



# KAMIAKIN HIGH SCHOOL

## THE BRAVE DEEDS

THE PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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## Are our students ready for college?

One of the goals at Kamiakin is preparing all students for college, work and citizenship. In doing this we have engaged in numerous discussions about what it means to be prepared for college. "College" encompasses many forms of education after high school including certified and credentialed programs, two-year degrees from community colleges and technical colleges, rigorous apprenticeship programs and four-year degrees from baccalaureate institutions. The most important thing is that students continue their education and training after high school.

Being prepared for college means having the skills needed to enroll and be successful in post-secondary schools without needing to take remedial classes. Students who are college ready can cope with and understand what is expected in a college course. They are ready for the rigor of the content knowledge that is presented and can take away from the course the key intellectual lessons. Much of our early release professional development time has been dedicated to working to align our expectations of students with what they will need to be successful in college. The cognitive skills that colleges are looking for include: intellectual curiosity, inquisitiveness, analysis of complex problems, reasoning skills, ability to interpret data, being precise and accurate and problem solving.

Another way that Kamiakin is working to provide our students with data on their college readiness is access to My College Quickstart. Every student at Kamiakin has access to this valuable resource. For more information you can look at the online resource through [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

College is a reasonable and realistic goal for all students that can be attained through planning and attention to class selection and the skills students are developing. Students and their families can ensure a successful transition to college by choosing rigorous classes in high school such as Advanced Placement courses. Another way to build early college awareness is by participating in many of our Career and Technical Education classes. Most of these have articulated credits to Columbia Basin College and credits are offered at no cost to students. As students are choosing their classes for the 2012-2013 school year, they need to know that the number one indicator of college success is the rigor of the classes that they took in high school. The rigor that they are exposed to will prepare them for both the cognitive challenges as well as the affective skills that they need to be successful.

If you have questions on what your child needs to do to be college prepared, please feel free to contact Kamiakin at 222-7000.

# KSD School Operations Levy Renewal

The Kennewick School District has placed a referendum on the February 14, 2012 ballot asking voters to renew its two-year school operations levy. This would replace the levy approved by voters in 2010, which will expire on December 31, 2012.

Levy dollars bridge the gap between state and federal funding and the actual cost of operating a school district. They are used to support basic education, programs, and staffing. In fact, local levy and levy equalization dollars make up 20.3% of KSD's budget. If the levy isn't renewed by voters, KSD would lose that funding.

The proposed levy amounts for 2013 and 2014 are \$22 million and \$23.4 million. The projected cost to taxpayers in 2013 is \$3.38 for every \$1,000 of property value. That's an increase of approximately \$1.67 per month or \$20.00/year on a \$200,000 home. In 2014, the projected rate is \$3.48 per thousand, again an increase of \$20.00/year on a \$200,000 home. Tax rates are estimates because they are based on assessed property values. No matter what the rate, the district only receives the dollar amount approved by voters on the ballot.

Your vote matters, so take time now to become informed. A great resource is the KSD website. Look for the "Levy Information" tab at the top of the page. If you have specific questions, don't hesitate to ask! Feel free to e-mail Dave Bond, Vic Roberts, or Lorraine Cooper. Ballots will begin arriving in mailboxes around January 25. Ballots must be postmarked by February 14, 2012 to count—but don't wait and leave them on the kitchen counter or in the "to get to" pile. Mail your ballot in right away!

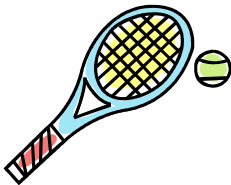
## Anonymous Tips to Stop Bullying

As part of ongoing efforts to end bullying and harassment in our schools, KSD is a member of AnonymousTips.com. AnonymousTips.com gives children and parents a safe way to report issues to school administrators without fear of reprisal from other students. A link to this important resource is on the district website at [www.ksd.org](http://www.ksd.org) – or go to <http://www.AnonymousTips.com>



# FIRST SEMESTER REPORT CARDS

First semester report cards will be distributed to your student by the first week of February, during their second hour class. If your student does not have a second hour class at Kamiakin, they will be available in the attendance office.



## SPRING ATHLETES

Spring sports will begin February 27<sup>th</sup> with the February 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline to turn in paperwork (if you want to participate the 1<sup>st</sup> day of tryouts). Be sure to listen to or read the Daily Bulletin for the pre-season meetings being scheduled with your coaches. Paperwork is available at these pre-season meetings, on the KAHS website (with a link), the KSD website [www.ksd.org/departments/secondaryeducation/default.aspx](http://www.ksd.org/departments/secondaryeducation/default.aspx), or in the main office. Don't wait until the last minute to check on your physical or complete your sports paperwork!

