



Kennett High School



Principal's Report
February 9, 2015

During the month of February, these are the topics of discussion:

Priorities

1. Due to weather conditions and other complications we have changed the date on the social and internet safety forum. We are now targeting the last week in February for the presentation. As stated earlier, the forum, which will be held in the Loynd Auditorium, will deal with the sudden rise in digital media access and evolving internet applications from Instagram, to Twitter and Yik Yak, which have contributed to a host of new problems for parents and schools. The rise of cyber bullying and sexting is one of the fastest growing problems to emerge nationally and amongst our student population during the past few years. We urge all parents to attend this forum to familiarize themselves with these emerging technologies and learn symptoms to identify cyber problems and strategies for having conversations with their child. The final presentation date will be announce with an Alert Now message and through the KHS web site.

Identified Improvement Targets in Progress

1. The 2015-2016 Program of Studies has been completed and is now awaiting final approval before going to press. We are looking at a mid March distribution to students and parents. A copy of the program of studies will also be posted on our web site.

Staff and Student Accomplishments

1. Dana DeMore, a senior member of the Band, was selected for the All Eastern Honors Band based on her achievement scores during her All State Audition in the fall of 2013. This is a tremendous accomplishment both for Dana and KHS. Only 2 students from the State of New Hampshire were selected out of 101 participants from 12 states and Europe. The All Eastern Honors Band will be performing at the Eastern Division Conference for the National Association for Music Education in April of 2015. To put this accomplishment into perspective in the past 50 years, Kennett has sent 1 orchestra member, 3 chorus members, and 1 other band member to All Eastern.

2. Ed Fayle is pleased to announce the publication of our second annual literary magazine, "Anthology of Young Writers in Mount Washington Valley". This publication contains some of the finest writing by our students and the depth and emotion in their writing is remarkable. The publication is currently on sale at White Birch for \$5 and all proceeds after printing costs will be donated to Jen's Friends.
3. The indoor track team has set several new school records this season: The students and their record setting events are; Lisa Carper- 1000m, Nick Brown- 1000m, Todd Desmaris- 55m hurdles, Nick Roberts- high jump, and in the 4x 200 relay Kyle O'Keefe, Cam Labrie, Todd Desmaris, and Thomas Chant- The relay team heads into championships ranked second in DII and seventh in the state. I've attached a picture of the four of them from this past Sunday's meet at USM.



Record setting 4X200 Kennett Relay Team

