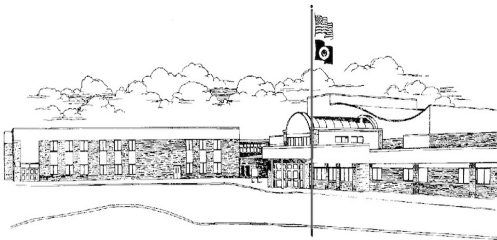




The mission of Keene High School is to cultivate the academic, civic, and social growth of all students to empower them to become contributing members of the global community.



Principal Notes

Thankfully, spring is finally in the air. This has been a challenging winter for both students and teachers. To date we have had six snow days. Because of this, graduation is tentatively scheduled for June 15, 2018, and the last day of school is tentatively scheduled for June 18.

Keene High School administered the PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and the SAT tests to students on March 21. The students that completed the assessment will be receiving follow up information as soon as KHS receives the results. Students are encouraged to create a College Board account to receive scores in a timelier manner. This site will also provide useful college and career readiness information for students.

I would like to commend all those students, coaches, and advisors who have participated in extra-curricular and athletic teams over the winter. All of these student competitors represented Keene High School very well. I would also like to give a special congratulation to the KHS Varsity Boys Hockey Team for winning the Division II New Hampshire State Hockey Championship.

The last day of school will be here very quickly. I urge all parents and students to stay abreast of the activities and due dates leading up to June 18. Please have your child reach out to their advisor, counselor, or house office with any questions or concerns.

Again, I would like to thank you for all you do to support your student and remind you to visit KHS on the web at <http://khs.keeneschoolsnh.org/>.

Jim Logan
Principal

Coffee with the Principal

Jim Logan will host an informal informational/discussion meeting on topics relating to Keene High for interested KHS parents on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:30am in the Cheshire Room Restaurant. A light breakfast will be served.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Mary Strifolino (mstrifolino@sau29.org) by Tuesday, April 3 or by calling 352-0640 ext. 3764.

Upcoming Events

- April 5 - 7: Spring Drama Play “Almost Maine” 7:00pm (auditorium)
- April 19 - “Keene Top Chef” 5:00pm (Cheshire Room Restaurant)
- April 23–27 - Spring Vacation – No School
- May 7 – 18 – AP Testing
- May 11 & 12 – Nostalgia 7:30pm (auditorium)
- May 17 – Early Release Day – Students are dismissed at 11:48am
- May 19 – Prom 8pm-12 Midnight (KSC Zorn Dining Commons)
- May 22 – Spring Instrumental Concert 7pm (auditorium)
- May 28 – Memorial Day – No School. KHS Band performs @ downtown Keene parade 10:00 am
- May 29 – Spring Choral Concert 7:00pm (auditorium)
- June 15 – Graduation 6:00pm (Alumni field, weather permitting)

Join us for A Nostalgic Night at the Movies!

Keene High School proudly announces the 43rd annual production of Nostalgia.

Nostalgia features the Jazz Ensemble, A Cappella Choir, student-led groups--Momentum, Inertia, Amplitude--the staff band, strings and things, and other auditioned acts from Keene High School!

Join us on Friday, May 11 and/or Saturday May 12 at 7:30 pm in the KHS auditorium

Tickets are \$8 each and can be reserved by email nostalgia@khs.com. All seats are general seating.

One complimentary ticket will be provided to KHS students and staff.

For more information, please visit <https://sites.google.com/sau29.org/nostalgia-khs-2018/home>.

Movie highlights to look forward to include: *Stand By Me*, *Titanic*, *Dirty Dancing*, *Toy Story*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Princess and the Frog*, *Oh Brother Where Art Thou*, *Theory of Everything*, and much, much more!



FFA student-run greenhouses will open starting April 30. We will be selling a wide selection of annuals, potted plants, hanging baskets, and vegetables for your spring and summer enjoyment.

Deliveries

We will only accept the following items for students:

- Academic items such as texts, projects, etc.
- Sports equipment
- Lunches
- Envelopes containing money for student lunches.

We **will not** accept deliveries of flowers, balloons, restaurant food, or coffee for students.

Speakers Series

The end of March and early April, the Speakers Series sponsored three presentations. Eight Tibetan Monks spent four days at KHS constructing a mandala, visiting classrooms to share their culture, and performing a closing ceremony. They constructed the mandala in the North Lobby outside the cafeteria; so all students had the opportunity to view the mandala.

Three Vietnam veterans worked with an American Studies class, sharing their experiences with students. The class was researching the war, and the veterans added their personal stories to this research project.

