



NEWSLETTER

Kenwood High School Community Updates

From The Principal's Desk

By: Mr. Armstrong, Principal

Greetings to the Kenwood High School community! The 3rd Quarter is in full swing, and the next few months will be full of learning, exciting events, and student success.

I am so proud of the work our students are doing to strive for more here at Kenwood! Please view our "Keep It Up, Kenwood" section on page 10 to celebrate our Bluebirds' accomplishments!

Our students attend after-school clubs, visit teachers for additional support, and continue to improve themselves every day. I want to take a moment to congratulate our students who are doing the work and making the most of their high school careers. Keep it up!

Our students' achievements do not happen alone—we need the support of our Bluebird families and community to ensure our success. As always, I invite you to check in with your child about their academic and social-emotional well-being.

Families are encouraged to review their child's grades and attendance in Schoology and Focus. Teachers are asked to update their gradebooks every two weeks, and students and families should stay up-to-date with academic progress to ensure that they are not falling behind.



Celebrating our Senior Wrestling Student-Athletes!

As always, don't hesitate to contact me or a member of my administrative team if you have questions, thoughts, or concerns. Thank you!

UPCOMING DATES

- Feb. 23: 3rd Quarter Progress Reports
- Mar. 1: Spring Athletics Begin
- Mar. 8: PTSA Purse Bingo at 7 pm
- Mar. 22: SAT Day for Juniors
- Mar. 25 - 29: Spring Break
- Apr. 5: 3rd Quarter Ends
- Apr. 11: Art Show 5 pm - 7 pm
- May 10: Senior Prom





Holiday Basketball Tournament

By: Ms. S. Jones, Sports Science Academy Coordinator

The Sports Science Academy (SSA) held their annual Holiday Basketball tournament before winter break. Each student was assigned a job/responsibility, ranging from being the coach to tournament staff, concessions, and/or cheer coach. The SSA 11th-grade students planned and facilitated the event in their SSA Leadership & Recreation I class with Mrs. Huffman. The basketball teams were comprised of the SSA 9th-grade and SSA 10th-grade students. SSA 11th-grade students coached the teams and learned how to be event managers, coaches, social media managers, monitors of their budget, etc. SSA 11th-grade students Yarah and Jennifer's team took home the win!

Introducing Our Newest Bluebird!

We are excited to welcome Ms. Harley as our 9th Grade Assistant Principal. Ms. Harley comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience. She has served in many leadership roles in Team BCPS, such as CTE Department Chair and CTE Site Coordinator.

Ms. Harley believes in keeping students at the center of her focus, as they rely on educators to meet their needs and to develop a school culture in which students feel accepted, connected, and respected.

She looks forward to greeting our scholars daily, supporting students to grow academically and socioemotionally, and empowering the Kenwood School Community as we work to reach our full potential through it all!

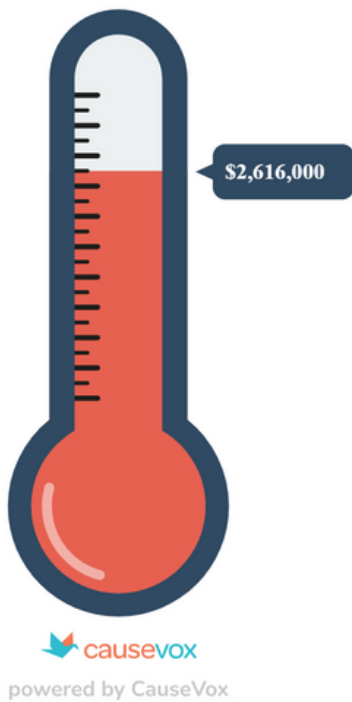


AVID

Ms. Komorowski, AVID Coordinator

As of mid-February, 20 of our Senior AVID students have been accepted to 4-year universities with 110 acceptance letters! They have currently earned 2,616,000 in Scholarship Offers!

GOAL: \$3,500,000



IB Program

By: Ms. Williams, IB Coordinator

Students had an action-packed month, starting with an IB Alumni Panel. Kenwood graduates were able to share their journey through IB and beyond!

