



KJSH Family Newsletter

May 2025

KJSH Welcome

Thank you for trusting us with your child each day. The programs at KJSH include Big Picture Middle School, Big Picture High School, and Crossroads Academy. We are proud to work with our students each day and take great pride in our school! Your dedication and support of your child is essential to our success. We are always looking for ways to be supportive, inclusive, and helpful with families.



Our monthly newsletter is just one way we are trying to keep you informed about the great things happening at school along with some helpful information for families to use to encourage success. Please check out the highlights, updates, and important information below. We look forward to our continued partnership with you to help all students at KJSH achieve their goal of graduating from high school at a school that knows and cares about each student.

[**Kenmore Junior/Senior High School Website**](#)

PHAM Garden Club

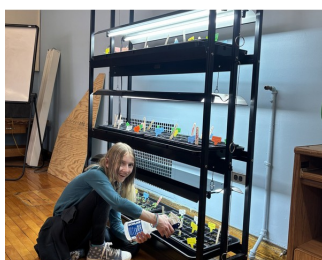
Phoenix Harvest Agricultural Measure (PHAM) – our building's garden club – prepared for the warmer weather by planting seeds in our indoor growing lights. Our seedlings are growing strong, and soon our students will transfer them to the greenhouse.

Our students most recently worked on building raised garden beds, which is where students will transfer the vegetable plants once the weather is consistently warm.

Our goal is to make our own salsa at the end of the season!

We are grateful to partner with Grassroots Gardens who provided the soil, cells, and seeds, and also led seed-starting seminars for all of our middle school students and many of our high school students. Grassroots Gardens also provided our lumber and worked with both MS and HS students to build four raised garden beds. These seminars got more students interested in gardening and taking part in our after-school programming.

If you would like your child to take part in the garden – and maybe be inspired to start a vegetable garden of their own at home! – we will be meeting from **2:40-3:40** on the following Wednesdays: **May 7, May 14, May 28, Jun 4, Jun 11.**



Health Office Update

I know it's hard to believe but the health office is already busy getting ready for next school year! Here are some important reminders all families need to know as we head into summer...

- Don't forget your child's medications that are in the health office! They cannot be stored in the health office over the summer. They will need to be picked up by an adult.
- All **7th, 9th, and 11th** graders will need to bring in a current physical (9/1/24 or after) from their pediatrician according to the Education Law Article 19 and regulations of the Commissioner of Education that requires health examinations of public school students.

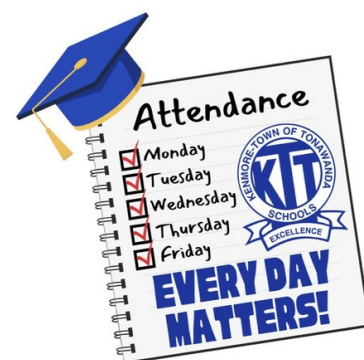


- Please make sure your child is up to date with all vaccinations. Anyone who is not current within the first 14 days of school, will be **unenrolled** from Ken-Ton. If you have questions or need assistance with immunizations, call your school nurse. We are happy to help!

Attendance Campaign: Every Day Matters

From Superintendent Cimato:

This week, I am excited to announce the beginning of a district-wide attendance campaign which involves each and every one of us: students, families, and staff. You have often heard me talk about the importance of finishing the year strongly and that's what this campaign is all about. There is no greater indicator of success than attendance and coming to school each day is never more important than it is at this time of the year. For students, making the conscious choice to come to school can be the difference maker in determining whether they pass their classes and exams, achieve a successful GPA, avoid summer school, maintain a positive outlook on education, and set the stage for future success. Attendance is also critical for developing healthy social-emotional skills which reduces behavioral issues and improves students' ability to function and thrive.



This campaign will be data-driven, focusing on students who have missed eight days or more of school, and led by building-based teams. I have challenged every member of the staff including teachers, school leadership teams, office staff, Buildings & Grounds/Food Service workers, bus drivers/aides, and district administrators to identify at least two students to focus on over the next few weeks. Whether these are students who they typically work with or those who they are just getting to know, the connection they make with them over the next several weeks can make the ultimate difference in the outcome of their school year. Our goal is to strengthen connections with students, show them how deeply we care about their future, and encourage them to finish the year as strongly as they can.

Each and every one of us has a part to play. For students, it means recognizing the importance of attendance, harnessing their motivation, and talking to adults about factors that are making them want to avoid school. For families, it means making a commitment to ensuring your child comes to school every day and addressing issues that are deterring them from attending.

As a little incentive each week, we will announce the schools that have demonstrated the most improvement. These schools will win the privilege of displaying a new traveling Attendance Trophy the following week. The schools with the most wins by the end of the year will be crowned this year's District Attendance Champions and will be able to proudly display the trophy all next year.

We all have a profound impact in the lives of our students and there is no better way for this impact to be felt than by helping ensure all students attend school. Working together, I can't wait to see the difference we can make for our students in these final weeks of school.

Crossroads Academy Photo Gallery

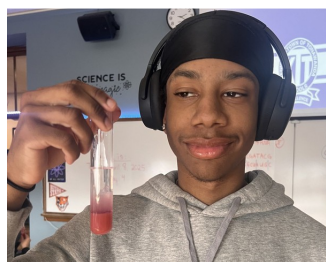
Northland Workforce Training Center

Several students were able to visit the Northland Workforce Training Center.



Life at School

Here are some photos of school life at Crossroads Academy.



Extracting strawberry DNA in science class.



Independent Project work.



Ice cream social!

Photo Scavenger Hunt

Students were given a list of things to do or look for and take a photo as proof. Here are some of the photos they took...



Community Services for Every1

Eight students from the Class of 2025 worked with Community Services for Every1 to plan, prepare, and host a luncheon for all of Crossroads Academy along with Board of Education members and district administrators. It was the luncheon of the year! Many thanks to Ms. Tramont and Mr. Owens for helping with this long-term project!



Upcoming Events



You're invited to

**KJSH
HIGH SCHOOL
AWARDS CEREMONY**

Join us as we celebrate the
accomplishments of our 9-12 graders.

WEDNESDAY

**MAY
28**

1:00 PM

155 Delaware Rd.
Kenmore, NY 14217

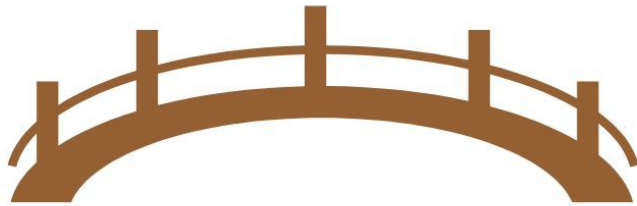




**SAVE
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DATES!**



**EXHIBITION FAIR:
THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH
6:30 - 8PM**



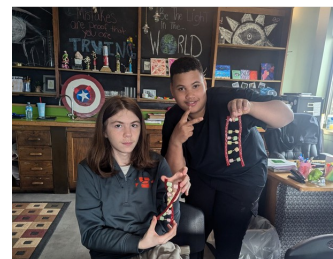
**8TH GRADE BRIDGE CEREMONY:
THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH
1PM IN THE KJSH AUDITORIUM**





National DNA Day

Big Picture Living Environment students celebrated National DNA Day by making candy models of DNA.



District Library Resources

KJSH 2024-2025 Calendar

Calendar



Kenmore Junior/Senior High School

Website: <https://www.ktufsd.org/Domain/1690>

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KJSH Phone Directory

Kenmore Junior/Senior High School

Innovative educational programs for Ken-Ton students!