Ahunna James KPRSC Student Council Representative February 22, 2021

## School Wide:

There will be two half days on the next two Wednesdays. February break was the 15th through the 19th

# Sports:

The Winter season ended on Sunday, February 21. The Fall 2 season started this Monday, February 22. The offerings are cheerleading, football, girls volleyball, unified basketball and winter track and field this season.

## Music:

The music department will begin holding practices on the weekends for various ensembles.

#### Clubs:

**National English Honor Society is** planning on helping out the Elementary Schools by Volunteering where they are needed. They are also currently working with the elementary schools in the tri-town area to share recordings of NEHS members reading children's literature, curriculum-specific materials, and works of interest with elementary school teachers, students, and their parents.

Leo Club Future events are making craft kits for the Wrentham library and collecting items and making kits for homeless women in Boston. The dates for these events have not been confirmed yet. The Pull Together soda tab drive that began January 19th is still going on and you can donate soda tabs to any member who is the Leo club. Project Remember Me where members made blankets was completed on February 10th. Lastly, Valentine's Day cards were created for the Wrentham Developmental Center.

Drama club held a meeting on February 11 at 7pm via Zoom, giving out information for the spring of 2021.

GAPS helped set up the last School Committee Budget Hearing on Feb. 8th, 2021 in the Grady Theatre (HS)

**KP-GSA:** During the month of February, Dr. Paul Poteat from Boston College and some of his colleagues and students from universities in CA and NYU will be guest speakers at their meetings. The KP-GSA has previously participated in Dr. Poteat's GSA research studies and another survey project is now starting up to determine how GSA can support students in times of crisis, academically as well as socially/emotionally. KP-GSA meets weekly on Wednesdays after school.

**Class of 2023 Student Government** is working on sales for class t-shirts and other fundraisers, while also looking into spots for Jr. Prom in spring of 2022. They meet monthly on Wednesdays to plan fundraisers.

Debate Club is planning to have a discussion on the Ethics of Abortion for the upcoming week

Class of 2021 Student Government held a trivia night on (2/9) in hopes of raising money for the class of 2021

**Science National Honor Society** has nothing scheduled right now, but are planning an artificial intelligence lecture, an engineering challenge, and possibly another science trivia night! They held a battery/chemical engineering lecture on February 4 via zoom.

**DECA** is preparing for the Virtual DECA State Conference during March 1-18. The conference will include the traditional Grand Opening Session on March 1 and our Grand Awards Session on March 18. Our chapter is very proud to announce that the MASS-DECA District 2 results were held at the end of January on Facebook Live and the chapter is sending 96% of members on to the state level for DECA competition. The session was held on the MA DECA Facebook page in which our members watched together on Zoom! DECA ICDC will take place in a Virtual format in April. During the final round, DECA will switch to a live presentation format that our chapter is excited about and will be ready for!

**KP Cares** is working on putting together some virtual events for students, including a trivia night and a virtual escape room. They are organizing a service event to benefit the New Life furniture bank in Walpole to gather supplies that they may need for housewarming baskets and also volunteer in person at the furniture bank. They are also helping with another Gilly House dinner on April 13th where they will bring a meal to the Gilly House and also other supplies they may need.

For the month of February they have had a kindness month event happening for practically every day of the week. Some of these acts of kindness include paying it forward at the drive-thru, leaving encouraging notes for people, or making cards for seniors at the Pond Home. They also had special days to demonstrate our support and gratitude for everything that Mike's Deli (February 9th) and Eagle Brook Saloon (February 19th) have shown for our school.

Also as a part of kindness month we have gathered materials to give to our members to make blankets for both Project Remember Me and Project Linus. Project Remember Me was started by a former student, Nick Georgette, after his father was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's. At the start of the month we put up a bulletin board for black History Month that included an acrostic poem using the names of prominent black people to spell it out. Also the board highlights a quote from Amanda Gorman, the Inaugural Poet Laureate

with some other quotes from exceptional black poets. After break they will have an array of letters and notes written by KP students for our custodial staff and cafeteria workers, thanking them for putting in such great work for the students this year.

Army First Lieutenant Renee Poirier, a former KP Cares board member who is stationed overseas in Kuwait, received the care packages for her and her troops, which they all were all very excited to get it.

#### **Student Council:**

The cooking class with Pam Gelsomini was held three weeks ago. The event raised money for the student council to use towards event prizes and scholarships. The event went really well and everyone loved their chicken milanese. Thank you to Pam Gelsomini of Dish Off the Block!

The Valentine bake off was held from February 7 to 14. Photos were posted to @KPSTUCO for voting on February 15 and 16. As of this submission, we do not yet have a winner.

The student council is currently raising money for the Annual Special Olympics Polar Plunge. In a typical year, StuCo would plunge into the ocean during the MASC annual March meeting in Hyannis. The group has not yet determined what their remote plunge will entail. Stay tuned!

The food drive that was held during the week of Martin Luther King was extended and they were able to pack up all of the donations and donate it to the local food pantries on February 11.

In conjunction with KP Cares, students wrote the names of all seniors on hearts. They were hung in the bus lobby along with the seniors' freshman photos for the We Love Our Seniors event on February 11 and 12.

Upcoming events include a fundraiser with Meadow Farm from March 1 to 18. There are also plans afoot with KP Cares to hold an in school event in March.