Middle Years Programme (MYP) has concluded their study of cultural dishes with hands-on experience! Students explored international cuisine while visiting El Salto to experience cultural dishes!

Artist Spotlight

Four Kenwood Art students will have their work featured at AFSLS (Azrael, Franz, Schwab, Lipowitz, & Solter, LLC) Law Firm in Towson.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Kenwood Artists:

- Madison Neugent, 12th Grade
- Cynthia Matzul-Salobj, 11th Grade
- Dustin Perry, 11th Grade
- Adedeji Adedayo, 12th Grade





Fine Arts Enrichment

By: Ms. Cain, Fine Arts Department Chair

Select students currently studying IB Art, Photography, and Intermediate Art participated in a docent-led tour of identity at the Baltimore Museum of Art (BMA). Ms. Annie Bobbitt of the BMA stated, “Thank you for bringing your students to the BMA. Yours was my last tour of 2023, and your engaging, curious students wrapped my year up delightfully!” The Fine Arts Department wants to thank the IB Program for sponsoring this fantastic experience to encourage students to continue to nurture and develop their artistic talent.

Social Studies Spotlight

By: Mr. Woodward, Social Studies Department Chair

12th-grade student Yeily B. has been selected as a Maryland General Assembly Page! She will travel to Annapolis to participate in two non-consecutive weeks to work

alongside one of our state legislators during the legislative session. She is among only 14 Baltimore County public and private school students to receive this honor.

Yeily had her first experience with our state legislators in early January. She shared, “Everything is very cool! I was assigned to the House of Representatives, but not a specific person!” Yeily had the opportunity to meet the Maryland Governor, Wes Moore, multiple times during the opening session! **Congratulations Yeily!** Your Kenwood Family is so proud of your accomplishments!



Learning Resources

By: Ms. Wright-Greene, Learning Resources Department Chair

We are so proud of our Learning Resources Scholars! There has been a 10% increase in our 12th-graders who are being offered the opportunity to take advantage of post-secondary education opportunities through the

DORS Program. Our scholars can participate in the Single-Step Program, housed at CCBC, and the Workforce and Technology program, where they can learn Warehouse, Childcare, Food Services, and Vet Assistant skills.

Allied Athletics Spotlight

By: Ms. Phillips, FALS Educator and Allied Sports Coach

Bocce Ball ended their season with a big win against Patapsco on February 5th! The Players learned so much about the game throughout the season and had so much fun. Way to go!



A High School Renaissance Man

By: Ms. Alleman, CTE Site Coordinator

Kenwood High School's Dominick Linares wears many hats. From leading new students as Color Guard Commander, forming and leading the JROTC Jazz Ensemble, to playing Jazz in New Orleans, Linares personifies the exemplar student. As a Junior in the JROTC program, Linares recently scored a 76 on the ASVAB (a career aptitude test that helps predict academic and occupational success in the military). Such a high score

means that he is likely to get into any military career path.

Academic success is not the only form that Linares boasts. In his freshman year, Linares (with the help of Mr. Pediford) formed the Kenwood HS JROTC Jazz Ensemble. Linares said, “We started out with about 6 of us and after playing a few school events, we had to start holding auditions of sorts due to the increased interest in fellow student musicians.” Now, the Ensemble has played a multitude of events including the BCPS Superintendent Induction Ceremony. In addition to his school band, Linares is also a member of the Chesapeake Youth Jazz Ensemble with whom he recently traveled to New Orleans as part of the National Jazz Education Conference. In New Orleans, he could take in the culture of jazz roots and play alongside many famous and talented jazz musicians (including one of his inspirations, Doreen Kethens).

Linares got involved in Kenwood’s JROTC program at the end of his freshman year after discussing it with some friends who were already members. He officially joined at the start of his Sophomore year and said

he “decided I was going to hit the ground running and make the best of my time here.” Since joining, he has been appointed as the Chief Logistics Officer and Commander of the Color Guard. Linares credits Mr. Pediford, Mr. Ladd, and Senior Master Sergeant Stone with helping him succeed at Kenwood, noting that “they really seem to care and actually look for greatness in their students.”

With high ASVAB scores and musical talent, Linares has many pathways open to him. He loves aviation and can picture himself in the Air Force, but he also sees a future in music. While Linares is still deciding what exactly his future will look like, there is no doubt that success will follow this modern day Renaissance Man.