### March 3, 2012 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

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Brave day is coming! The Kennewick School District has designated **Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** as Discovery Day, but here at Kamiakin we call it **Brave Day**. The three high schools will use that day to have 8<sup>th</sup> graders visit the high school they plan to attend. Brave Day will be held from **10:00 am to 12:00 pm** in the **Cafeteria**. Students will be able to learn about activities, clubs and sports, visit with teachers about classes and tour the campus. In addition, pizza and pop will be served in the cafeteria and students can meet student leaders and Link Crew representatives. We hope to see all future Braves there!

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST REGISTRATION

Advanced Placement exams will be administered this year from May 7<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup>. Student Bulletins supplied by College Board as well as online ordering instructions and fee information will be distributed to all students enrolled in an AP course the first week of February.

We will be using Total Registration to register for exams online. This can be done from any computer with an internet connection.

The cost for each AP exam is \$87. Students **who qualify for free and or reduced lunch should indicate that when registering.** Their fee will be \$5.00 per exam.

Online Exam registration will begin on Monday, Feb 6, 2012 at 7:30 AM and end on Friday, Mar 9, 2012 at 3:00 PM. In order to register, students should click on the link provide on the school website or visit [www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/480524](http://www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/480524) to register. To complete registration, students must answer all of the required questions. Registration is not complete until students have printed the pdf of the confirmation page that is provided at the end. We know that parents may desire to register their students for exams; however, it is strongly recommend that parents and students are both present when registering to ensure that the correct exams are ordered and that payment information is clear. Once you come to the confirmation page, print two copies, one to return to Mrs. Miller in the ASB Office with payment, and one for your records. **Mrs. Miller cannot take your payment without this form, so make sure to bring it with payment.**

Here are the important dates for the registration process:

- Monday, February 6, 2012 at 7:30 AM - Registration Begins
- Monday, March 5, 2012 at 7:45 AM - Registrations and payments after this date will incur a \$10 late fee per registration.
- Friday, March 9, 2012 at 3:00 PM - Registration Ends
- Monday, March 12, 2012 at 3:00 PM - Registrations that have not been paid for will be cancelled and exams will not be ordered unless arrangements have been made with Mrs. Fontana.

Please contact Mrs. Fontana, [sharon.fontana@ksd.org](mailto:sharon.fontana@ksd.org), if you have any questions.

# Career Center News

## Seniors

- Seniors should have their applications done if attending a 4 year college. If students haven't applied to a college, other choices in obtaining more education in their area of interest include Technical colleges, Community colleges, and the military of their choice.
- **Time is marching on!** Your FAFSA (Financial Aid) forms should be submitted at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- Go to Kamiakin's career center web site for the scholarship list and [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) to find out about scholarships. **Do not pay for scholarships**, there are many free safe sites.
- Check to see if your mid-year transcripts have been mailed to the schools to which you have applied.
- Rank your finalized list of colleges.
- Look for Pell Grant program information in your Student Aid Report.
- Submit your Student Aid Report (and tax forms, if necessary) to the financial aid office. Be certain your application is complete: find out what else you need to do to establish and maintain eligibility for financial aid.
- Follow up to make sure that the colleges have received all application information, including recommendations and test scores.
- Meet with your counselor to verify that all applicable forms are in order and have been sent out to colleges.
- **KEEP COPIES OF ALL FORMS YOU SUBMIT.**

## Juniors

- Go through college catalogs or visit web sites using Career Cruising (save to your portfolio), of the 3-5 schools that interest you the most.
- Come to the College recruiter visits in the career center.
- Register and study for the SAT (I & II) and or ACT exams and take the test.
- Have a discussion with your parents about the colleges in which you are interested. Examine financial resources, and gather information about financial aid.
- Set up a filing system with individual folders for each college's correspondence and printed materials.
- When possible, plan a road trip to tour college campuses. Call ahead to schedule a tour – a college should be a "right fit".

## Sophomores/Freshmen

- Get involved in activities outside the classroom. Work toward leadership positions in the activities that you like best. Become involved in community service and other volunteer activities. (The people who read college applications aren't looking just for grades.)
- If you find an interesting career or careers, look up the information on Career Cruising or come to the career center. Career Cruising is a great source for planning next year's classes. It gives you suggested classes that apply to the career of your interest. Now is the time to get a head start for next year's registration.

Visit <http://www.ksd.org/kamiakin/htm> -Career Center for all career/college/military information and more. Also READ your school email- don't know it or don't have one - see Mrs.Isley.

