

August 1, 2014

Welcome Class of 2018! In just a few days, you will experience your first day of high school. I hope you are excited as we are excited to have you. I am predicting about 450 freshmen will start the school year.

Schedules are (or will be) available on line via PowerSchool. You will receive notification once they are released for viewing. Please remember a few key pieces of information:

- 1) Course requests are just that...requests and not guaranteed.
- 2) There are THREE distinct schedules-fall, winter, and spring.
- 3) Freshmen schedules are run last...meaning seniors first, juniors next and so on.
- 4) If you do not see a course you requested, there may have been a conflict, the class was full, the class was not offered, etc.
- 5) There were 150 requests for Performance PE that could not be honored each term. Most are freshmen due to the order of running schedules. If you did not get scheduled for Performance PE, another PE class was substituted as PE is a required class. As openings become available, you may find your PE class changing to Performance PE so CHECK your schedule carefully on the first day of school.
- 6) If you have changed your mind on a request previously submitted, you will need to complete a SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUEST form. Requests will be considered, but not guaranteed. You must follow your original schedule unless notified a change has occurred or it appears on PowerSchool. Some changes may not take place until after school starts/during the first week of school. Additionally, by requesting a change, it may cause other classes and teachers to change if the request can be granted.
- 7) If you need a form, you can pick up a hard copy in the counseling office beginning August 4th or you can access one via the Kennedy web page. Follow path: Academics—Counselors—Change Form.
- 8) No new class can be added to a schedule after August 29th. A class may be dropped, but no new class added.
- 9) Freshmen are required to have an LA, math, science, and PE/wavier at a minimum on their schedule. Students should also have an assigned area for periods 1-6. Please review your schedule carefully to ensure these required classes are showing.

Please consider reviewing your *Class of 2018 Information Booklet* as it contains good information. You will be receiving a Student/Parent Handbook as well as a Kennedy calendar. Announcements are posted daily on the Kennedy website which I encourage all students and parents to become familiar using.

Freshmen Orientation is August 21st and this is a one-time event. There is no make-up orientation or individual orientations. If you student cannot attend, they are welcome to come walk around the building before the first day and find classrooms. In this mailing, there should be a registration for orientation as well as more details about orientation.

If you need to contact me during these next weeks, please try email if at all possible. I realize this may not always be possible or appropriate but I seem to be able to return emails more expedient than voice mail. My email address is mherrity@cr.k12.ia.us. Counseling office number is 558-2233.

Looking forward to working you and your student!!

Mic Herrity, Freshmen Facilitator

