Students and Families,

Welcome to Kensington Creative and Performing Arts High school also known as KCAPA. We are happy to support you with continuing your child’s educational journey. Below, you will find important information that will help your child get prepared for the 23-24 school year.

ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL:
School begins on **September 5, promptly at 7:30 am until 2:34 pm.** Students are expected to arrive at school on time, doors open at 7:00 am, with breakfast served daily. Students should arrive at school each day wearing their student ID and be prepared for learning. In the event you lose your ID through the year, there is a $5 fee for the replacement. ID’s will be issued at freshman orientation.

UNIFORM:
Students are required to wear the school’s uniform each day. Uniforms can be purchased at our school store, from Cramers Uniform, or from Flynn O’Hara. Below, you will find the approved uniform list for the year:

- Black pants that fit at the waist and are free of holes and writing/designs
- A shirt with a Kensington CAPA logo (sold at the school store)
- Closed toed shoes are required, **NO slides or slippers.**
- School sweaters or sweatshirts with the KCAPA logo (optional), **NO hoodies or other outerwear** can be worn in school.
- No ski masks or gaithers can be worn inside the building
- The school store will be open the week of August 21-25 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm to purchase any uniforms prior to school starting. We are excited about some of our new merchandise, designed by our very own talented KCAPA students! CASH ONLY.

CELL PHONES:
In order to make sure that academics through the arts is the focal point of your time here with us, we have shifted to a **completely cell phone-free school.** We understand the importance of safety while commuting to and from school, which is why we have partnered with YONDR, a
company that safely locks your students cell phones in a non-accessible bag during school hours. The Yondr pouch remains in your student's possession throughout the day. At the end of the day, the pouch will be unlocked by a staff member. In case of emergency parents/guardians will be able to reach their child by calling the main office at 215-400-7400. YONDR bags are required and will be available to purchase for $10. If your child breaks their YONDR bag at any point during the school year, a replacement bag costs $28. If they choose not to purchase a Yondr bag they may not bring a cell phone to school with them.

LOCKERS:
There are a limited number of lockers available for students. You can rent a locker for $5 per locker. They are distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

SUPPLIES:
Please come on the first day ready to learn, with your school supplies, chromebook, if you do not have one we will provide you with one, and a growth mindset. Within the first week of school, teachers will tell you what you specifically need for their classrooms.

UPCOMING DATES:
August 31, 2023 9th Grade Orientation
September 5, 2023 First Day for Students
September 14, 2023 Back to School Night
September 25, 2023 Yom Yipper Schools Closed
September 29, 2023 Staff Professional Development (Half day for students)

If you have not already done so, please follow our social media accounts to stay up to date with our announcements and events.

Instagram: @kensingtoncapa and @principalmcdemottfair

We look forward to seeing you. Please enjoy your summer and be safe!

Patricia McDermott
PROUD Principal