



New Family & High School Orientation

WELCOME!

Tonight we will give you an overview on KCA and how the school works, while introducing to a few members of the faculty and staff and parents.

PRESENTERS



Brian McDavitt
Principal



Katie Wells
Dev. & Ops Director



Margaret Chaffee
ELA & Senior Seminar
Teacher



JJ McDonald
Parent Board Member



Amanda Burnett
Parent Council Co-Leader



Tara Tamburello
Parent Council Co-Leader

KCA PHILOSOPHY

We create a safe and caring community of co-learners in which:

- The uniqueness and worth of each individual are unconditionally accepted and respected
- Diversity is celebrated
- Interreligious dialogue and understanding are encouraged
- Collegial and participatory decision-making is practice
- Responsible freedom is expected
- Active open communication is a way of life

We provide a creative, flexible, and intellectually stimulating learning environment in which:

- Education is understood holistically
- Students are encouraged to strive for excellence at their own pace
- Students are challenged to discover and develop their fullest talents
- Students are challenged and supported in their search for meaning
- Motivation occurs cooperatively rather than competitively
- Learning how to learn is as important as what one learns
- Mutual evaluation is an ongoing and integral part of the learning process
- Students experience a variety of teaching and learning styles
- The ground is laid for seeing all of life as an educational venture

We prepare learners for responsible participation in their society by encouraging:

- Critical thinking
- A broad world view
- An awareness of global interdependence
- A passion for social justice
- A commitment to be change agents in creating a new future for themselves and others

QUALITIES OF A KCA GRADUATE

- A Responsible Participant
- A Critical Thinker/Learner
- Creative
- An Effective Communicator
- Passionate for Social Justice
- A Change Agent



TEACHERS



Betty Bresmer

World Cultures-8th Grade
World Languages- 10th- 11th
Grade
French 2- 10th-12th Grade



Margaret Chaffee

ELA- 8th Grade
ELA- 10th Grade
ELA- 11th Grade
Senior Seminar- 12th Grade



Dana Davenport

PE- 8th - 12th Grade



Anne Goldkamp

Physical Science- 8th
Grade
Chemistry- 10th Grade
Chemistry 2- 11th- 12th
Grade



Ben Hutchinson

Studio Music- 8th -12th
Grade

**Part-Time Teacher: Al
Schwartz**

TEACHERS



Kendall Kerr

Studio Art- 8th Grade
Contemporary Craft- 9th-
10th Grade
Ceramics- 9th- 10th Grade
Portfolio Prep- 10th- 12th
Grade



Brad LaPlante

Social Studies- 8th Grade
Speech & Current Events-
8th Grade
Communications- 11th - 12th
Grade
Gov./Economics- 12th Grade



Adam Murphy

Zine- 9th - 12th Grade



Fazila Patel

Pre-Algebra- 7th- 8th Grade
Geometry- 9th - 10th Grade
Pre-Calculus- 12th Grade
General Art- 9th - 12th
Grade



Janet Porter

Garden Class- 9th- 12th
Grade
Biology- 11th- 12th- Grade
Environmental Science-
11th- 12th Grade

TEACHERS



Melissa Riebe

Ancient World History- 9th-
11th Grade
Modern World History- 10th -
11th Grade
ELA- 9th Grade
Gothic Literature- 12th Grade



Tara Varney

Theater Coordinator

Afterschool Theater
Program



Bing Yzon

Algebra 1-9th- 10th Grade
Advanced Algebra
Yearbook- 9th- 12th Grade



Mark Zukaits

Culinary- 9th- 12th Grade

Principal

(Brian)

Student accommodations, unresolved concerns/conflicts, school safety concerns, bullying/harassment reports

Admissions Director

(Justin)

Admissions, financial aid and transcripts

Administrative Coordinator

(Jeanne)

Billing/Payments/Accounts Receivable, field trips, transportation, medication logs, demographics changes

KCA Staff Responsibilities

Attendance & Data Specialist

(Adam)

Attendance, class schedules, outside KCA credit tracking

Development & Operations Director

(Katie)

Parent Council, calendar, donations, volunteering

Counselor

(Elijah)

Student social-emotional needs, college and career readiness

DAY IN THE LIFE OF A KCA STUDENT

Students start arriving at KCA between 8:15 and 8:30, where our teachers and staff are ready at the door with good mornings. Once inside, they head to their first class of the day. Each class lasts 55 minutes, but no two days look exactly the same thanks to our rotating schedule.

Instead of a bell, our teachers personally dismiss their classes, creating a calmer, more connected transition between subjects.

Lunch starts at 11:25 and runs until noon, followed by a Crew before the afternoon classes begin. The school day wraps up at 3:30, except on Wednesdays, when students are dismissed at 12:30.



