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**School Hours:**

M-Th. 7:30—2:40

Friday 7:55—2:40

**Dress Code:**

A reminder...spandex, form fitting pants/shorts/skirts/yoga pants and sagging pants are not appropriate to wear to school and are considered dress code violations. In addition, spaghetti straps /bra less than 2 inches wide are not allowed. Shoulders are to be covered. Beginning with the new semester, consequences in accordance to the handbook will be strictly enforced. Simply put, if you think it doesn't meet dress code, don't wear it.

**Spring Eligibility**

Students who are failing one or more classes are ineligible to participate and/or attend school functions for one week. Eligibility reports begin Feb. 4. Each week the report is updated and if a student has improved their grade(s) to passing, their eligibility status is restored.

**Kansas Writing Assessments**



Begin Jan. 28 for all juniors.

School resumes Jan. 7. No School Monday Jan. 21.

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# JANUARY 2013

*Standard of Excellence in Reading and Math 2010, 2011, 2012*

## Recognition of Outstanding Performance



Our annual recognition of Scholars Letter recipients will be Tuesday Jan. 29 at 1:40pm in the high school auditorium. Students who maintained a 3.75 or better in the past spring semester and/or fall semester will be recognized. Parents, immediate family members welcomed. Following the program, refreshments will be served. The program should conclude by 2:30. Please join us as we recognize outstanding student achievement!

## New Graduation Requirements for 2014

Beginning next fall, current freshmen and incoming freshmen will be required to take a semester of Public Speaking, Health/Wellness and (with the assistance of the counselors) develop their educational/career plan. This plan will assist the student in appropriate course placement based on skills, assessment results, interests and scheduling availability. Our graduation requirements of 28 credits will still remain in place. The 28 credit requirement is the highest requirement in the metro area (Olathe 24, Blue Valley 24, Shawnee Mission 23, Sumner 25) and one of the highest in the state. Students who are selecting the Scholars Diploma route will be required to take 31 credits.



Congratulations to both the Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys Basketball teams on their Tournament Championships at Eudora and Paola!



**Spring Semester Monday Schedule:**



The following Mondays are **PURPLE** days:

Jan. 7, Jan. 28, Feb. 11, Feb. 25,  
March 4, March 25, April 8, April 22,  
May 20.

The following Mondays are **WHITE** days:

Jan. 14, Feb. 4, March 11, April 1, April 15, April 29, May 6,  
May 13.

**Did you know.....**

**Facts about the fall semester**

- Football Team advanced further than any team in school history and finished 10-3.
- Seusical The Musical brought in one of the highest revenue in years.
- Girls Golf Team qualified for state tourney, first time in 20 plus years.
- Class of 2014 scored a 99.2% on state reading assessments.
- Volleyball improved their record from last year by 10 wins.
- Claire Bender and Cheyenne Rupard qualified for state vocal competition in the spring.
- 19 students from the senior class of 2013 will graduate in the spring with at least a semester of college credit. (Some will have as many as 23 hours).
- Key Club grew to the largest membership (179) in school history.
- FCCLA organized several charity activities and community service opportunities.
- Both Boys and Girls BB teams won their pre-season tournaments.

**Consistent attendance is a significant key to student academic success. Unless your child is running a fever, or has had one within 24 hours, it is important that your child is at school. With block scheduling, missing one class is the same as missing 2 classes. If your child is going to be absent or late to school, please contact the attendance line at 913.721.9034.**

**Beginning Jan. 7, school dismissal will be at 2:40 instead of 2:35.**

**Counselors Corner:**

Mrs. Darcy Lucas – A-L – [dlucas@piperschools.com](mailto:dlucas@piperschools.com)  
Mrs. Marge Eckard – M-Z – [meckard@piperschools.com](mailto:meckard@piperschools.com)



*Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information!!!!*

**Upcoming test dates:**

February 9, 2013 – ACT test (won't be offered at PHS but students can take elsewhere) – registration deadline January 11, 2013.

January 26, 2013 – SAT test (not offered at PHS but students can take elsewhere) – registration deadline December 28, 2012.

**Scholarships:**

Any seniors wishing to apply for Booster Club and PTA scholarships in the spring **MUST** be members of those organizations. To be eligible to apply for the PTA scholarship, students must also work at two PTA events during the 2012-2013 school year. Contact Mike Orel for Booster Club or Theresa Fissette for PTA membership information.

Be sure to visit the counseling web site to see an updated list of scholarships! We update the list of available scholarships as we receive them. Click on General Scholarships for a current list of scholarships we have received through our office. The Local Scholarships page will not be have scholarships available until February 2013.

**SENIORS** applying for admission to colleges this fall need to check scholarship deadlines for their respective schools. Be proactive in researching this information so you don't miss any important deadlines!!!

**FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – SENIORS ONLY:**

Parents – get your taxes done early in 2013 if you plan to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)). The information will be required on the application.

Save the date for College Goal Sunday ([www.collegegoal.org](http://www.collegegoal.org))! From 2-4 on Sunday, February 24 at KCKCC, get assistance completing the FAFSA.

To quicken the process of completing the FAFSA, go online now to request your PIN to apply for federal aid by going to [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov).

[www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov) – This web site will estimate the financial aid that you would qualify for.

**KCKCC Enrollment and Payments:**

Students enrolled for college classes must have all enrollment paperwork turned in before classes start in January.

Payments are handled through the KCKCC Business Office. Fees must be paid in order for students to enroll in classes the next semester. Please take care of these in a timely manner.

**Other:**

Do you have what it takes to go to college? This is a question you need to start answering as early as your freshman year in high school. Check out [www.college.gov](http://www.college.gov) & <http://www.knowhow2go.org/> for useful information that will help to “engage, inform and inspire” you about college. Go to the “College Information” page on the high school counseling web site and click on “Kansas College Entrance Requirements” to learn the requirements to go to a college in Kansas.