Mrs. Rathbun Career Specialist

# KAMIAKIN COUNSELING SERVICES

222-7010

- SCHOOL & POST-HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE
- COUNSELING
- MENTORING
- AODA
- SCHOLARSHIP & FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION
- SPECIAL SERVICE PLACEMENT
- SCHOOL NURSE

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### SAT Testing Dates Left: Apply Online

Test Dates	Registration Deadlines *	
	U.S. Regular	U.S. Late ( <u>fee applies</u> )
March 10, 2012	Feb. 10, 2012	Feb. 24, 2012
May 5, 2012	Apr. 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 2, 2012	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012

### ACT Testing dates left: Apply on line

Test Date	Registration Deadline	<u>(Late Fee Required)</u>
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10–23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5–18, 2012

## Running Start

Running Start is a legislatively created program enabling Kamiakin juniors and seniors to simultaneously earn high school and college credit. Washington law states “Eleventh and twelfth grade students may apply to a community college or vocational technical institute to enroll in courses or programs”. Students, without having to pay the cost of tuition up to a 1.2 F.T.E. (students will be charged for any classes over 1.2 F.T.E.), may take classes which will earn both high school and college credit. Kamiakin sophomores and juniors interested in participating in this program will need to go to the Running Start parent/student meeting February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and take the COMPASS Test in early spring. For additional information please contact the Kamiakin Guidance Office at 222-7010.

## class computerScience:

By Hannah Nicholas

Computer Science is a new class this year at Kamiakin. What exactly is computer science? According to the teacher, Arlis Hoglen, it is using math, science, and logic to solve problems.



Rusty Black and Nicky Jones debugging their code

The curriculum includes learning to think like a computer scientist and covering the basics of programming. The class uses Python as a programming language. Python is powerful, fast, and free, so it can be downloaded at home to continue programming and working on projects outside of class. Because of its simple syntax, it is a good language for a beginning programmer to start with.

Hoglen says, "Computer Science is not offered in many high schools, and that's a serious problem. That's why I started this class, there's a need for it. A strong computer science background would put you ahead of a lot of people in college."

Computer science opens up to a lot of career opportunities, including anything in computers and information technology, as well as engineering.

Senior Rusty Black says he took the class to give him a better understanding of computers for his career path. "I've wanted to be a computer engineer, so Computer Science has definitely helped me make that decision."

The only prerequisite of the class is to have taken or be concurrently enrolled in Algebra 1 and 2. The class counts for an occupational education credit, .5 math credits, and satisfies the computer applications requirement. Along with all of that, you would also gain knowledge of math, scripting, coding, programming, and gaming.

Junior Nicole Jones says she's learned a lot about coding with Python as a result of the class, and had fun with it too. "It's really complicated at times, but also easy at times. But everyone's nice in the class; we have fun and joke around. And Mr. Hoglen lets us do our own projects."

The students all seem to have a positive opinion of Mr. Hoglen. When asked what his favorite thing about the class is, Rusty says, "The teacher, Mr. Hoglen, of course!"

<b>February</b>		<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b> <b>TRIBE</b>  Booster Club 7 pm Library	<b>2</b> Boys and Girls BB @ Hanford  Instrumental Concert 7p Aud	<b>3</b> Wrestling DIST @ Hanf Gymnastics DIST @ Gar- land's Gym	<b>4</b> Boys and Girls BB HERE Wrestling DIST @ Hanf  Sadie Hawkins Dance 9-11 pm Cafe
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Boys and Girls BB Tie-Breaker	<b>8</b> <b>EARLY RELEASE</b> 1:10	<b>9</b> Wrestling REG @ U High  KaHS/DHMS Instrumental Concert 7pm Aud  Senior Party Parents 7:30 pm Lib	<b>10</b> Boys and Girls BB DIST  Wrestling REG @ U High	<b>11</b> Boys and Girls BB DIST Wrestling Reg @ U High Gymnastics Reg @ GSL
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>TRIBE</b>  Site Council 2:30 Rm 436	<b>16</b> Wrestling State @ Tacoma	<b>17</b> <b>Furlough Day Early Release</b> 10:30 Boys and Girls BB DIST Gymnastics ST @ Tacoma Wrestling ST @ Tacoma	<b>18</b> Gymnastics ST @ Tacoma Wrestling ST @ Tacoma
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>PRESIDENTS DAY NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>21</b> Boys and Girls BB REG  Running Start Parent Night 6:30pm Lib	<b>22</b> <b>EARLY RELEASE</b> 1:10	<b>23</b> Jazz Night Instrumental and Vocal 7:00 pm Aud  Senior Party Parents 7:30 pm Lib	<b>24</b> Boys and Girls BB STATE	<b>25</b> Boys and Girls BB STATE
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Spring Sports Begins	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>			<b>2012</b>

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