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LINK Crew Helps Freshmen Transition to High School



A group of nearly 90 upperclassmen are changing the way things work at Kettering. The group of leaders is working hard to help this year's 387 freshmen transition into high school as a part of LINK Crew, a nationwide high school program that focuses on mentoring, building character and changing the culture of the school.

Link Crew is offered to high schools in the United States and Canada. The program allows the school to choose upperclassmen to be linked with freshmen throughout the year. The Link Leaders help the freshman get involved by informing them about the activities put on by the school and local communities.

The LINK Leaders went through an intensive training program this summer that taught them leadership and mentoring skills to use to help the freshmen both academically and socially. The brand new program kicked off with a Freshman Orientation, where groups of freshmen were assigned to a LINK Leader that would be there for them as mentors throughout the entire year. As the program continues, LINK Leaders check in with their freshmen through academic and social follow-ups to make sure they know there's someone looking out for them. LINK Leaders plan to lend support throughout October's upcoming homecoming week by teaching them all of the homecoming traditions and what to expect during spirit week and at the dance.

Kettering Video Students Garner \$5,000 Award from Ford

Ford Motor Company announced that Kettering High School was one of 10 winners of the Focus on Schools contest which challenged high school students to create informative yet entertaining videos featuring the redesigned 2012 Ford Focus and its leading technologies. "This program was an excellent opportunity to support local schools and allow kids to be creative in media arts while learning

about our technologies and the new Focus," said Jim Farley, Ford vice president for Marketing, Sales and Service.

Waterford Kettering received 2,426 votes and was awarded \$5,000 for their "Redefining the Classic" supported by Suburban Ford of Waterford. The check presentation will be on October 14.



(l to r) Front Row: Liz Rosalez and Brittney Antonelli
Back Row: Chris Polidan, Christian Kettenbeil, Matthias Rehling, Darin Wiltse, David Corlett, Cory Pavle, and Kettering Teacher Ms. McLean.

Sophomore Amber Slagle Dreams of Becoming NASCAR Driver



Kettering Sophomore Amber Slagle began her racing career at the age of seven, when she competed in the Quarter Midgets, which is an open wheeled "kid size" race car driven by kids ages 5-16. In 2009, her love for racing soon moved her to racing sport stock.

Slagle runs the tracks in her 1996 Dodge Neon at Owosso Speedway, 85 miles an hour on a 3/8 of a mile oval track. At just 15, she was named the 2011 Sport Stock Champion and has four feature wins, 14 top 5 finishes in 14 starts and set her best qualifying time of 19.50 seconds.

In 2012 Slagle will race a Chevy Monte Carlo in the Pro Stock Series, which runs about 110 miles per hour.

She plans on continuing racing and dreams of making it to NASCAR.

Staicee Kwiatkowski Earns National Merit Commendation

Kettering Senior Staicee Kwiatkowski has been named a Commended Student in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program. As a Commended Student, Kwiatkowski is recognized for her exceptional academic promise. Although she will

not continue in the 2012 competition for National Merit Scholarships, she placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2012 competition by taking the 2010 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Vision Screening for Ninth Grade Students

Students entering high school face many educational challenges as they prepare for responsible adulthood. At least 80% of learning is mediated through vision. Impaired vision is one of the most common health problems affecting children. By high school graduation one third will have a vision problem requiring correction.

To ensure that ninth grade students have adequate vision to meet educational demands, Michigan Public Health Code, Act 368, recommends vision screening for ninth grade students. To meet the screening needs of the students, the Oakland County Health Division offers free vision screening by appointment at the North Oakland Health Center and South Oakland Health Center locations. Parents can call 248.424.7070 to schedule an appointment.

