



Kennett High School Principal's Report March 11, 2024

Professional Activities of Staff

- KHS Alternative Program- An update on the program will be this month's presentation to the board.
 - 12 Students are enrolled in the program (number of blocks varies)
 - Still Looking for a STEM teacher
- KHS Universal Team- continues to work to support creating universal expectations for students and staff
 - Current focus is looking at how we can create universal expectations around appropriate Chromebook care and use with a focus on decreasing damage to student devices.
- KHS Anatomy and Physiology Students and KHS HOSA students will be visiting the University of New England Medical School Facilities on April 3 where they will see the lab facilities and actual cadavers that individuals have asked to be used for science. This was facilitated by Caroline Jaeger (Class of 2016), who is currently a fourth year Medical Student.
- KHS Language Honor Society Induction is on Thursday, March 14th
 - Eight new members are being inducted into the Spanish Honor Society
 - Seven new members are being inducted into the French Honor Society

Staff and Student Accomplishments

- Hannah Smith was the winner of both the Kennett High School Rotary Speech contest and the County Speech Contest. She will now compete at the New England Regional Competition in Northern Vermont University. She is the first KHS student to compete and place in this annual contest in 20 years.
- Key Club-
 - Ski for Sunshine was held on Saturday, March 2. This year they raised over \$21,000 and the three year total for this event is now \$52,715. This is amazing work by the Key Club and specifically Molly DellaValla who has championed this event
 - Giovanna Cook was elected as the next Lieutenant Governor of the New England and Bermuda Key Club District
- Performing Arts

Student Count 2021- 736
Student Count 2022 - 726
Student Count 2023 - 700

Current Enrollment - 693
(Transferred-In - 2; Transferred-Out - 5,
0 completed HiSet)



- Drumline completed their winter season performing at the home hockey playoff game, as well as Key Club's Ski For Sunshine Fundraiser
- The Pep Band has also finished the winter season performing at numerous home basketball games
- The Dance team is traveling to Florida where 7 students will compete in the national competition and the rest of the team will be performing in a dance show/routine at Disney. The trip is from March 7-12.
- Athletics
 - Girls alpine ski team finished the season with another state championship, the 5th consecutive
 - Allie Hussey was the GS and Slalom champion and qualified for the Meet of Champions, as did Liza Graustein and Myra Johnston
 - Boys alpine ski team finished in second place at the state championship.
 - Liam Chesley, Jonah Katz, Joey Nichipor, and Carter Tasker all qualified for the Meet of Champions
 - KHS Ski Jump team finished in second place at the state meet
 - Girls Basketball qualified for the state tournament but lost in their preliminary round match
 - Boys Basketball qualified for the state tournament and upset the #5 seeded Manchester West, but then were defeated in the quarter finals
 - Boys Ice Hockey finished with the #4 Seed and lost 1-0 to Kingswood in an opening round home playoff game
 - Berlin-Gorham-Kennett Cooperative team had an outstanding season and lost to Oyster River in the semifinals in overtime. Oyster River scored after BGK thought they had won the game and the entire team was celebrating. It was one of the craziest ending possible for a playoff game
 - The Nordic Season Wrapped up for both the boys and girls on Wednesday, March 7
 - Gabe Freedman, Finn Lajoie, and Jenna Burnell qualified for the meet of Champions
 - Winter Sports Awards are on Tuesday, March 12 in the Loynd Auditorium at 5:30 pm
 - Spring Sports Preseason meeting is on Monday, March 11 at 5 pm in the Loynd Auditorium and sign-ups are underway



