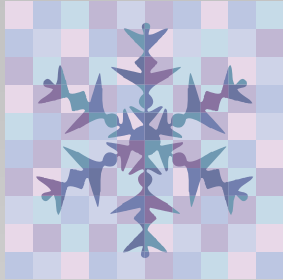




Kalkaska Public Schools
 PO Box 580
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Happy New Year!!!

We are happy to
 be back!

**START & DISMISSAL TIMES
 Kalkaska High School**

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Half Day Dismissal 11:25 a.m.

You can log on to:

www.kpschools.com

and check out the high school
 calendar as well as handbooks
 and bus routes.

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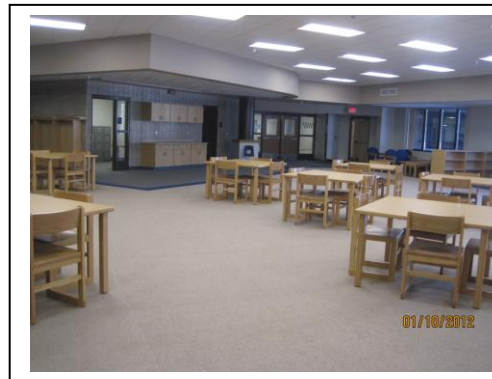
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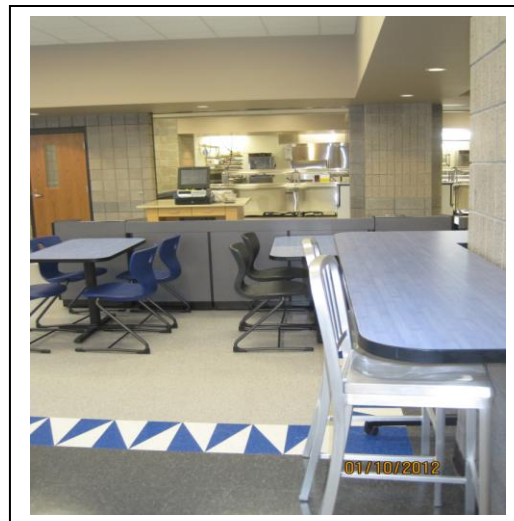
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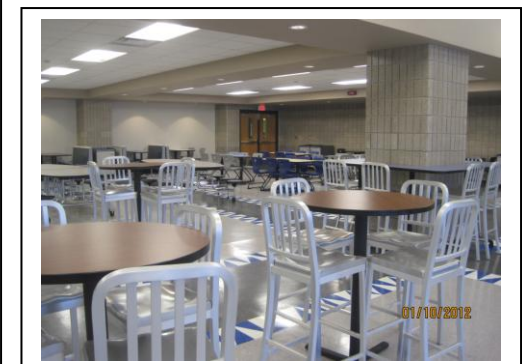
Media Center/Library



High School Cafeteria



Café Style with all different
 types of seating available!



Thank you Kalkaska residents for a beautiful school that we, as a community, can be proud of! Please feel free to stop in and take a look. We just ask that you check into the front office first or call to set up a time for Mr. Kasza to show you around.

Blazer News ...

KPS is working toward district accreditation!

Kalkaska Public Schools has been K-12 accredited for many years, but is now seeking accreditation in a district-wide collaborative effort. This is an extensive process, and in March, a team of educational experts will be visiting to assess our progress.

To get a glimpse of what the Quality Assurance Review (QAR) team is going to be examining, check out our AdvanED section on our website at www.kpschools.com.

The **Michigan Profile for Health Youth (MiPHY)** is an online student health survey offered by the Michigan Departments of Education and Community Health to support local and regional needs assessment. The MiPHY provides student results on health risk behaviors including substance use, violence, physical activity, nutrition, sexual behavior, and emotional health in grades 7, 9, and 11. The survey also measures risk and protective factors most predictive of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and violence. MiPHY results, along with other school-reported data, will help schools make data-driven decisions to improve programming funded under the Title IV Safe and Drug-Free Schools (SDFS) program of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 as well as other prevention and health promotion programming.

American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) has partnered with My College Options to conduct a national survey of students and faculty across the country. This survey is used to gather info on what interest there is in the field of health living.

The Kalkaska High School Physical Education classes will be participating in these surveys. The public can view the surveys in the main office. If you have concerns or do not wish your student to participate in the surveys, please contact the high school office.

The Counselor's Corner...

