

# WK Current

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## 2nd Annual Games for the Cure

The Second Annual Games for the Cure was established by Kettering teacher Ms. McLean. This year the charity committee from Student Leadership worked alongside



Ms. McLean, Ms. Victor, and Mr. Burlingame to organize the memorable event. Hannah Lawassani, Andrea Lawassani, Brent Mortimore, Brandon Dupuis, and Taylor McCormick developed the week-long events, organized the games, and promoted the "Girl Talk," which included presentations from cancer survivors, and tips about breast cancer awareness.

A "Get Your Pink On" week was created to heighten awareness of breast cancer and to develop excitement throughout the school. The special week included Hat day, Wacky Tacky Pink day, Pink Party Beads day, a Pink-Out day, and a breast cancer awareness presentation. During that week T-shirts were sold with the mottos "Stand By Her" and "Fight Like A Girl."

The week ended with Kettering staff and students competing against each other in Class Olympic games, a couple of which include Tug-o-War, and Musical Chairs. A "Dance Off" was declared to settle a tie between the staff and students. This was judged by special guest, Mrs. Megan Malley, wife of Kettering teacher, Mike Malley, who is currently fighting breast cancer. Staff won and received the pink toilet seat grand prize. This was a powerful way to end an event that had created excitement and good spirits among students and staff all week.

The amount of funds raised for charity this year doubled last year's earnings for a total near \$2,000. This money was raised for the Susan G. Komen foundation and METAvivor, a non-profit organization dedicating time and research specifically towards metastatic breast cancer. .

## Kettering DECA Students Attend State Leadership Conference and "Aspire Higher"

Last month, Kettering DECA students boarded the bus to begin their leadership in the "D" experience. Our students were represented with approximately 900 other high school DECA members as they aim to "Aspire Higher" this school year.

The conference gave our students the opportunity to meet and network with fellow members, develop leadership skills and gain insight on DECA activities. It all began with a phenomenal tour of Ford Field and presentation by the Detroit Lions marketing department, dinner at Hard Rock, and a fun filled night at Joe Louis for the Red Wings game.

Day two brought FOCUS training where the students attended a hands on workshop that emphasized communication skills, teamwork, innovation, organization and many other skills that promote business leadership skills. DECA is an international high school marketing association that aims to prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. Any student interested in being a part of DECA should see Mrs. Karpushenkoff in room 105 for more information.

## Attention Senior Parents

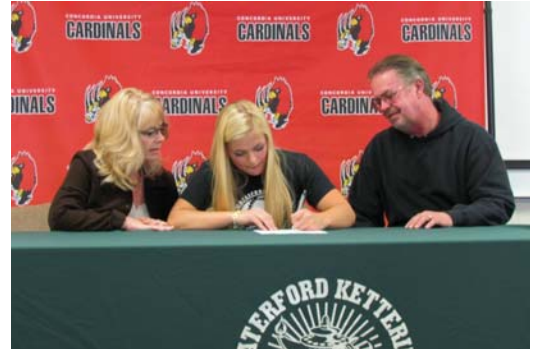
The Senior All Night Party for the Class of 2012 is only six months away! If you are not receiving e-mail updates from the committee and would like to be added to our e-mail list, please contact Jan at 2012wkanp@gmail.com. We will need many parents to help make party night a success.



## Senior Kim Jayson Signs with Concordia College

During a ceremony at Kettering High School in November, Senior Kim Jayson made it official by committing to attend Concordia College. Concordia is located in Ann Arbor, Michigan and is a member of the NAIA.

Kim was an integral part of the Captain's over the last four years playing for Coach Al Land. Kim was a part of the Captain's softball team that captured the MHSAA District Title in 2011. "Kim has demonstrated tremendous athletic ability over the last four years. She is also an exceptional student and is a leader within the school community. We look forward to following Kim's career at Concordia College," commented Waterford School District Athletic Supervisor Rick Dorn.



## Class Ring, Cap, & Gown Assembly

Herff-Jones Graduate Service will be sending out postcards informing sophomore families about an assembly to provide class ring ordering information. Senior parents will also receive a postcard informing them of a Cap/Gown assembly to provide ordering information. Both assemblies will be held on January 13 during seminar time.

Orders will then be taken during all lunches on the following days:

January 19: Class Ring & Cap and Gown Orders-A-L

January 20: Class Ring & Cap and Gown Orders-M-Z

For your convenience orders will also be taken on January 19 from 6 pm-7:30 pm in the main lobby area. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ORDERING ON TIME WILL SAVE YOU MONEY! The prices will go up considerably if not ordered at this time.

## Congrats Mr. Smika!

Congratulations Mr. Smitka for being inducted into the Oakland County Competitive Robotics Association Hall of Fame Association!

## Holiday Collage Benefit Concert

The 9th Annual Holiday Collage and Benefit Concert is right around the corner. Make plans now to attend this very special tradition. The Holiday Collage will take place December 8, 9, & 10 at 7 pm in the Performing Arts Center at Waterford Kettering High School. There will be dessert served immediately following the performances.

The cost of the concert is \$7 per seat. We have donated over \$10,000 to local charities through the years and we look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come. You can order your tickets at: [www.seatyourself.biz/kettering](http://www.seatyourself.biz/kettering) and the box office will be open each night before the Collage beginning at 5 pm.

## Poinsettia Delivery

The All Night Party Poinsettia delivery is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm in the Media Center Hallway. If you cannot pick up your order at the scheduled time, please contact the Chairperson for your student's year and make alternate arrangements. Thanks to everyone who supported our sale this year!

