



Kenmore East High School
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Dear Parents and Incoming New Students,

More than ever before, today's high school students are faced with greater academic expectations and increased social pressures. Sweeping changes enacted by the Board of Regents over the past few years include more challenging curriculum, more rigorous assessments, and tougher graduation requirements. The students entering ninth grade this September will be required to pass five Regents exams, earn 22 credits and successfully complete 3 years of mathematics and 3 years of science in order to graduate.

While the emphasis is on academic achievement, many factors can impact a student's success. **To help students deal with these challenges, Kenmore East's staff and students have planned a comprehensive orientation program for our incoming freshmen and new students.** During this program students will participate in activities that will help them develop the skills necessary for success in their academic studies, extracurricular pursuits and relationships with peers and teachers.

Specifically, we want all new students to feel welcome and comfortable at Kenmore East. To ensure this, staff and students will assist in the upcoming orientation. During orientation, students will review their schedules, locate their lockers, orient themselves to the building, learn about the variety of clubs and activities available, meet their teachers and have an opportunity to talk with fellow students. Refreshments and other fun activities will also be provided. Members of the Kenmore East Student Congress, National Honor Society, and the Ken East Connection Crew will be the lead student facilitators.

Mark your calendar with these dates for 9th Grade orientation:

<i>Tuesday, August 24th 6:30-9:00 p.m.</i>	Parents and students (report to auditorium)
<i>Wednesday, August 25th 9:00 am – 12:45 pm</i>	Students only
<i>Freshman Luau Night 7pm-10pm</i>	Students only

We would also like to direct your attention to the enclosed invitation for the Freshman Luau Night which will take place on Wednesday, August 25th from 7 pm -10 pm. Tickets for this event are \$5.00 and will be available for purchase during the orientation as well as at the door that evening. We encourage students to attend this fun and exciting event.

*Transportation is provided on August 25th. Please refer to the attached schedule for a location closest to your home. If you need transportation, please be at the location five minutes before the designated time.

ROUTE #1 IN TO SCHOOL

FORD & HAWTHORNE	8:34
WENDEL AVE & CHELSEA ST	8:35
CAMBRIDGE ST & MIDLAND AVE	8:37
PARKING LOT- LINCOLN POOL	8:39
PARKER AT LINCOLN PK ENTRANCE	8:41
STOP: KENMORE EAST	8:50

ROUTE #2 IN TO SCHOOL

LORELEE DR & BRIARLEE	8:29
LORELEE DR & GREENFIELD	8:30
DALE DR & BLACK CREEK	8:31
HERITAGE RD & HERITAGE CT	8:35
WILLOWGROVE CT & WILLOWGROVE E.	8:37
STOP: KENMORE EAST	8:50

ROUTE #1 HOME FROM SCHOOL: 12:45

FORD & HAWTHORNE	12:51
WENDEL AVE & CHELSEA ST	12:52
CAMBRIDGE ST & MIDLAND AVE	12:54
PARKING LOT- LINCOLN POOL	12:56
PARKER AT LINCOLN PK ENTRANCE	12:58

ROUTE #2 HOME FROM SCHOOL 12:45

WILLOWGROVE CT & WILLOWGROVE E	12:57
HERITAGE RD & HERITAGE CT	12:58
DALE DR & BLACK CREEK	1:00
LORELEE DR & GREENFIELD DR	1:03
LORELEE DR & BRIARLEE DR	1:05

Please feel free to contact me at Kenmore East if you have any specific questions you would like to discuss regarding the New Student Orientation. I hope you and your son/daughter are able to join us for this exciting program.

Sincerely,

James M. Dunnigan
Assistant Principal

cc: P. Heyden, D. Johnson, School Counselors