Tom White, Education Outreach Coordinator for the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Keene State College, presents multiple times throughout the year to English and social studies classes on Elie Wiesel's *Night*, Nazi Germany, and the Holocaust. Most recently Mr. White presented to freshman English classes who were reading Wiesel's book *Night*.

The Keene Academy Fund generously funds the Speakers Series.

From the Student Assistance Counselor

Half of local teens believe that people that smoke marijuana a few times a week aren't at great risk for harming themselves, but research shows that between 9 and 30 percent of youth that use marijuana regularly may develop some degree of marijuana use disorder. Find out more here: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/marijuana>

One in three teens will experience abuse in a relationship. Dating abuse is all about power and control. A healthy relationship is about respect and kindness. For more information visit loveisrespect.org.

Students for a Free Tibet Sponsor Sacred Arts Tour

From March 18-27, eight Tibetan Monks visited Keene High School. Over a period of days, they made a sand Mandala For World Peace in the North Lobby. A mandala is a symbolic picture of the universe. It can be a painting on a wall or scroll created in colored sands.

Students and staff enjoyed meeting the monks and watching the amazing process! The KHS club Students for a Free Tibet sponsored the visit through various fundraising events.



National Science Teachers Association Presenter

On March 15, 2018, physics teacher, Susan Romano presented at the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) conference in Atlanta, GA.

Her topic was “Rocket into Physics” with a hands-on workshop where participants learned how to engage students using rocketry with tiered learning that emphasizes accurate understanding of Newton's laws.

Competencies

It has been a busy two months since we shared information in the February Beacon. After our Quality Performance Assessment (QPA) training on December 1, teachers spent December through March creating over 40 QPAs that they will pilot in quarter 4. These QPAs consist of common summative assessments (think unit exams) that will be administered in similar courses, and they align standards and learning targets to the competencies. QPAs focus on students' abilities to apply and transfer skills by using higher-order thinking.

On March 22 we received rubrics training, and departments began working on rubric banks for their competencies, standards, and learning targets. After months of research, the Core Competency Team (CCT), which consists of 11 members representing the school's departments, decided that the school will use four categories for these rubric banks. The categories are Exemplary, Competent, Progressing, and Not Met.

On March 23 we learned how to use a QPA validation protocol that allowed us to work in small groups checking the accuracy of the QPAs. Teachers then had the opportunity to revise the QPAs based on the feedback they received. The rubrics for the QPAs come from the department rubric banks. Teachers will select the sections from the rubric banks based on the competencies, standards, and learning targets the QPAs assess. Each teacher is only piloting one QPA and rubric quarter 4.

CCT and Instructional Council (IC), which consists of department chairs and administrators, are participating in a monthly book discussion of *Breaking With Tradition: The Shift to Competency-Based Learning in PLCs at Work* by Brian Stack and Jonathan Vander Els. The district's principals are also participating in their own discussions of this book. If you want to learn more about competencies, we recommend this book and the book *Charting A Course To Standards-Based Grading: What to Stop, What to Start, and Why It Matters* by Tim Westerberg.

Based on feedback we received from parents and staff, we revised the School-Wide Competencies/Work Study Habit and rubrics again. We will pilot the School-Wide Competencies/Work Study Habits again in the spring, and will survey students and staff as part of the pilot.

Remember to check the Competencies tab under “About Us” on the KHS website. We add new resources each month.

Puerto Rico Trip 2019

Keene High School will be traveling to Puerto Rico in February 2019! This is our fourth trip to Puerto Rico traveling every other year with Vámonos Tours. Spanish teachers Erica Caffrey and Katie Schmidt will be leading the trip and are excited to bring another group of Spanish students to explore Puerto Rico. This trip is action packed. It includes hiking through the El Yunque rainforest, zip lining, cave exploring, snorkeling, and more. There is also a service project with a local school. Students should have completed Spanish 2 to be able to converse with and understand the guides. If your student is interested please have them stop by room 306 to get an information packet about the trip. Also, feel free to email kschmidt@sau29.org. We would like to have students signed up by April break.

From the Student Assistance Counselor

Many Monadnock teens report that they have faced or have a friend that has experienced a major traumatic event. As a supportive and caring adult in a child's life, you could be an important factor in helping them overcome the effects of childhood trauma. With these five gestures, you can make a difference in their everyday lives:

Celebrate: Use "put ups," not "put downs."

Comfort: Stay calm and patient.

Collaborate: Ask for their opinions.

Listen: Show an interest in their passions.

Inspire: Expose them to new ideas.

