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August 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians of KHS Freshmen Students:

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff, I would like to welcome the Class of 2021! We have been working hard during the summer planning and preparing for the 2017-2018 school year. I want you to know that we will do everything we can to make the next four years of high school a challenging and rewarding experience for students. We encourage them to get involved... Keene High School has a great deal to offer *all* students.

To make the transition from middle school to high school as smooth as possible, the students, staff, and administrators have developed a freshmen orientation program for students and an optional orientation for freshman parents. **This year's freshmen orientation will take place on Wednesday, August 23 from 7:45 – 11:15 a.m.**

Parents will have four parent sessions to participate in: *Learn about the Parent Portal* (view student grades/attendance), *A Time of Change*, *Navigating KHS*, and *Getting Involved*. Parents/guardians should arrive with their student by 7:30 a.m. and report to the KHS auditorium. Please park at Alumni Field (next to the baseball/football field) OR in the Scripture Parking Lot (closest to the soccer/field hockey fields).

We ask that parents who plan on attending the parent portion of freshmen orientation register via the following link located on the KHS web page: Parent Registration for Freshmen Orientation or by typing the following address in your web browser: <https://docs.google.com/a/sau29.org/forms/d/1GewlyiPr-R8Sys2t5OahPWab9UU58pTP8BkPvelagNE/> Any parent who cannot access the link can call the high school to register at 352-0640 ext. 0.

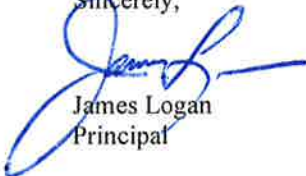
For students, the orientation program allows them to take part in an abbreviated school day with the opportunity to review their schedules and visit classes, meet their staff advisors, view an informational KHS video, engage in advisory team building activities, meet new classmates from surrounding towns, and have ID pictures taken. I strongly encourage you and your son/daughter attend this opening KHS activity

If students are being dropped off, we ask parents to drop their students off in the back of the school near the north lobby/cafeteria between 7:30-7:45 a.m. We will assemble in the auditorium at 8:00 a.m. for welcoming remarks. Students will sit with their advisories. **(The advisory number is on this letter's mailing label: HR#.)** At 8:30 students will split into two groups by house (also on the mailing label). The groups will then rotate through "getting acquainted" activities with Student Council members. Students will then walk their schedules between 10:10-10:50 a.m. At 10:55 all freshmen are invited to enjoy a free lunch in the cafeteria. This will enable them to see how the KHS cafeteria functions and will provide additional time to meet new friends and connect with old friends. **Parents should pick up students at 11:15 a.m. in front of the school.** Please note that there is traffic congestion during the drop-off and pick up times. Please plan accordingly.

The regular school day will start at 7:20 a.m. on Thursday, August 24 for all students. All students will report to their assigned advisories where we will share information and collect forms. We urge you to become familiar with the Keene High School website (<http://khs.keeneschoolslnh.org/>) and also ask questions. If you have any questions regarding freshmen orientation, please contact your son or daughter's house office (as noted on the mailing label next to the homeroom number) at 352-0640 (Blue House ext. 3164 or Green House ext. 3564).

We are looking forward to meeting you on August 23 and working with you over the next four years. I would like to thank you for supporting your child and again, welcome you to the Keene High School community.

Sincerely,



James Logan
Principal