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Dear KPMS Families:

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at King Philip Middle School! I am delighted to welcome students back for the first day of school on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. The KPMS faculty and staff are very excited to have our returning students back in our classrooms and to meet our new students and their families. This school year brings the hope of new experiences, learning, and personal growth.

At KPMS, our faculty will provide your child with consistency, structure, and a caring environment. We strive to inspire students to develop their passions and to prepare them for success. All of our staff is working hard to make school a positive experience for your child, one in which they can be supported, challenged, and further develop a love of learning.

KPMS will be adhering to the latest COVID-19 protocol recommendations provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). At this time, masks will not be required while attending the middle school, but it is strongly recommended that those who are unvaccinated continue to wear their masks while indoors. Per the Department of Public Health's mask advisory, students riding any district bus or visiting the school health office must wear a mask at all times while in these settings. Please be aware that mask guidance and recommendations are continuously changing and the district will continue to review and update our policies as necessary.

On the following pages, I have included some important information and reminders regarding the start of school. Please be aware that some of the information may be changed or updated as we get closer to September. As always, I thank you for your flexibility and understanding. Please feel free to call the main office at 508-541-7324 or email me ([kreuzerm@kingphilip.org](mailto:kreuzerm@kingphilip.org)) to discuss any concerns that you may have throughout the school year.

Warmly,

Michelle J. Kreuzer  
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## **Immunizations**

The King Philip Regional School District, in compliance with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, [requires the following documents](#) before a student enters 7th grade.

- Updated immunizations which include:
  - Varivax, 2nd dose;
  - Tdap (Note: this is not the same as DTaP); and
  - MenACWY (1 dose).
- Students must also provide a copy of the most recent physical examination signed by their doctor.

Please fax, scan or drop off a copy of your child's medical records. Physical examination and immunization requirements are due by September 1, 2021. Email: [msnurse@kingphilip.org](mailto:msnurse@kingphilip.org); Fax: 508-541-3467.

## **School Walkthrough & Chromebook Pick-up**

The KPMS School Walkthrough will take place on **Tuesday, August 17, 2021** from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Students will have the opportunity to walk through the school and to see where 7th and 8th grade classrooms are located. 7th graders and new students will also have the opportunity to pick-up their school-issued chromebook at this event. An email to register for school chromebooks will be forthcoming.

## **Bus Registration**

All families that may potentially be using bus transportation at any time during the school year are required to register their child for the bus. If you have questions about bus transportation, please email Larry Azer, Director of Finance and Operations ([azerl@kingphilip.org](mailto:azerl@kingphilip.org)). [Please click here for bus registration](#).

## **Release of Student Schedules & the First Day of School**

Student schedules will be ready for students *by the end of August*. The first day of school is **Wednesday, September 1, 2021**. Students should be in their first period class at 7:30 AM. The main lobby door will open at 7:15 AM. Students who arrive early should wait in the cafeteria.

## **Back to School Night/Open House**

Back to School Night gives parents and guardians the opportunity to meet their child's team of teachers and to hear an overview of what their child will study. The dates are

- Grade 7 - Thursday, September 9, at 6:00 PM; and
- Grade 8 - Thursday, September 23, at 6:00 PM.

## **School Supplies**

[School supply lists](#) are posted on the middle school website under "Parents & Students." Please note that for the start of school, green/gold physical education clothing will not be needed.

## **Summer Assignments**

[Summer assignments](#) are posted on the middle school website under "Parents & Students." There is work posted for both mathematics and for English language arts. Please have children complete these assignments for the start of school.

### **Updating Contact Information**

Please make sure to update your contact information on Infinite Campus. It is extremely important that we have the correct information in the database for your family. If you have any trouble logging-in to Infinite Campus or with updating your contact information, please email [icsupport@kingphilip.org](mailto:icsupport@kingphilip.org) for assistance.

### **Website & Communication**

The district will be launching a new website within the coming weeks. Our website will contain the most up-to-date information for families. Daily announcements will be linked to the middle school homepage. The King Philip Regional School District Facebook page will also post middle school news articles periodically. Throughout the year, the KPMS Newsletter is emailed to families every 1-2 weeks. Short updates about school activities may be sent home during the week through email by the main office staff. Please be aware that main office emails come from the address [icsupport@kingphilipma.mg.infinitecampus.org](mailto:icsupport@kingphilipma.mg.infinitecampus.org).

### **Physical Education Clothing and PTSO Fundraiser**

All students at KPMS are required to wear a yellow/gold t-shirt and green shorts for Physical Education class. For your convenience, and to support the KPMS PTSO, we are selling PE clothing online. Purchasing items with the KP logo is NOT mandatory for PE class. [Click here for the link to the PE clothing fundraiser.](#)