MSU Drumline Clinic at Kettering



The Waterford Kettering Band Boosters, with the generous sponsorship of orthodontic specialist, Dr. John Lazarus, DDS MS and Vein Solutions in Clarkston, hosted the Michigan State University Drumline last month at Kettering for a drum clinic and performance. One hundred twelve students participated in lines from Kettering, Mott, Dakota, Troy, Marine City, Notre Dame, Chesterfield Twp, Madison Heights, Garden City and Farmington Hills. Students spent two hours working one-on-one with the MSU drumline members, and then each line performed to a crowd of 300 in the Performing Arts Center. The finale was a performance by the MSU Drumline, who was recently featured with the Spartan Marching Band by Vic Firth, the largest drumstick company in the world, as "one of the oldest and most recognized university performing ensembles in the country and one of the premier college bands in the nation."

Important Bus Delay Information

Parents, students, and staff have available the latest information about Waterford School District transportation delays via a customized software program. Comcast Channel 22, the District's educational cable channel, will now display messages when a bus is delayed 20 minutes or more due to inclement weather or mechanical difficulties. The message will contain the bus number, route number, and building name. Residents in the community who do not have Comcast may view Channel 22 live on their desktop. Simply click on the 22 LIVE icon on the District's home page at www.waterford.k12.mi.us

Poinsettia Sale

It is that time of year again. The annual Kettering Poinsettia sale, with proceeds toward the All Night Party Groups. Our sale begins November 1 and runs thru the middle of the month. You may pick up your plants at Kettering on Tuesday, December 6 between 4pm and 6:30pm. These beautiful poinsettias come direct to us from a local greenhouse and will be available in a variety of colors and sizes. They make beautiful gifts and will last long after the holiday season has ended! Questions may be directed to your All Night Party Chairperson.

Counseling Corner

Counselor Assignments

Students 9th through 12th grade whose last name begins with:

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Welcome to our new counselor
Mrs. Wasilk!

ACT Dates

All ACT dates are scheduled to be given at Kettering High School for the dates listed below. Please go to ACT.STUDENT.ORG to register. Please be mindful of ACT deadlines and/or additional fees.

October 22, December 10, February 11, April 14, June 9. ACT strongly encourages students to take a core curriculum. This includes four years of Language Arts and three years of math (algebra and higher) science and social science. Students who take the core curriculum in high school achieve higher ACT scores than those who do not, regardless of gender, family income and racial/ethnic background. In addition, students gain from taking more rigorous courses, regardless of their achievement level. Taking certain courses in high school, such as biology, chemistry, physics and math

courses including algebra II and beyond, substantially increases students' readiness for college-level work as well as their readiness for workforce training programs, regardless of the grade achieved. For more information, visit Rigor at Risk and National Curriculum Survey at www.act.org/path/policy/reports/.

College Applications

Seniors should apply, online, to four year colleges before Thanksgiving. There will be a counselor page to print which includes your rank in the class and overall G.P.A. in class. Please bring the counselor page to your counselor along with \$3 for each transcript you want to go out to the college. Depending on the university and the time the student submits the application, it will take approximately 3-4 weeks for a reply/notification from the college.

PSAT Scheduled

Kettering is offering the PSAT on Wednesday, October 12 at 7am for juniors. The cost is \$16 payable at the bookstore. Please make checks payable to Waterford Kettering High School. There is no refund if a student does not attend due to the cost of tests pre-ordered. The PSAT serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Students who perform extremely well on the test become eligible for scholarship opportunities. The last date to sign up for the test is October 6 or until test supplies last.

FREE ACT Test

Princeton Review
Kettering is offering our 10th graders a practice ACT test for FREE! All students need to do is bring a \$5 deposit to save a spot. This is a great chance for students to discover exactly what it's like to take the ACT. This opportunity will take place at Kettering on Saturday, October 29 at 7:30am. Please sign up at the Kettering bookstore. Princeton Review will then come back and meet with the students for a Scores /Strategy session where they will receive their scores and be given test taking tips for the ACT. This is a great opportunity. The first 100 students to sign up are in!

College Visits

College representatives will visit Kettering this fall. Juniors and seniors are welcome to attend to learn about college life, admissions requirements, and scholarships. For a list of the scheduled visits, please visit the College and Career Center.