To learn more about how to build skills to create resiliency and help kids heal please visit changing-mindsnow.org

Prescription Pain Medication Prevention

MYTH Prescription opioids are safer than "street drugs" because physicians prescribe them all the time.

TRUTH "Street drugs" and prescription opioids frequently have the exact same addictive properties and some prescription drugs can even be worse.

MYTH Only certain people misuse or abuse drugs.

TRUTH Drugs affect people from all races, ethnicities, and socioeconomic classes. Drugs do not discriminate or stereotype.

Although each situation is different, there are common signs of potential opioid misuse and abuse in children and teenagers. These include:

- Negative changes in grades
- Skipping classes or school
- Dropping longtime friends
- Loss of interest in usual activities
- Changes in appearance
- Changes in general behavior, including sleeping and eating habits.

Of course, the explanation for a sudden or unexpected change could have nothing to do with drugs. Each person is different, and the same behavior in different teens may have very different causes. Trust your instincts; after all, you know your child best. If something does not seem right, ask questions, investigate, and— if necessary—seek professional help.

KHS Drama Club

The KHS Drama Club has a busy April! The spring play, *Almost, Maine*, goes up April 5, 6, and 7 at 7 p.m. in the KHS auditorium. This quirky, funny, poignant play about love, as it occurs at 9:00 p.m. on a winter's eve in the fictional town of *Almost, Maine*, examines love from a number of angles. Playwright John Cariani's nine scenes, woven together by a spectacle of nature, will delight and despair, in equal measure. Email the KHS Drama Club Ticket email for ets: keenehighschoolclub@gmail.com. Tickets are \$7 for general admission. Doors open at 6:30.

Later in April, the Club will present seven student-produced scenes. This work, taking place as an enrichment during I-Time, allows students the opportunity to cast, direct, act, tech, and design. The school community will be invited to see the final product during I-Time.

Finally, during April break, 40 members of the Club will head to New York City for a day of theatre life. Arriving in Times Square at noon, seeing *The Band's Visit* at 2:00, dinner at Bubba Gump Shrimp,

and then watching the city light up at night as we head to Bryant Park are all a part of this day-long (plus a fair amount of the night!) excursion.

All students are welcome to join Drama Club. We meet the second Wednesday of each month after school in the LGIA or Auditorium. Please email Beth Hansel, ehansel@sau29.org, with questions.

French Exchange

The French Exchange is ready to go! On April 17, 14 students and three chaperones including a parent and two teachers (Mmes. Reilly and Wilson) will take off from Logan Airport in Boston, for Paris and Luxeuil-les-Bains. This trip is the 27th exchange between our countries. This group of enthusiastic students is looking forward to meeting with the French students who came to Keene last year, to immerse themselves in this educational and cultural experience.

They will experience a full week homestay and delicious French meals within a French family. Field trips to majestic Freiburg, Germany and beautiful Colmar, Alsace, Besançon and the Citadelle are scheduled as well as a special and first visit to an American Cemetery, in honor of the US soldiers who fought there during WWII. French people are still so grateful for the American and Canadian help!

They will then visit Paris for three days, to visit museums, monuments, and castles including the Louvre and Gare d'Orsay Museums, the Arc de Triomphe, Cathedral Notre Dame, the Sacre Coeur, Montmartre, the Champs Elysées, the Latin Quarter, and the Eiffel Tower). We will also visit the palace and gardens of Versailles.

Thanks to all the parents, teachers, students, and our administration for making this Exchange possible since 1990.



Library News

It is time again for the yearly NH Flume Award List and the Teen Top Ten List from the Young Adult Library Services Association. The Drew Library acquires print, audio, and digital copies of all titles from these lists and will promote the titles for the upcoming school year. For the NH Flume titles, students may read the titles from April 2018 to April 2019 and then vote in April 2019 for the top title. Students are encouraged to read all titles for the Teen Top Ten (TTT), between April 2018 and September 2018 so that they may vote in September for the top title.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2018 Oscar contest, India Lawrence (staff) and Connor White (student). Connor has been holding first place in the student category for a few years. Congratulations also to Matt Craven (staff) and Arianna DiBenedetto (student) for placing second in their category.

As we anticipate the newness of the season, the library wants to spring into action with the celebration of National Library Month. The Drew library along with the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) has chosen to celebrate this month with a few activities. These include the hosting of a Book Bingo, the celebration of National poetry week (which will include a poetry contest), and a bookmark competition. Both staff and students may become involved in at least one event.