College & Career News

By: Ms. Zent, College & Career Counselor

- Seniors, make sure you complete the FAFSA if you are hoping for financial aid or scholarships!
- The Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) Instant Admissions Day for graduating Seniors will be held on March 7th in the library. Seniors can apply and be instantly admitted to CCBC for a Fall 2024 start. Please see Ms. Zent for details.
- CCBC is offering a Medical Front Office (MFO) Pre-Apprenticeship Grant. If you are a senior interested in a physician’s office career, please see Ms. Zent to sign up for the next cohort.
- The Kenwood High School Central Scholarship application is now available. Please use the following link or apply through Naviance: <https://forms.gle/D6V5kvGUCoFh8STUA>



FAFSA Frenzy

For Seniors who need assistance with completing the FAFSA and MHEC



When?
2/21 (A DAY) & 2/22 (B DAY)

Where?
Library
8:30-10:30 (Both Days)

How do I sign up?
Please use the SignUp Genius link to register. We will also accept drop-ins WITH a pass from your current teacher.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FADAD23A7FBC34-47924941-fafsamhec>

Students and their contributors should create their FSA ID before attempting to start a FAFSA application. Use the link to get started:



What do I need to bring?

- Charged device or cell phone
- Student and contributor FSA ID
- Social Security number
- Parent/Contributor Info:
 1. Full Name
 2. Exact date of birth
 3. Social security number of each parent or contributor
 4. Email address for each contributor

Please email Ms. Zent at: nzent@bcps.org with questions

NOW HIRING

Baltimore County Police Department

POLICE CADET PROGRAM
\$33,263 - \$39,852

BENEFITS

\$10,000 BONUS UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE POLICE ACADEMY

- 25 -year retirement at 60% with 3% every year after up to 100%
- Guaranteed salary increase annually
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Promotional Opportunities and Career Advancements
- Incentives for Military Service Members and Veterans
- Full Healthcare Coverage starts on Date of Hire
- Gain professional experience from various Specialized Units
- 15 Sick Days per calendar year with no limit



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Kenwood Athletics Announcements

By: Tony Ruocco, Athletic Director and Lindsay Mariner, Athletic Department Assistant

Spring Sports

Spring Sports Try-Outs will begin on March 1st. If you want to participate, please contact the team coach for more details!

Purse Bingo

Our Athletics Boosters are hosting Purse Bingo on March 8, 2024. All proceeds will support the class of 2024.

THE KHS BOOSTER CLUB PRESENTS
FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH
7:00PM-11:00PM
Doors Open @ 6:00
KHS CAFETERIA

Purse BINGO

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE



\$24.00/person
 20 BINGO GAMES
 Additional cards can be purchased throughout the night
50/50 Raffle!
 Concessions available for sale!

Win name-brand purses!


QUESTIONS? EMAIL: KENWOODHSBOOSTERS@GMAIL.COM

All proceeds will support the Class of 2024

2023-2024

KHS BOOSTER MEETINGS

September 12th
 October 10th
 November 14th
 December 12th
 January 9th



February 13th
 March 12th
 April 9th
 May 14th
 June 11th

All meetings begin at 6:00pm in the library.

Senior Picnic

Our Graduating Class of 2024 needs your support as we celebrate our seniors at the Kenwood High School Senior Picnic, which honors their hard work and dedication with prizes, games, and food. Before we send them off to the next chapter of their lives, we kindly ask for donations from our Amazon Wishlist, where you will find various items that will help make this event fun and exciting for the Seniors of Kenwood High School! Please enter the URL below to purchase your gift; all donations will ship directly to the Senior Picnic Committee! are in search of donations

<http://tinyurl.com/k863zd2m>



Celebrating our Senior Girls' Basketball Student-Athletes!



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@ Kenwood High School

Please follow the athletic schedule at: <https://kenwoodsports.digitalsports.com/>
 Purchase Tickets at: www.ticketspicket.com

ESOL Información



Evento especial del mes del bienestar mental



estudiantes, padres y cuidadores

Les invitamos a participar en talleres y a enterarse de los recursos para el bienestar mental y la prevención del abuso de sustancias.

arte facial, yoga, presentaciones estudiantiles, Chick-fil-a, etc.