Principal's Roundtable

Mark your calendar to join us Monday, November 14 at 6:30pm in the Kettering KIVA for our Principal's Roundtable event, sponsored by PTSA. Administrators will be on hand, and will speak on topics of interest to you and your family. Immediately following Roundtable, we invite everyone to stay for PTSA's General Membership Meeting. Questions, contact Jeff Willson at jwillson@ameritech.net.

Protect Yourself From the Flu

Get vaccinated. Vaccination is the best protection against contracting the flu. The seasonal flu vaccine protects against three influenza viruses that research indicates will be most common during the upcoming season. The 2011-2012 flu vaccine will protect against an influenza A (H1N1) virus, an influenza A (H3N2) virus and an influenza B virus.

Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

Stay home if you are sick for 7 days after your symptoms begin or until you have been symptom-free for 24 hours, whichever is longer. This is to keep from infecting others and spreading the virus further.

Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures.

Parent Teacher Conferences

October 17 & 25
4-7 p.m.

Kettering Band Booster Craft Show

Saturday,
November 5
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FREE Admission

Crafters Needed
Call Colleen at
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Calendar

OCTOBER

Oct 8 (SAT.) Varsity Football Game, KETTERING VS MOTT @ Kettering 12:00 noon
Oct 10-14 Homecoming Festivities Week
Oct 13 OPUS Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Oct 13 Cyber Safety Presentation @ 7pm
Oct 14 Homecoming Game @ 7 pm
Oct 15 Homecoming Dance @ 7 pm
Oct 17 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4-7 pm
Oct 19 9th Grade Social Studies MEAP Test
Oct 20 Orchestra Concert @ 7 pm
Oct 25 Parent/teacher Conferences, 4-7 pm
Oct 26 Americana Concert (Band, Orchestra, Choir) Concert @ 7 pm
Oct 28 Halloween Fun Night @ 6:30 PM

NOVEMBER

Nov 3 Blood Drive
Nov 5 Craft Show 9 am -4 pm - Free Admission
Nov 8 Professional Development Day – NO STUDENTS
Nov 10 OPUS Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Nov 11 Marking Period 1 Ends
Nov 11 Challenge Day
Nov 14 Principals Roundtable @ 6:30, PTSA Following
Nov 17-19 Fall Musical "Grease" @ 7 pm
Nov 23-25 Thanksgiving Break - No Students
Nov 29 Fall Band Concert @ 7pm



Halloween Fun Night!

Friday, October 28
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Enjoy games, crafts,
and trick or treating!
Children 12 & Under

Homecoming Event Schedule

Monday, October 10
Wacky Tacky Day

Tuesday, October 11
Class Color/Class T-Shirt Day
Class Olympics

Wednesday, October 12
Sports and Powder-puff
Jersey Day
Powder-puff game

Thursday, October 13
Costume Day

Friday, October 14
Green & White Day
King/Queen Voting
Pep Assembly
Homecoming Game/
Homecoming Parade 5 p.m.
Homecoming Dinner 5:30
p.m. (\$5)
Homecoming decorating (after
the game)

Saturday, October 15
Homecoming Dance
7: 00 p.m. - 11: 00 p.m.
(Formal attire)
Ticket price \$20

Kettering Orchestra News

A big Waterford Kettering Orchestra welcome to all of our returning students, and especially to the incoming freshman class. There is so much going on:

- Parents please join OPUS! Please contact us at BeardM01@wsdmi.org for further information
- "LIKE" WK Orchestra on Facebook!
- Next OPUS meeting is October 13, 2011 at 6:30 pm located in the PAC Choir Room.
- Turn in VG's Community Share Points for easy fundraising
- Fall Orchestra Concert- October 20, 2011
- Americana Concert- October 26, 2011
- Play-A-Thon November 19, 2011
- Upcoming OPUS Meetings: November 10 and December 1

