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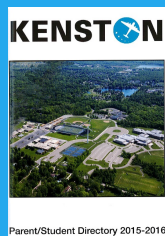
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Kenston Directory

Every Kenston family should have received a copy of the 2015-2016 Parent/Student Directory by backpack or US mail. Kenston PTO provides this directory to families at no cost. If your family did not receive one, please feel free to request one from the front



#1 Dog Essay Contest

Kenston Intermediate School fourth grader, Emily Collier's dog Stella, was selected as the Number 1 Dog in Geauga County based on her winning essay sponsored by Geauga County Auditor Frank Gliha. The contest was open to any fourth or fifth grade student in the county to kick-off the 2016 Dog Registration in Geauga County.

[Emily's #1 Dog Essay](#)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Next Regular Meeting - Monday, December 14, TES, Multi-Purpose Room, 7pm
[Agenda and Minutes](#)

FINANCE: MAKING CENTS

This month, the District will release its seventeenth Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR.) The CAFR is a standard accounting report used by public and private entities to report their financial position at fiscal year end. CAFRs are prepared according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principals or GAAP. The standard format for the CAFR has three sections; the Introductory Section that provides background on the District, the Financial Section that presents financial statements and notes, and the Statistical Section that compares information from past years. The CAFR is a reporting tool that provides financial transparency, but is also targeted to a specific financial audience with standard guidelines and formats for reporting. Kenston's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report has consistently been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. [Link to Financial Facts](#)



HOLIDAY DEVICE ADVICE

Looking for a device for your Kenston student this holiday? Here are some basics to keep in mind when deciding between tablets, laptops, phones, and others devices.

First, what is the intended use of the device? If your student plans on doing a lot of projects including text (i.e. typing) consider a device with a dedicated keyboard, like a laptop. Some tablets have attachable keyboards, but they tend to get lost or damaged easily over time, and can be expensive add-ons to a tablet.

A second consideration would be screen size. Most adults shy away from 11" or 13" laptops because they seem too small, but kids often have no problem with the smaller screen size. In fact, the smaller size is becoming more standard in the industry, but a 13" screen is probably preferred.

Third - make sure the device can run all day on battery - charging in between class can be a challenge.

So, what specific devices fit this mold?

A Chromebook is a great start. A Chromebook is specifically designed with the creative student in mind, and runs all day. It starts up fast, connects to WIFI, and gets the job done. And the price points keep falling - there are great models available around the \$200 mark.

Brands we use and like at Kenston include Lenovo, Dell, and Acer. Make sure to get a Chromebook with 4GB of RAM, and you're all set. Other considerations would include PC laptops that run Windows 7, 8, or 10 - prices will be a bit higher, but you'll end up with a machine that can load any kind of specific software you may need, like Photoshop if that's required.

What about tablets?

Tablets are great for consuming information, and creating media heavy content, like movies and music. Many find typing on the tablet a chore, and tend to shy away from the tablets for any word processing task (something we still do a lot of at school). Tablets come in all forms and sizes, and we recommend something that runs either Android or iOS (Google's system, or Apple's system, respectively). Kindles are great for reading, but won't let you create much, if anything. Prices are less in the Android market, and iPads can become very expensive.

Phones are great, but the small screen size limits the capability of effective use. Phones can participate in mobile games, read text, etc. but will not suffice in creating slideshows, writing papers, etc.

Whatever you do, don't forget to protect your new tool. Get a case, or bag to carry it in, and invest in making sure the device is protected from heavy books, dropped in lockers, etc. The number one issue we deal with is screen breakage, often from getting crushed in a book bag. Depending on the device, fixing it

might cost more than the device.

If you have any questions about devices, and whether or not they'll be a right fit for you and your student, don't hesitate to reach out to our Director of Technology Integration, [Andreas Johansson](#).

A poster for 2015 Holiday Concerts. The background is a vibrant blue with a bokeh effect of light spots and white snowflake patterns at the bottom. The title "2015 Holiday Concerts" is written in a large, white, cursive font at the top. Below the title, three concert events are listed in white, bold, sans-serif font: "December 8 KMS Choral Concert", "December 9 KMS Band Concert", and "December 15 KHS Holiday Concert". At the bottom, a line of smaller white text reads "All Concerts in KHS, Lee Auditorium at 7pm unless noted."/>

2015 Holiday Concerts

**December 8
KMS Choral Concert**

**December 9
KMS Band Concert**

**December 15
KHS Holiday Concert**

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ATHLETIC HONORS

Players of the Year

Aya Henry - Golf
Sydney Gorski - Volleyball
CJ Maynard - Soccer
Jakob McConnell - Cross Country

Coaches of the Year

Chris Ickes - Cross Country
Steve Scherlacher - Volleyball
Josh Sladick - Boys Soccer

All Academic

Samantha Adams, Carly Artino, Samantha Barrett, Jason Bernzweig, Tyler Cooper, Sierra Culver, Nicole Doran, Parker Gdula, Sydney Gorski, Katie Grendell, McKade Hatfield, Michala Jepson, Maggie Krause, Collin Kure, Savannah Lamb-Stitts, Lauren Lance, Samantha Layman, George Mallinos, Nicole Martin, CJ Maynard, Emily McDonough, Morgan Measures, Hunter Neal, Rachel Pidala, Hannah Richardson, Sydney Robbins, Drew Sanders, Amanda Schaefer, Matthew Shell, Nathan Spicuzza, Olivia Taylor, Emily Tewksbury, Stephanie Yohe and Joseph Zoretich.



Silver Bells Holiday Boutique

Saturday * December 5th
9am - 4pm * Free Admission



Kenston High School

**Over 75 Professional Artists
Catered Food * Holiday Cookies
Raffle Baskets * Junior Artists**

**Grand Raffle Prizes: 4 tickets to a Cavaliers Game
and 4 tickets to Matilda at Playhouse Square**

Proceeds benefit KHS AfterProm and TES One School One Book

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