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## Robotics Team Wins Judges Award



Kettering's Robotics team, Team 3098, competed in the Oakland County Competitive Robotics Association's (OCCRA) Diversity Tournament at Brandon High School. This tournament comprised of three all girl matches, three all boy, and one adult match. Twenty-two teams took the field and competed in this year's game, Tic-Tac-Stack.

The Captains used their robot to ultimately win a Judges Award and are currently ranked 12th out of the 22 teams. OCCRA generates enthusiasm for technical and academic disciplines such as design, engineering, physics, electronics, and is a part of Kettering's CAD Engineering class. For more information please check out: [www.team3098.com](http://www.team3098.com).



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Welcome to our new counselor  
Mrs. Wasilk!

### ACT DATES

Students planning to retake the ACT may do on the following Saturdays: December 10, February 11, April 14, and June 9. Students must register on the ACT website, [www.actstudent.com](http://www.actstudent.com).

org. There are registration deadlines and fees to be paid if the registration is added late.

All ACT tests are given at Mott and at Kettering High Schools.

### GOING TO COLLEGE DEBT FREE

Join us on **December 7, 7:00 p.m., at Mott High School** for practical tips on going to college without scholarships, grants, loans. Yes, it can be done. Avoiding other common financial problems encountered by college students. The popular book, Debt Free U, will be featured in the presentation. Metro North has donated 16 copies to check out in the Mott Media Center after the workshop. Presentation for parents and students of all high school grades.

### COLLEGE NIGHT & FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Practical tips for financial aid and scholarships. College-led workshops regarding: Free Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA), What Admissions Representatives Look For, How To Select A College,

Oakland Community College to Oakland University (O2O) program and opportunities to meet with college and military representatives during expo. For parents and students of all high school grades. The event is **January 23, 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Mott High School** and is sponsored by Genisys Credit Union.

### FINANCIAL AID FOR COLLEGE

Seniors who require financial aid for college need to fill out the FAFSA form online at [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov). to register for financial aid for the first year of college. Registration of the FAFSA form informs the colleges and universities that the student is in need of financial help for college. It is due by February 21, 2012.

## Swim Team Had Successful Season

The Waterford United Varsity Swimming Team had a very successful end to their season. In November, the team competed at the MHSAA Division 1 State Championships at Eastern Michigan University. The team members competed in the 200 free relay (Maddie Wright, Kaitlin Killewald, Katherine Kuhn, Samantha Clemence), and 200 Medley relay (Killewald, Kuhn, Wright, Clemence). Individually Kuhn competed in the 200 IM (14th place), and 100 Breaststroke (15th place). Wright swam the 200 Freestyle (State Champion, fastest time of all 3 divisions) and the 100 butterfly (state champion).

This season, Wright also earned herself 2-All County, 3-All-Conference, 2 All-state, and 3 All-American times. The team as a whole had their best placing (16th overall) at the Division 1 state meet.

## Outstanding Orchestra Students Participate in Central Michigan University Workshop

Eighteen students from Kettering High School's band and orchestra programs recently attended the 2011 Central Michigan University (CMU) Instrumental Workshop in Mt. Pleasant. CMU invited Kettering to nominate its most outstanding students on each



instrument to participate in the workshop, where high school students were given the opportunity to work closely with university professors of the various band and orchestra instruments.

Students pictured who attended (left to right): Justine Vlisides, Eric Ashby, Sean Frobel, Jesse Sams, Nick Andrews, Alex Poznanski, Katie Moase, Mark Leo, Hannah Matich, Jasmine Gosselin, Rachel Stopchinski, Kyle Gundlach, Katelin Webster, Jason Lively, Bohden Musiel, Zach Schilke, Anthony Kase, and Loni Rambo.

# Winter Holiday

December 19 -  
January 2

School  
Resumes  
January 3



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## Calendar

### DECEMBER

Dec 1 Senior Holiday Dinner -5:00 pm  
Dec 1 OPUS MEETING 6:30 pm  
Dec 2 Market Day Delivery 4-5 pm  
Dec 5 Band Booster Meeting 7 pm  
Dec 6 Poinsettia Pick Up 4-6:30 pm  
Dec 7 *Professional Development Day (1/2 day –dismissal @ 10:30) Hours 4 & 6*  
Dec 8-10 Holiday Collage Concert & Dessert 7 pm  
Dec 19-Jan 2 **Winter Break**

### JANUARY

Jan 3 School Resumes  
Jan 9 Band Booster Meeting 7 pm  
Jan 11 *Professional Development Day (1/2 day-dismissal @ 10:30) Hours 2 & 3*  
Jan 13 Class Ring/Cap Gown Assemblies (10th and 12th grades)  
Jan 16 **NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Day**  
Jan 17 Blood Drive  
Jan 19/20 Ring/Cap Gown orders due during lunches  
Jan 23 College Financial Aid Night- @ Mott 6:30 pm  
Jan 25 *Half Day; Exams 1 & 2 (dismissal @10:30)*  
Jan 26 *Half Day; Exams 3 & 4*  
Jan 27 *Half Day; Exams 5 & 6*  
Jan 27 End of 2nd Marking Period

## Freshman Dakotah Phend a “Phenom” in Racing

Kettering Freshman Dakotah Phend has been racing since the age of five. He is also known in the racing circles as “Phenom” Earning his first National Title at the age of eight, Phend exhibits expert driving abilities that has earned him the moniker “Phenom”. Since then, he has added eight more titles and most recently won the inaugural year of 4WD Short Course at the 2011 ROAR Electric Nationals. In Vassa, Finland, for the 2011 IFMAR Worlds, Phend made both A-mains showing that he has the speed and consistency to run with the best in the world. Phend was recently featured in the January 2012 edition of Radio Control Car Action magazine as a future star of racing..

