

KCAPA Studio Notes

Dear KCAPA Families,

Welcome back! I hope your winter break was filled with rest, inspiration, and quality time with loved ones. There is a unique energy in our hallways this week—the feeling of a "blank canvas" as we step into the second half of our school year.

As we return to our studios and classrooms, our focus this month is on refinement and momentum. We are moving from the foundational work of the fall into the deep creative exploration that defines the winter season at KCAPA.

The January Gallery of Events:

- **9th Grade Art Major Selection (Jan 5-11):** A pivotal moment for our freshmen! Selection forms are now live on Google Classroom. This is where our ninth graders choose the artistic path they will master. Students will officially step into their new major classes on January 22nd.
- **Winter Keystones (Jan 6-14):** Our students will be demonstrating their academic mastery in Biology, Algebra, and English. Let's ensure they are well-rested and ready to show their best work.
- **Athletic Spotlight:** The winter season is in full swing! Come out and support our Boys and Girls Basketball teams and our Wrestling squad. A special shout-out to our own Ronnie T., who is currently dominating the mat with an incredible 8-0 record!
- **ACCESS Testing:** Throughout the month of January, our English Language Learners will participate in ACCESS testing to measure their growth and progress.
- **Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.:** KCAPA will be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of Dr. King's legacy. We encourage our community to engage in a day of service or reflection.
- **Closing the Scene on Quarter 2:** Grades for the second marking period will officially close on January 21st. Please check in with your students to ensure all "final touches" are made to their assignments.
- **2026-2027 Student Course Selection (Jan 26 – Feb 13):** It's already time to start designing next year's masterpiece! The window for student course selections for the 2026-2027 school year opens on January 26th.
- **Digital Media: SkillsUSA Competition (Jan 28):** Our Digital Media students will be showcasing their technical and creative prowess at the SkillsUSA competition. We wish our competitors the best of luck as they represent KCAPA!
- **Report Card Conferences (Jan 29-30):** Join us for our mid-year review. Note that we will have early dismissal on both days to accommodate these vital partner conversations.

Community Reminders:

Winter Weather & Lockers: As the temperatures drop and students begin wearing bulkier outerwear, we want to ensure everyone has a secure place to store their gear. Lockers are now on sale for just \$1! Please see the main office to secure yours and keep our hallways and classrooms clear for creativity.

Stay Connected: Our website remains the central hub for the school calendar and upcoming information.

Thank you for being such an integral part of our creative community. Let's make this "second act" of the school year our best one yet.

In partnership and creativity,

Patricia McDermott

Principal, KCAPA