“Libraries Lead” is the theme for this year’s National Library Week, which will be celebrated April 8-14. This year’s honorary chair for the National Library Week is Misty Copeland. She is the first African American woman to be promoted to principal dancer at the American Ballet Theatre. She is also the author of the books “Life in Motion” and “Firebird” which won the 2014 Coretta Scott King book illustrator award. Look out for daily trivia and giveaways in celebration of National Library Week.

Do not forget that you can access our library databases 24/7. You can follow us on Facebook, and our activities are listed on the library website.

If I was a book, I would like to be a library book, so I would be taken home by all different sorts of kids. –Cornelia Funke

Winter Season Sports Wrap-up

Congratulations go out to the KHS Boys Ice Hockey team, as they finished the season 19-1 while winning the State Championship. Congratulations to the following individual award winners:

Tim Greenwood – 2nd Team All State – Senior Make A Wish Game
Owen Haas – 2nd Team All State – Senior Make A Wish Game
Myles Ditkoff – 2nd Team All State – Senior Make A Wish Game
Marcin Maleski – Senior Game Make A Wish Game
Coach Chris McIntosh was named DII Coach of the Year.

The KHS Unified Basketball team continued their annual participation in the State Tourney, losing in the quarterfinal game while finishing the season 6-1. The KHS Bowling team continued its winning ways, finishing the season at 13-3 and a 3rd place finish in the State Tourney. The Gymnastics team had their best season in many years, making the top 10 in the state.

The Boys Nordic Ski team finished state runners-up this winter, completing a fine season. The Boys Alpine Ski team finished in 8th place in the state, while the Girls Alpine Ski team finished in 4th place.

The Girls Varsity Basketball finished with a 5-13 Division I record while the Boys Varsity Basketball team finished at 4-14. Girls Varsity Ice Hockey finished at 4-11-1. The KHS Boys Varsity Wrestling team finished 8th in the State Tourney.

The KHS Swim team finished in 6th place for both the boys and girls teams, which included a State Championship 200 yard relay team of Libby Gorske, Emma Whittemore, Alexandra Stewart, and Teresa Ivan. The KHS Boys Indoor Track team finished in 8th place, and the Girls Indoor Track team finished in 13th place.

Finally, on Monday March 12, 42 KHS seniors were honored in Concord at the NHADA Senior Scholar-Athlete Awards ceremony:

Alethea Aivaliotis, Grace Auger, Lauren Barnes, Teal Borden, Emilion Boyd-Tucker, Audreigh Brede, Kathryn Comerford, Heidi Fales, Emily Gonzales, Natalie Goodrich, Elizabeth Gorske, Carley Hume, Callie O'Neill, Caroline Power, Jacqueline Richter, Hallie Robertson, Maia Round, Lauren Scanlan, Rian Soucia, Sara Stillings, Andrea Thisner, Emilia Washer, Madison White, Hyo-Hyang Carty, James Chavalier, Andrew Derry, Evan Dowd, Tanner Drake-Deese, Matthew Freitas, Timothy Greenwood, William Hadlow, Spencer Hokanson, Avery Houston, Aaron Moore, Ford Oster, Adam Pattavina, Noah Phillips, Noah Ramirez, Richard Randall, Scott Rathbun, Nicholas Royce, and Jacob Stewart.

Music Department News

NH All State, April 12 - 14

Congratulations to the following KHS Music students who will be representing Keene High School at the 2018 NH All State Music Festival! The students will be staying in Concord, NH from Thursday, April 12 - Saturday, April 14 to rehearse and perform with other outstanding music students from all over New Hampshire!

Walter Cook (Bass Voice)
Frances Cooke (Viola)
Sarah Corrieri (Viola)
Rowan Gemma (Violin)
Kobe Hachey (Tenor Voice)
Taylor Hoefer (Trombone)
Niko McPerson (Bass Voice)
Noah Ramirez (Percussion - Snare)
Zach Trombly (Trombone)
Macy Woudenberg (Clarinet)

Spring Instrumental Concert, May 22

The KHS String Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, and Concert Band will present the Spring Instrumental Concert on Tuesday, May 22 at 7 pm. The concert will include senior recognition and presentation of 2018 Band and Strings Awards.

Memorial Day Parade, May 28

The KHS Band will perform in the Keene Memorial Day Parade at 10 am in downtown Keene on Monday, May 28.

Spring Choral Concert, May 29

The KHS Concert Chorus, A Cappella Choir, and Vocal Jazz Ensemble will present the Spring Choral Concert on Tuesday, May 29 at 7 pm. The concert will include senior recognition and presentation of 2018 Choral Awards.