



# Kennett High School



Principal's Report  
September 14, 2015

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## Theme for the Year

1. The students and staff have gotten off to a smooth, positive start this year. Our theme for this year is to continue to focus our Excellence in Education which we adopted as a faculty last year. This focus is on creating real world relevancy, using technology to advance teaching and learning and developing a student centered environment.

## Priorities

1. This year our staff is placing a renewed emphasis on the Freshman House, reinvigorating our PLC model, preparing our students for college and career readiness all embraced with the over arching theme of a kind student centered environment.
2. The Stoney Memorial Covered Bridge has arrived on campus and is ready for installation on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. The foundation work for the bridge work was completed by L.A.Drew and we are all anxiously awaiting the arrival of the team of oxen who will pull the bridge into place. Teachers are excited to bring their classes to this unique, once in a life time, teachable moment.

## Student & Staff Accomplishments

1. KHS continues to extend student achievement in our advanced placement programs. . We had 86 students take 156 AP exams last spring which is the largest number of Kennett students taking AP exams ever. Kennett students with AP exam scores of 3+ was 76 % besting the state average of 74% and the global average of 61%.
2. The Kennett High School open house has been scheduled for September 23th from 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm. Notification of the event will be sent to parents prior to the event and we will also place a message in the local paper and place a PSA with the local radio stations.
3. On September 15th @ 1:15 pm in the cafeteria, we will have local college admission reps here to talk about their school and to meet interested students. Juniors and senior are welcome to come to the café from 1:15- 1:45.  
the colleges that are attending were; Colby–Sawyer College, Community College System of NH, Franklin Pierce University, Granite State College, Keene State College, MCPHS University, New England College, NH Institute of Art, Plymouth State University, Rivier University, Saint Anselm College, Southern NH University, University of NH.

4. The Kennett SAT scores for last year totaled 1488 which was a slight drop from the 1494 from the previous year. We scored a 496 in critical reading, a decrease of 12 from the previous year, a 510 in math, an increase of 7 points from the previous year and a 482 in writing a decrease of 1 from the previous year. Our scores are on par with the national average of 1490. Interestingly, the U.S. SAT scores hit their lowest level since the test was last overhauled in 2005, just ahead of the new SAT test debut in 2016. The average score nationwide was a 1490 for the class of 2015, down 7 points from the previous year.
5. Homecoming is scheduled for the week of September 21st. The student council has planned a full week of school activities with the homecoming athletic events scheduled for Friday the 25th. The homecoming dance will be held on Saturday evening, September 26th.
6. The freshman transition day on September 1<sup>st</sup> was a tremendous success with over 95% of the incoming freshman attending. We had almost 40 current Kennett students from the National Honor Society, Key Club, Future Educators and Student Council volunteer to help with the transition to make our students feel welcome and comfortable in their new “home” The students participated in a number of icebreaker activities to ease their anxiety and met their new team members, teachers and toured their class schedule and the school. The benefits were evident as the first day for all students was smooth and uneventful.



