



KALAMAZOO AREA MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE CENTER

Keeping KAMSC Families Informed

New Students Welcomed

The KAMSC freshman orientation was held at the Kalamazoo Nature Center on Tuesday, August 31. The event, developed and led by KAMSC staff, included five activities: three team building activities, a tie-dyed T shirt, and a question and answer panel led by current students and KAMSC graduates.

Following the fun activities, the new students and their facilitators joined KAMSC staff members and director for an ice cream social.

The day was planned to allow students to meet each other and get to know staff members. The afternoon sped by and the weather was great. Thanks to all the people who helped make this day a great success!

Student Progress Can be Found On-line at EDLINE.com

Like many of the school districts in the area, KAMSC is making periodic student progress reports available for access on the internet through the Edline.net subscriber service. At the start of the school year, all parents were mailed a reminder about Edline, and parents of new students received activation codes for their accounts. Please take the time to make sure that you are registered and that you check Edline often to view student progress and other information about class. Please note that online reports from individual teachers will appear only as frequently as each teacher chooses to post such work. We hope that students, parents, and teachers will find this a convenient way to share information about class work and student progress.

Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition

Part 1 of the 54th Annual MMPC will be given at KAMSC on Wednesday, October 6, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. **KAMSC requires all freshmen and sophomores to participate in this competition and will pay the registration fee for each of them.** Interested juniors and seniors pay a \$4 fee and will be excused from their home school that morning. The competition itself consists of 40 math problems ranging from pre-Algebra to pre-Calculus. Participation is a good experience for students. It gives them a gauge of how they compare to their peers state-wide, and prepares them for similar exams they will take as they apply to college. The top 10% of scores on Part 1 are invited to take Part 2 on December 1st. From there, participants having a combined score in the top 100 will attend an awards banquet in February. A small scholarship will be awarded to the best performers by the Michigan section of the Mathematical Association of America.

2010-2011 Student Senate

The Student Senate is an opportunity for KAMSC students to become involved in both school and community. All students are invited to join and help in the fun. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings after Open Lab in Room 424. Dr. William Liou is the parent advisor.

Winter Weather Is Coming!

If Kalamazoo Public Schools close due to bad weather, KAMSC will also be closed.

Announcements are made beginning at 6 a.m. on Kalamazoo area radio and television stations. If there are too many snow days, KAMSC will have to make up days at the end of the school year.

Winter Break Office Hours

The KAMSC office will be closed from December 20 through December 31, 2010.

Apple Tree Donations

The KAMSC Staff would like to **THANK YOU** for donating items picked off the Apple Tree! We greatly appreciate your generosity. There are many items still available for picking off the Apple Tree (located outside the school office).

KAMSC Hosts Annual College Information Night

KAMSC will host a college information session for parents of seniors and juniors Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Presentation Center.

KAMSC parents and students will learn about admission practices and philosophies from representatives of: University of Michigan - LS&A & Engineering, Kalamazoo College, Michigan State Honors College and Western Michigan University - Lee Honors College. These colleges continue to be popular destinations of KAMSC students.

Since each program will be represented by the person who reads KAMSC applications and/or makes admissions decisions the responses will be authoritative. While some responses are specific to the programs represented, much information is generic, dealing with admission practices of large selective public universities, small private liberal arts colleges, and honors programs within a larger university setting.

Student Artists

Again this year, KAMSC will exhibit student art on a wall near the office. Any KAMSC student who would like to show their work should see Mr. Sinclair.



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PARENTS, if you are interested in the following position, please contact the Parent Organization.

PI Day Coordinator

Coordinate March community outreach and fundraising activity with parent and student help.

- Check and follow Pi Day notebook for timeline (Dr. Earhart has notebook with a CD)
- Start in the fall to make this activity easy
- Provide brief monthly reports to Parent Organization

2010 Freshman Mixer

As KAMSC continues to evolve and create an environment where all students have a sense of belonging, especially the newest members of our family, the freshmen, we plan an evening of fun, food, new friends, games, and fantastic prizes at the "Freshmen Mixer." The mixer will be held on Wednesday, September 22. It provides an opportunity for the 9th graders to really get to know each other outside of class. The staff is delighted to be a part of this event. Students are challenged to learn the uniqueness of each other via a game prepared by Ms. Hach. Yes, it is competitive (but great fun).

To stay informed go to www.Kamsconline.com to view an updated calendar and newsletters.