9 de marzo, 2024 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

George Washington Carver, centro para las artes y tecnología

938 York Rd. | Baltimore, Maryland 21204

Horario de transporte para MOM 2024

El transporte saldrá de cada escuela preparatoria. Consulte la gráfica a continuación, sepa que un adulto debe acompañar al estudiante cuando usa el transporte en un día del fin de semana.

Area	Hora - 1a parada	Hora – 2a parada	Hora – 3a parada
Sureste	Sparrows Point High School – 8:30 AM	Dundalk High School – 8:45 AM	Patapsco High School – 9 AM
Suroeste	Lansdowne High School – 8:40 AM	Western Tech. – 9 AM	Catonsville High School – 9:30 AM
Sureste	Chesapeake High School 8:45 AM	Eastern Tech. – 8:55 AM	Kenwood High School – 9:05 AM
Noreste	Perry Hall High School – 8:55 AM	Loch Raven High School – 9:15 AM	N/A
Noroeste	Franklin High School – 9 AM	Owings Mills High School – 9:15 AM	N/A
Central	Hereford High School – 9 AM	Dulaney High School – 9:30 AM	N/A
Noreste	Overlea High School – 9 AM	Parkville High School – 9:15 AM	Towson High School – 9:30 AM
Noroeste	Randallstown High School – 9 AM	New Town High School – 9:15 AM	Pikesville High School – 9:30 AM
Suroeste	Woodlawn High School – 9:15 AM	Milford Mill Academy – 9:30 AM	N/A

Keep It Up Kenwood!

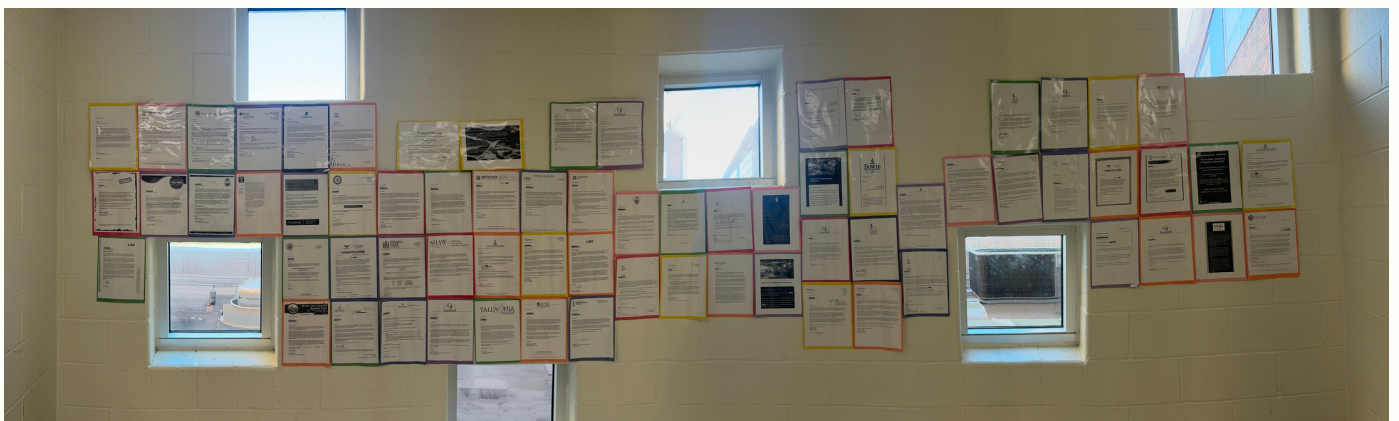
- In the 2nd Quarter, 334 students earned a 3.5 GPA or above on the Honor Roll.
- We have 230 students that have not missed any classes since the beginning of 2024.
- Our Varsity Boys Basketball team is on a 12-game winning streak and hasn't lost in 2024.
- Our Girls' Varsity Basketball team is doing well and standing at 9-7 in the conference.
- Our Boys' and Girls' wrestling teams are playing hard.
- Our indoor track team just sent Luke Greensfelder to the regional meet.



