

King College Prep Fall Newsletter



Jaguars -

We are thrilled to have all CTU/SEIU staff back to work. We appreciate all that they do and all that they have done for past, current and future students of King. I know that being a teacher is one of the most challenging and rewarding careers, having been a teacher myself, I also know the impact that teachers have on our students success in and out of the school building.

During the first five weeks I have had the opportunity to visit all classrooms. Classroom pop-ins are an excellent way for me to engage with teachers and students and keep current on what is being taught in the school. Classroom pop-ins are unannounced so that I have the opportunity to understand our culture of instructional inquiry. Since the second week of school, I have noticed that teachers and students no longer pause when I enter the class, because I have established a rhythm of being present throughout the learning community.

To effectively build community it is important to have entry points. One of my entry points this summer was to meet with community leaders. Another entry point, has been to schedule one-on-one meetings with teachers. During my one-on-one meetings I had the opportunity to share my rationale for becoming a teacher, which in summary "it is important that educators do everything within their power to provide a robust educational experience." Teachers also had the opportunity to share their educational journey and philosophy.

As I continue to visit classrooms and share my Educational Philosophy, I want to focus on the three "P's" -

- Purpose - objectives/goals
- Process - how are students and teachers interacting with the content
- Product - what has been learned/how is it being assessed

As always if you have any questions or concerns please stop by the Main Office. Thank you for selecting KING!.

Principal Kelly

KCP 5-Week Data



9th Grade Class of 2023

- Enrollment 106
- Attendance 97%
- On-Track 93.4%

10th Grade Class of 2022

- Enrollment 136
- Attendance 96%
- On-Track 73%

11th Grade Class of 2021

- Enrollment 113
- Attendance 94%

12th Grade Class of 2020

- Enrollment 131
- Attendance 95%

KCP teachers participated in a Professional Development on Primary Sources from the Library of Congress lead by Mrs. Dudeck and Ms. Yau.

Primary sources are the raw materials of history which provide students the opportunity to -

1. Draw on students' prior knowledge of the topic
2. Help students see key details
3. Promote student inquiry
4. Assess how students apply critical thinking and analysis skills to primary sources



KCP Parents

KCP Parents, I would like to say thank you to all of the parents who attended Parent Night/Mixer at Room 43. It was a great time had by all. Please stay tuned for other upcoming parent events.



King was invited by Argonne Labs to participate in an Artificial Intelligence Symposium. KCP students had an opportunity to dive into the current research surrounding computers and artificial intelligence, and discover how it is shaping our world and the many roles that they play in its future!

Students -

- Computed the future at interactive booths
- Explored the future of AI through Sci Byte Talks
- Participated in a 45-minute, hands-on computing workshop
- Learned more about careers in computing and AI

PARENTS...SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Friday, October 4th we celebrated KCP Scholars students who had achieved 100% attendance for the month of September.

Attendance is arguably one of the most important indicators of school success. Students cannot learn when they are not in school and unprepared to learn. Students who attend school regularly improve their chances of being academically successful.



**KCP Scholars and Parents
my challenge to you for the month of October,
is to make the 100% Attendance Club!**

Students Run Chicago
(Studentsrunchicago.org) would like to recognize an outstanding King student who will be running the Bank of America Chicago Marathon this Sunday October 13. This is a tremendous accomplishment for this student. She began training for this day back in April and has run 2-3



days a week every week since then. And while most students slept in on Saturday mornings, this student was up by 5am on Saturdays to begin a lakefront long run with the entire Students Run Chicago team. Their training include runs of up to 20 miles have prepared them to complete the 26.2 miles of the Marathon on Sunday. The outstanding King student is Esi Koomson (Class of 2020)

We hope you will be able to recognize Esi's achievement to the rest of your student body. And encourage your students to get out there Sunday to cheer on their classmate. Not only has Esi grown in physical strength in conquering 26.2 miles, but she has also grown in her ability to make goals, stick to a plan, work hard, meet difficult challenges, persevere, and support her peers!

The leaders of Students Run Chicago are very proud of Esi..

UPDATE: Esi completed the run in 5 hours and 55 minutes. Way to go!!

Barney Rupp
Students Run Chicago

KCP - Parent's Corner

Helping your child to get the most out of High School

Progress Reports

Parents, student progress reports were sent home on Friday, October 4th. Hopefully you have had an opportunity to read through your child's 5th week report. Maybe you are wondering what the grades really mean. How different is an A from a B? What is a D actually telling me? Will a grade of F have a lasting impact on their ability to go to college? Is C really average?

- This is a progress report, not a quarter grade or a semester grade. This is purely advisory and will not impact GPA or college eligibility.
- The progress report is the schools way of giving you a 'heads up' about the progress our students are making.
- The grades are based on between 2 and 4 weeks of work. Due to a number of factors including schedule changes, pretests, honors class eligibility tests, teachers setting up the classroom rules and expectations, etc; there is generally a limited number of data points in the first few weeks at beginning of the school year compared to later on in the year.
- A single missed assignment can have a huge impact. If a single 15 pt assignment is missing (and scored as zero), this could be as much as 30% missing from the progress report

Parents if you have any questions about your students progress, please reach out to your students teacher or you can email me Principal Kelly (bkelly2@cps.edu) or AP McFall(kmmcfall@cps.edu)



**Class of 2020
KCP Scholars
Celebrating Homecoming
Jaguar Pride**



The Class of 2023 came together to build community for an Ice Cream Social. Shout out to Mr. Williams and the Counseling Team for sponsoring the event for there support.

KCP Cleans- Up 43rd Street Beach

The reality is that many of our Lake Michigan beaches are sullied by refuse and littered with food wrappers, soggy cigarette butts, and small plastic pieces of mysterious origin. Performing beach cleanups supports our community's right to enjoy our shorelines and can prevent the introduction of some plastics into the Great Lakes.

The Great Lakes support a multitude of wildlife; aquatic insects, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds; and provide drinking water for approximately [40 million people](#) and non-human species alike. We all need water to survive, our health is interconnected within the hydrosphere.

Special Thanks to Mrs. Dudeck, Ms. Yau, the KCP students and the parents who participated in the clean-up.





KCP partners with University of Chicago students and King Alumni Class of 2019 for a Service Project.



KCP Parents - Let's celebrate our September KCP Student Scholars. Students are nominated by their teachers in all academic areas at each grade level. Let's congratulate our KCP Scholars for the month of September!! Students were celebrated in class and an email was sent via Naviance to parents.



KCP was acknowledged at the Bronzeville 5K Run/Walk. Donations collected will be utilized to gift the athletic programs at Carter G. Woodson Elementary School, Wendell Phillips High School, and King College Prep High School with the purchase of athletic supplies.

Education Quote for the Month

*Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.*

-Langston Hughes



One Dream....One Team....Jaguars

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