANUARY 21   | SEWARD INVITATIONAL @ SEWARD - EVENT TIME = 10:00 AM            |
| 2. SATURDAY, JANUARY 28   | NIKISKI INVITATIONAL @ NIKISKI - EVENT TIME = 10:00 AM          |
| 3. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4   | SKYVIEW RUBBER CHICKEN TOURN. @ SKYVIEW - EVENT TIME = 10:00 AM |
| 4. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11  | HOMER INVITATIONAL @ HOMER - EVENT TIME = 10:00 AM              |
| 5. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 | SKYVIEW/KENAI DUAL @ SKYVIEW - EVENT TIME = 3:00 PM             |
| 6. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18  | KENAI INVITATIONAL @ KENAI - EVENT TIME = 10:00 AM              |
| 7. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25  | BOROUGH TOURNAMENT @ NIKISKI - EVENT TIME = 10:00 AM            |
| 8. FRI.-SAT., MARCH 3-4   | MS STATE TOURNAMENT @ TANANA MIDDLE SCHOOL - EVENT TIME = TBD   |

## VOLLEYBALL

Intramural volleyball has started! The competitive part of the season will begin Monday, January 23rd. KMS will kick things off with a Jamboree in Homer on Saturday, January 28th at 10:00 AM.

A full season has been scheduled for all teams and we look forward to the games ahead. Be sure to ask your athlete for a team schedule to prepare for upcoming games! The season will end with Boroughs on February 25th @ Skyview!

## NORDIC SKI

**It's time for XC skiing at KMS! Our KMS XC Skiing program is full of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, ready to get outside and ski!**

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1. Friday, January 20    | Kenai Invitational @ Kenai - Event time = 3:00 pm       |
| 2. Friday, January 27    | Seward Invitational @ Seward - Event time = 3:00 pm     |
| 3. Friday, February 3    | Skyview Invitational @ Skyview - Event time = 3:00 pm   |
| 4. Friday, February 10   | Homer Invitational @ Homer - Event time = 3:00 pm       |
| 5. Friday, February 18   | Open – Meet Reschedule If Needed - Event time = 3:00 pm |
| 6. Saturday, February 25 | Borough Championships @ Kenai - Event time = 10:00 am   |

**\* Schedules subject to change without notice**

# January 2023

## Highlights for January

1 <sup>st</sup>	Happy New Year	18th	Clubs Start
13 <sup>th</sup>	Early Release		
16th	Snow Make Up Day		

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
						1 Happy New Year
2	3 Inservice	4 Students Back to School	5 Winter Sports Start	6	7 Robotics Tournament	8
9	10 After School Tutoring	11 After School Tutoring	12 After School Tutoring	13 Early Release	14	15
16 Snow Day Make Up	17 After School Tutoring	18 After School Tutoring  Clubs Start	19 After School Tutoring	20  KMS XC Ski @ Kenai 3pm	21  WR @ Seward 10am	22
23	24 After School Tutoring	25 After School Tutoring  Clubs	26 After School Tutoring	27  KMS XC Ski @ Seward 3pm	28  VB Jamboree  Wrestling @ Nikiski 10am	29
30	31 After School Tutoring  VB 7v8 KMS @ 3pm					

## IMPORTANT DATES

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Early Release

16

Snow day  
Make up  
School for all

18

Clubs Start

2/16-

2/17

Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

## NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our November Students of the Month:

Levi Battiest, Dani Bennett, Nikolas Bezdecny, Carson Cramer, David Kala-De-La-Cruz, Annemarie Lacy, Oscar Marcou, Melody Pfile, Jordyn Sandback, Elloree Smith, Emily Taylor, and Lily Teates.



# February 2023

## Highlights for February

8th	6 <sup>th</sup> Battle of the Books	16-17th	Parent Teacher Conferences
9th	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Battle of the Books		
10th	Early Release		

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1 After School Tutoring	2 After School Tutoring VB 7 @ Sky V 3pm 8 @ Sky V 4 VB-B vs Nikiski 4pm	3 VB 7 @ Nikiski 3pm XC Ski @ Sky V 3pm	4 WR @ Sky V 10am	5
		Clubs				
6	7 After School Tutoring VB 7 @ Swd 3pm VB -B vs Swd 4pm Spelling Bee	8 After School Tutoring VB 8 vs. SkyV7 3pm VB7 @ Sky V 8 4pm VB-B v Sky V 5pm Battle of the Books 6th Clubs	9 After School Tutoring VB 8 @ Swd 3pm Battle of the Books 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8th	10 Early Release VB 8 @ Nikiski 3pm XC Ski @ Homer 4pm	11 WR @ Homer 10 am	12
13	14 After School Tutoring VB 7 @ Homer 4pm 8 <sup>th</sup> @ Skyview 3pm	15 VB 8 @ Kenai 3pm 7 <sup>th</sup> @ Swd 3pm Clubs	16 No School- Parent Teacher Conferences	17 No School- Parent Teacher Conferences	18 WR @ Sky V 10am	19
20	21 After School Tutoring VB Bourgh's	22 After School Tutoring	23 After School Tutoring	24	25 XC Ski Boroughs @ Kenai VB Boroughs @ Sky V 10am WR Boroughs @ Nikiski	26
27 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade B ball Starts	28					