We celebrated School Counselors Week in February - Thank you to our amazing school counselors!



Congratulations Senior Boys' Basketball Student-Athletes!



LET'S CELEBRATE OUR SCHOLARS ON THE AVID ACCEPTANCE WALL!

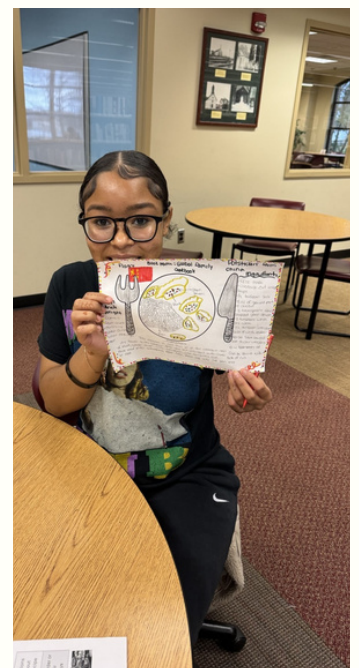
Reminders

- School starts daily at 7:45 and ends at 2:30 pm. Please ensure your scholars are on time and prepared to learn.
- Students entering after the school day has started must present their school ID card or digital copy to gain entry into the building using the FOCUS kiosk.
- Due to safety reasons, ski masks/full-coverage face masks are prohibited. If students want medical-grade masks, they are available in the main office.
- Students are not permitted to leave campus during school hours (this includes lunch)
- Outside Food Delivery is not permitted. All attempted deliveries will be confiscated.
- To participate in after-school activities, including attending sporting events, students must meet the following criteria: students may not be earning 2 or more E's, they must not have been suspended, and they must not have more than 5 unexcused absences. The administration will be present to verify eligibility.
- Students in need of additional academic support, plan to attend your teacher's coach classes.



Students participating in Docent-Led tour at Baltimore Museum of Art

The Bluebird and SSA student at the Holiday Tournament!



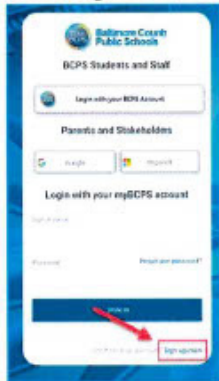
Students visited El Salto to experience International Cuisine!

Create A Parent Focus Account

Creating a Parent Account

Note: Parents need to use the email that was provided to the school to create this account. Parents may access Schoology using the link in the Parent Portal 24-48 hours after the creation of their myBCPS parent account.

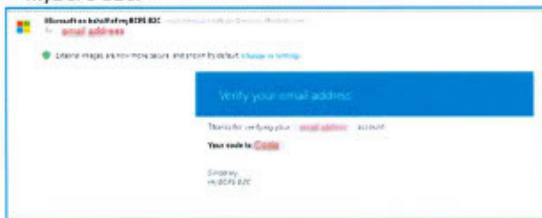
1. Using a CHROME browser, navigate to: <https://baltimore.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus>
2. Click **Sign up now** in lower right corner.



3. Enter the email address that was provided to the school and click **Send Verification Code**.



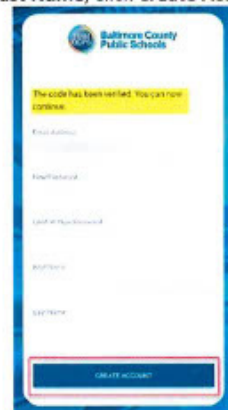
4. Open the email and locate the email correspondence from myBCPS B2C.



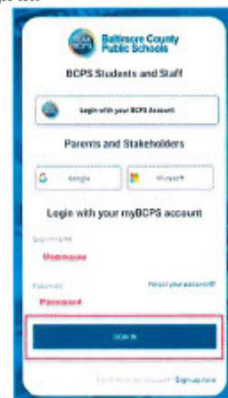
5. Copy the code from the email and enter it on the portal screen under **Verification Code** and select **Verify Code**.



6. After entering the code, users should continue by making a **New Password, Confirm New Password** and enter their **First Name and Last Name**, click **Create Account**.



7. Returning users should enter their **username and password** and click **Sign in**.



Who's Who?

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