KAMSC payment recap to complete and return with check

KAMSC PARENT ORGANIZATION

STUDENT NAME: (First) _____ **Last** _____

We and I please check the return first hand of KAMSC's extended family. The KAMSC Parent Organization meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month during Open Lab. All parents are encouraged to attend so we may better enhance our children's experiences and learn about KAMSC. We support numerous activities during the year including the Freshman and Parent Orientation & Mixer, 8th Grade Open House, Entrance Exam, Alumni Day, Project Day, Community Pipe (encourage math & science), Senior Recognition (graduation) Night, Senior Tea/Mentors, Staff Luncheon, College/Resume Night to name a few. In the past years we have sponsored and invited world renowned speakers for the students and students to travel to math & science competitions, provided refreshments for students and guests, funded awards for the students and purchased equipment for the students.

Annual Contribution: Won't you please support these general activities without asking students to fundraise? **We are requesting a \$30 contribution from each student each year (excluding seniors) towards the annual activities.** However, any amount would be greatly appreciated. **Fee Recap**

Senior Activities Dues: Historically we have requested seniors to contribute a separate amount to the senior activities committee. **Annual activities (all students contribute except seniors) \$30.00** These funds are used exclusively for your senior's recognition ceremony/activities, including the senior luncheon, medallions, senior tea and general graduation it. **(B) Sr. Dues towards your senior activities (mentor tea, spring luncheon, medallions, senior recognition ceremony, etc):**

Based on feedback from prior KAMSC families beginning in the 2008/09 year we established senior activity funds and began to collect a small budgeted amount each year toward the senior activities. We encourage you to make these smaller donations each year to facilitate planning rather than wait until your senior year to pay the total amount. **These are funds in addition to the \$30 contribution and the funds will be restricted to your student's graduating year KAMSC activities.** If you have not paid the Sr. dues for prior years please bring your account up-to-date in order for the Sr. committee to plan for your child's Sr. activities and ceremony. If you made your recognition (graduation) due(s) from the prior year of your child's Sr. activities and ceremony, **Additional contributions to activities are appreciated**

- (C) Other (owed from prior years) not yet paid:**
- (D) Additional contributions to activities appreciated**
- (Please indicate preferred additional funds (ex. Sr. activities general as of 2013 student support, directors fund):**
 - o Juniors class of 2012: \$30 per year and _____
 - o Seniors class of 2011: \$40 per year _____

TOTAL Amount Enclosed (A + B + C + D)
For your convenience a payment recap form is attached to complete and return. Please ~~make checks payable to "KAMSC Parent Organization"~~ then mail or drop off at the KAMSC office. Please indicate your student's name and class/year on the check plus your senior class dues. (Example: student- John Smith, Freshman class of 2014) Please indicate your student's name and class/year on the check, **enclose this form**
Annual contribution \$30 + Sr Dues \$55 + Extra donation towards 2014 senior activities \$35 = \$100 Total)

CHECK # _____ DATE _____
Please get involved early. New ideas and talents are welcome.

Check with your employer some companies match donations (eg: Pfizer, Kellogg): Please include company name and forms if applicable. If there is a matching donation it will be given to the KAMSC-Fund, not to the KAMSC parent organization. This is an IRS tax requirement of the match programs.

Robin Perault, Treasurer
Doris Beck, Secretary
Shirley Freeman, Kalamazoo Area Math & Science Center
Norma Wiers, Volunteer
Bill Liou, Student Activities Coordinator
Karen Krinock, Senior Activities Coordinator
KAMSC PARENT ORGANIZATION
600 West Vine Street, Suite 400
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-1153

***NOTE: IF you have not paid your child's Senior (recognition) activities dues for prior years please bring your account up to date by making a catch up payment. This will greatly help the Sr. committee plan for your child's ceremony/activities accordingly.**
[Meetings begin at 6:15 PM in the Presentation Center - 3rd Wednesday of every month on Fourth Floor - *exceptions]
(1) Wed. Dec. 2, 2010 (2) Wed. Nov. 10, 2010 (3) Wed. Dec. 15, 2010
(4) Wed. Jan. 26, 2011* (5) Wed. Feb. 16, 2011 (6) Wed. Mar. 16, 2011
(7) Wed. Apr. 20, 2011 (8) Wed. May. 11, 2011*
*Tentative dates to be finalized due to: P/T Conferences, no open lab, or other events or for end of term.