# March 2023

## Highlights for March

3rd	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ice Fishing	8th	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Solid Rock
3rd	Activity Night		10 <sup>th</sup> No School/Inservice
7th	Choir Concert		13-17 <sup>th</sup> Spring Break

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2	3 WR @ Tanana 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ice Fishing Activity Night 6-8pm	4 WR @ Tanana	5
6	7 Choir Concert	8 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Solid Rock 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade V-ball Starts	9	10 Inservice/No School	11	12
13 Spring Break/ No School		15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Spring School Pictures	23	24	25	26
27 Track & Field Starts	28	29	30	31		

### KMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade VB Schedule 2023

- 1. Saturday, January 28**      **Jamboree @ Homer**  
- Event time = 10:00 am
- 2. Tuesday, January 31**      **Kenai 7<sup>th</sup> vs. Kenai 8<sup>th</sup> @ Kenai**  
- Event time = 3:00 pm
- 3. Thursday, February 2**      **Kenai 7<sup>th</sup> vs. Skyview 7<sup>th</sup> @ Skyview**  
- Event time = 3:00 pm
- 4. Friday, February 3**      **Kenai 7<sup>th</sup> vs. Nikiski @ Kenai**  
- Event time = 3:00 pm
- 5. Tuesday, February 7**      **Kenai 7<sup>th</sup> vs. Seward @ Kenai**  
- Event time = 3:00 pm
- 6. Wednesday, February 8**      **Kenai 7<sup>th</sup> vs. Skyview 8<sup>th</sup> @ Kenai**  
- Event time = 3:00 pm
- 7. Tuesday, February 14**      **Kenai 7<sup>th</sup> vs. Homer @ Homer**  
- Event time = 4:00 pm
- 8. Tuesday, February 21**      **First Round of Borough Tournament**  
- Event time = TBD
- 9. Saturday, February 25**      **Finals of Borough Tournament @ Skyview**  
- Event time = 10:00 am



## KMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade VB Schedule 2023

- 1. Saturday, January 28**      **Jamboree @ Homer**  
- Event time = 10:00 am
- 2. Tuesday, January 31**      **Kenai 8<sup>th</sup> vs. Kenai 7<sup>th</sup> @ Kenai**  
- Event time = 3:00 pm
- 3. Thursday, February 2**      **Kenai 8<sup>th</sup> vs. Skyview 8<sup>th</sup> @ Skyview**  
- Event time = 4:00 pm
- 4. Wednesday, February 8**      **Kenai 8<sup>th</sup> vs. Skyview 7<sup>th</sup> @ Kenai**  
- Event time = 4:00 pm
- 5. Thursday, February 9**      **Kenai 8<sup>th</sup> vs. Seward @ Seward**  
- Event time = 3:00 pm
- 6. Friday, February 10**      **Kenai 8<sup>th</sup> vs. Nikiski @ Nikiski**  
- Event time = 3:00 pm
- 7. Wednesday, February 15**      **Kenai 8<sup>th</sup> vs. Homer @ Kenai**  
- Event time = 3:00 pm
- 8. Tuesday, February 21**      **First Round of Borough Tournament**  
- Event time = TBD
- 9. Saturday, February 25**      **Finals of Borough Tournament @ Skyview**  
- Event time = 10:00 am

## KMS B-Team VB Schedule 2023

- 1. Saturday, January 28      Jamboree @ Homer**  
- Event time = 10:00 am
- 2. Thursday, February 2      Kenai B vs. Skyview B @ Skyview**  
- Event time = 5:00 pm
- 3. Friday, February 3      Kenai B vs. Nikiski B @ Kenai**  
- Event time = 4:00 pm
- 4. Tuesday, February 7      Kenai B vs. Seward B @ Kenai**  
- Event time = 4:00 pm
- 5. Wednesday, February 8      Kenai B vs. Skyview B @ Kenai**  
- Event time = 5:00 pm
- 6. Thursday, February 9      Kenai B vs. Seward B @ Seward**  
- Event time = 4:00 pm
- 7. Friday, February 10      Kenai B vs. Nikiski B @ Nikiski**  
- Event time = 4:00 pm
- 8. Tuesday, February 14      Kenai B vs. Homer B @ Homer**  
- Event time = 5:00 pm
- 9. Wednesday, February 15      Kenai B vs. Homer B @ Kenai**  
- Event time = 4:00 pm