



# Kennett High School



Principal's Report  
February 8, 2016

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## Identified Improvement Targets in Progress

1. The collaborative Chris Herren initiative between Fryeburg Academy and Kennett High School on Tuesday the 19th of January was a resounding success. The 1700 students and staff in the Fryeburg gymnasium were quiet and focused as Chris Herren relayed his story and message. He spoke of the need for students to be comfortable with who they were and not use drugs or alcohol to try and change themselves into someone else. His talk resonated deeply with our students which led to many, many student and teacher conversations after the presentation. This was perhaps the most successful student assembly I have been a part of and I know it created a lasting impression on many of our kids. I also want to acknowledge the terrific logistical coordination job that Neal Weaver coordinated. We moved 17 bus loads of students and staff, and 700 extra chairs were shipped in advance and each and every student and chair were returned and the field trip went off without a hitch.
2. As we move into the second half of the school year several notable events have already been scheduled and planned. The eighth grade transition night for the parents and incoming freshman has been planned for Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 PM in the Loynd auditorium. The middle schools have been notified and additional information will be sent to the students and parents as we approach the event.
3. Looking further into the spring season the KHS Academic Awards night will be held in the Loynd auditorium beginning at 6 PM on May 31<sup>st</sup>. In addition KHS will hold the senior scholarship night on June 7<sup>th</sup> in the Loynd auditorium beginning at 6 PM. We will continue to advertise these event date and times as we move closer to these events.

## Student & Staff Accomplishments

1. The NHHEAF Network Organizations' Center for College Planning offered New Hampshire students and parent's FREE File-a-FAFSA assistance with two financial aid experts during a workshop at Kennett on January 26 and 29 from 1:30- 3:00. Nineteen parents had individual appointments and were able to complete their FAFSA financial aid application in one sitting.
2. Thirty-three KHS seniors were recognized by the NHIAA as scholar athletes at a ceremony in Concord on February 1st. In order to qualify, a student must be a member of at least two NHIAA recognized varsity sports, have maintained a minimum B+ GPA for his/her high school career, and demonstrated proven leadership skills and community service involvement.

3. We had our Grand Opening of the Eagle's Clawset Thursday, February 4, during PLC time! It will be open every Thursday during PLC and one day after school, most likely Tuesdays. The 'free boutique' will be open to all students, no matter the need, and provide clothing, shoes, accessories, canned and dry goods, and school supplies. Since Starr Hill was the inspiration for the original Eagle's Clawset, we dedicated the Grand Opening to her.
4. Sydney Perk was part of the Kennett scholar athlete honorees in Concord on February 1<sup>st</sup>. She had entered a statewide scholarship contest with an adaptation of her admissions essay from writing class which also got her accepted into UNH, Plymouth, USM, and Colby Sawyer, among other schools. The scholarship competition was keen, with over a thousand scholar-athletes statewide having the opportunity to compete. As Sydney sat there yesterday, listening to an excerpt of the winning essay being read aloud before the entire crowd, she thought, *Hey, that sounds familiar...* and of course, it was. Our Sydney won the NHIAA \$500 Scholarship for the female Division II scholar-athlete, and is now also eligible to compete nationally for more money in another scholarship contest with the essay she wrote in her writing class. Hooray for Sydney and writing good enough to win this scholarship!



**Sydney Perk Honored**



**NHIAA Scholar Athletes off to Concord**

