



Kenmore East High School

An International Baccalaureate World School



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Dear Incoming Kenmore East Bulldogs and Families,

Hello and welcome to Kenmore East High School! We are very excited to welcome Eighth Grade students, as well as Transfer Students to our Orientation Virtual Event.

We are proud that Kenmore East is part of a multi-national high school transition program, *Link Crew*. Just like your experience with W.E.B. (*Where Everyone Belongs*) at the Middle School, *Link Crew* welcomes all new students, helping them to feel comfortable and connected throughout the first year of their high school experience. *Link Crew is based upon the belief that students can help other students succeed.* The foundation of *Link Crew* began with the training of a group of Kenmore East upperclassmen as *Link Crew* Leaders. These leaders were hand selected from a large pool of applicants, and met the qualifications of being good role models and positive leaders on our campus.

Link Crew Leaders will help guide new students to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school. More and more studies show that if students have a positive experience their first year in high school, their chance of success increases dramatically. *Link Crew* provides the structure for new students to receive support and guidance from upperclassmen who have conquered the challenges of transitioning to a new school, which can seem overwhelming to students.

This year, our program has been overhauled so that we can provide a Virtual Orientation experience.

Events Calendar:

Date	Event/Activity	Notes
Friday September 4	“Be a Part from the Start” 9:00-10:30 am	Your Link Leader will send you an online google invitation to your KTUFSD student email account by Wednesday September 2, 2020.

As our school begins to “*physically*” re-open throughout the fall and winter months, we will also host in-person tours and support opportunities for new students. These opportunities and registration links will be posted on the Kenmore East home page approximately two weeks prior to groups of students returning to in-person learning.

Sincerely,

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