SCHEDULING & CLASS SELECTION

Daily Schedule: The school day starts at 8:30 am Monday-Friday and ends at 3:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesdays, school ends at 12:30. Wednesday afternoons are used for staff meetings and staff development.

Class Schedule: KCA has a rotating schedule for morning classes, with each class meeting four times a week. The afternoon classes have a set schedule, but still meet four times a week because we do not have afternoon classes on Wednesday.

Class Selection: Students meet with an advisor in the spring to review their credit tally, identify the classes they still need to take, and/or determine the credits they are missing. During this meeting, students will rank their preferences for any elective classes they would like to take in addition to their required courses. The student and their advisor will complete a class selection document, and a copy will be made for the student to bring home for their parent/guardian to review and sign. This copy will be brought back to school and used to help create the class schedule for the upcoming school year.

CREDITS FOR GRADUATION

Credits: KCA offers two tracks to students, college bound or non-college bound.

College Bound:

- ELA- 4 Credits (must include ELA 9 & 10)
- Social Studies- 3 Credits (must include one credit of World History)
- Math- 4 Credits
- Science- 3 Credits
- Foreign Language- 2 Credits
- Fine Arts: 1 Credit
- PE- 1 Credit
- Practical Arts- 1 Credit
- Senior Seminar- 1 Credit
- Electives- 6 Credits minimum

Non-College Bound:

- ELA- 4 Credits (must include ELA 9 & 10)
- Social Studies- 3 Credits (must include one credit of World History)
- Math- 3 Credits
- Science- 3 Credits
- Foreign Language- 1 Credits
- Fine Arts: 1 Credit
- PE- 1 Credit
- Practical Arts- 1 Credit
- Senior Seminar- 1 Credit
- Electives- 6 Credits minimum

MIDDLE SCHOOL OVERVIEW

- Crew
 - Leaders - Brad & Janet
 - Purpose
 - Community Building
 - Grades
 - Service
 - Academic Advising on Mondays
 - Tutoring on Thursdays
 - Community Circle
- Lunch
- Discipline/Classroom Management
 - Restorative Practice
 - Reflection Logs
 - Discipline Committee
 - Responsible Freedom
- Google Classroom
- Tech and Screens
- Homework
- Academic Integrity
- Teachers and Classes
 - Margaret (ELA)
 - Brad (SS)
 - Anne (Physical Science)
 - Bing (Algebra)
 - Fazila (Pre-Algebra)
 - Betty (World Cultures)
 - Kendall (Studio Art)
 - Dana (PE)
 - Ben (Intro Studio Music)



HIGH SCHOOL OVERVIEW

- Crew
 - Leaders & Focus by Grade Level
 - 9 (Ben &)
 - 10 (Melissa & Margaret)
 - 11 (Anne & Fazila)
 - 12 (Kendall & Bing)
 - Academic Advising on Mondays
 - Tutoring on Thursdays
 - Community Circle
- Discipline/Classroom Management
 - Restorative Practice
 - Reflection Logs
 - Discipline Committee
 - Responsible Freedom
- Teachers and Classes
 - Humanities
 - Margaret (English II & III, Senior Seminar)
 - Brad (Gov't/Econ, Communications)
 - Melissa (Gothic Literature, English I, US & World History)
 - Science
 - Anne (Chemistry 1 & 2)
 - Janet (Biology, Environmental Science, Gardening)
 - Math
 - Bing (Algebra 1, Advanced Algebra, Yearbook)
 - Fazila (Geometry, Pre-Calculus)
 - Electives
 - Betty (French)
 - Kendall (Craft, Portfolio, Ceramics)
 - Fazila (General Art)
 - Dana (PE)
 - Ben (Studio Music)
 - Mark (Culinary)



PARENT BOARD MEMBERS

KCA's Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from four key groups: Parents, Students, Faculty and Staff, and Community Members. The Parent Board Representatives are the voice that represents all parents currently enrolled in KCA.

To serve as a Parent Representative on the Board of Directors, your student must be currently enrolled and must also be enrolled to attend KCA for the following academic year. A Parent Board term is for 2 years. A parent can serve for two terms, but must be elected by the parent community for their second term.



PARENT COUNCIL

Parent Council will focus on providing connections through service and rallying behind the school. We are centered on bringing parents together in ways that are both meaningful and impactful by creating opportunities for parents to connect while working side-by-side on projects, events, and initiatives that directly benefit the school.

Parent Council will have a presence at school events like this Orientation, Back to School night, and Conferences as well as hosting a winter event for families. Based on how the fall events go we will be making adjustments in the Spring.

Does this spark an interest? If so, we'd love to have you!



Mentoring Program for New Families

This year, KCA is launching a mentoring program for new families at KCA to help them feel connected and supported as they join our community.

The purpose of the program is to promote community belonging and foster social-emotional learning to support academic success and promote family-school partnerships.



Questions



THANK YOU!