Upcoming Events

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8/31	New Student Orientation	12/17	KAMSC Alumni Open House
9/6	Labor Day	12/20 – 12/31	Winter Recess
9/8	KAMSC Students First Day	1/3	School Resumes
9/15	KAMSC Open House	1/17, 18, 19	EXAMS
9/22	Open Lab Begins	1/21	Records Day - No Students
9/22	Frosh Mixer	1/24	2 nd Semester Begins
9/29	College Night	1/28	No County Programs – No School
11/5	No County Programs – No School	2/25 & 2/28	Mid-Winter Break – No School
11/17 & 18	Parent Teacher Conference, PM	3/25	Grades Due – No Students
11/19	Parent/Teacher Conferences, No School	3/29 & 3/30	Parent/Teacher Conferences PM
11/24	No County Programs – No School	3/31	Parent/Teacher Conf. AM- No School
11/25 & 26	THANKSGIVING BREAK	4/1	No School
12/1	8 TH Grade Open House	4/4 – 4/8	Spring Break

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR PARENTS OF SENIORS!

Dear Parents of KAMSC Seniors-Class of 2011

There are several events that will be an important part of your child's senior year at KAMSC:

The **Senior Reception/Mentor Tea** - at this event, seniors will have the opportunity to thank individuals who have significantly contributed to their academic and personal development. Students will need to turn in their guest's names to the office or via email. These are due as soon as possible and can be turned in no later than **Friday, October 15th**. Students are asked to nominate someone who is NOT a KAMSC teacher or staff member. (further details forthcoming).

A **Staff-Senior Luncheon** is being planned for **Friday, April 29, 2011** from **12-2 PM**. This will be an opportunity for seniors to socialize with KAMSC teachers who have made an impact on their lives.

The final event for seniors and their families will be the **Senior Recognition/(Graduation Ceremony)** on **Tuesday, May 31, 2011** at **7:00 PM** in Chenery Auditorium with a reception to follow in room. 130.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates. Additional information will be provided as details on these events are finalized. If you have not provided the office with your email, **PLEASE** do so as soon as possible. Some of the senior information this year will be sent via email to save on postage costs.

Thanks to all of you who have already sent in your dues to make these special events possible. If you have not yet paid, please do so as soon as possible. The senior dues for the senior class of 2011 are **\$40.00 (per student per year)** and this is due preferably by **October 22, 2010**. Please make your checks payable to:

KAMSC Parents Organization
c/o KAMSC
600 West Vine Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

If you are interested in getting involved in the Senior Activities Committee, please contact Karen Krinock at **mjkrinock@chartermi.net** or by phone at **388-8797**. We would love to have parents involved from any of the four grades. You do not need to be a senior parent to participate. We will be meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 PM, 4th floor KAMSC on the following dates: September 22, October 6, November 3, December 8, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 13, and May 4. Thank you!

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Safety First!

On Wednesday evenings students are to be dropped-off and picked-up on Vine Street. Parents, encourage your student to wait inside the building if you are not there to pick-up when he/she comes wait downstairs. A student should never wait outside alone. Remind students to always be attentive of their surroundings! Students must enter KAMSC via the Vine Street or the back parking lot entrance at all times.

Be A Cautious Driver!

Parents remind students when exiting the parking lot onto Dutton Street, cars on the street have the right-of-way. That means students should stop (even though there is no stop sign) before exiting onto Dutton or Pearl Street. **DO NOT** park along the fence near Vine Street.



Park Carefully!

KAMSC students should park at the north end of the CEC parking lot. Students who park at the south end of the parking lot may have their car towed! Do not park in handicapped spaces. A ticket for a handicapped space costs \$75. Students and parents should not park in the lot behind Bagel Beanery. Cars are towed from that location.

Parents,

Please discuss with your daughter or son the importance of not leaving personal items (cell phones, ipods, money, etc) in the hallways or common area. We can no longer guarantee the safety of these items when left unattended.

KAMSC HAS A DRESS CODE? NO, BUT DO DRESS APPROPRIATELY

Parents, some of our female students are wearing tops and other clothing that are very revealing and inappropriate for school dress. Several teachers have indicated their feelings of discomfort with young ladies that are choosing to dress in this manner. If a student is brought to my attention because of inappropriate dress, she will be required to wear an oversized tee shirt provided by KAMSC for the rest of the school day at KAMSC. Parents, please have a conversation with your daughters about dressing within the guidelines of "school."