Sophomore and Junior Year Reminders

- Search for and apply to outside scholarship programs that are only available to sophomores and juniors.
- In the spring of junior year, research outside scholarships to which you'll apply during your senior year.
- Take the PSAT / NMSQT in October of each year. If you take it as a junior, you will be entered in the National Merit Scholarship competition.
- Think about colleges to which you might want to apply. If possible, visit some campuses in spring of junior year.
- Take the SAT or ACT during your junior year.
- If you have a job, do your taxes each year (ask your parents for help.) Knowing about tax forms and documents will be helpful when you have to fill out financial aid forms.

Senior Reminders

January

- You can file the FAFSA starting January 1, the deadline is March 1st.
- If any colleges you're applying to have a financial aid priority date of February 1, or earlier, fill out the FAFSA (and PROFILE, if necessary) using estimated income information from your end-of-the year pay stubs and last year's tax returns. (You can correct your estimates later, if necessary.) The website is fafsa.ed.gov and is free.

February

- If you did not file the FAFSA and other aid forms in January, do so now, using drafts from your family's tax returns.
- You and your parents should consider filing your income tax returns early this year. Some colleges will request copies of your family's returns before finalizing offer.
- Check your federal Student Aid Report (SAR) when you receive it, and correct it, if necessary.

Mission Statement

Kalkaska High School is committed to a total educational program that helps all students master essential skills, communicate effectively, and think critically, empowering them to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing global society.

Musician of the Month

December

Stephen Hotchkiss-Trombone

January

Jade Grody-Flute/Trumpet

Important Date to Remember

February 2nd The entire 10th Grade will be visiting the Career Tech Center in the afternoon.

February 20th Mid-Winter Break No School.

February 25th Snowcoming Dance from 8:00-11:30 p.m. This is a Semi-Formal Dance, **NO JEANS ALLOWED!**

Looking ahead at March...

The first week of March we will be holding the following testing.

9th Grade – ACT Explore

10th Grade – ACT Plan

11th Grade – MME

Three days of testing, which includes the ACT.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Mr. Guggemos or Mrs. Holzbauer.



January 2012

Senior Stuff...

The *Senior Parents Association* usually meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the high school library.

Volunteer parents are needed during the early planning stages of the party. Some of the committees needing help will be: fundraising, decorating, entertainment food, etc. Parents will also be needed the day of the party to help set up, clean up afterwards and as chaperones. For more information, you may call the high school.

It is not too late to turn in photos for the "Senior Slide Show". Up to 8 may be turned in. Please have your name on the back of every photo turned in and if possible put the photos in an envelope. Please turn them in to Ms. Walter or Mrs. Rabourn in the office.

WE ARE STILL MISSING SENIOR PHOTOS FOR THE WALL COMPOSITE AND YEARBOOK. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU TURN THEM IN ASAP OR YOU MAY NOT BE INCLUDED!

ATTENTION SENIORS AND SENIOR PARENTS!

On graduation night, the Senior Parents Association puts on an "All Night Party" to help our seniors celebrate this special time in their life. At 9:00 p.m. the doors are locked and the party begins with games, food and prizes galore. Students must stay throughout the entire night to be eligible for many great prizes. The fun continues until the doors reopen at 5:00 a.m.

Don't miss out on the fun . . . you must register in order to attend!

Register early and save!
\$30 if paid by January 31, 2012
\$40 if paid after February 1st

Please pay at the High School Office. Checks should be made payable to "Kalkaska Senior Parents Association"...be sure to include the students name with your payment.

Raffle tickets are available, contact Sara Waterman at swaterman@kpschools.com.

YEARBOOKS!

It's not too late to order a yearbook. The cost is \$60 and can be ordered through Mrs. Lugiawicz before school or by email glugiewicz@kpschools.com

Parents – You still have time to brag about your senior by buying a SENIOR AD. Email Mrs. Lugiawicz for more information or contact the High School Office.

Yearbooks are a priceless memory for you and your child. Please do not pass up on this opportunity!

Seniors – It is a very important time in your life with a lot of important decisions to make and a lot of things to be done. We want to make sure that your graduation from Kalkaska High School is as memorable and special as your four years here have been. I am working on preparations for the Graduation ceremony, Senior Hallway Composite, and most importantly ordering your diplomas. If you have not filled out a form stating how you want your name to appear on your diploma, or if you have any questions, please come see me in the High School Office immediately!

Thanks – Mary Deb Rabourn