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### From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Greetings from John F. Kennedy High School. We have had a wonderful start to the school year. In addition, we really enjoyed our school spirit week and homecoming events. At JFK, we continue to be committed to excellence for all! As your child's principal, I strive for a continued focus on student achievement, while providing a safe environment for all of the students and staff. Our attention remains on the instructional needs of our students, and parent support is critical as we continue to work with each child. We commend you for your hard work and remind you that you are a very important member of our team.

There continues to be an exciting atmosphere at the "Home of the Cavaliers" as we end the first marking period and begin the second marking period. I continue to be impressed with the effort and attitude demonstrated by our students as they learn and grow at our school. Please know our staff is working each day to keep our focus on student learning and student success. As we enter the holiday season, please continue to talk to your child about their grades, their successes, and their needs.

Additionally, Report Cards for the first marking period will be distributed to all students on Wednesday, November 22, 2017.

Wishing you and yours a very safe and Happy Thanksgiving,

Joe Rubens  
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### Physical Education/Health

The P.E and Health department is off to a great start this school year! Mr. Lopez and Ms. Kenno are two new teachers to the department and they are doing a great job. Mr. Joshua, Mrs. Dubit, and Mrs. Nickel are all returning teachers as well as Mr. Myers, the Health and P.E resource teacher.

Students in P.E classes started the school year out with Fitness Testing and Goal setting. Students participated in a variety of fitness tests and became familiar with concepts such as cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength, muscular endurance, and flexibility. Health Classes have started the year off with a mental health unit that covers topics such as communications skills, goal setting, and suicide and depression prevention.

### Mathematics

It is with pleasure that I announce that there are three math teachers that are sponsors of students organization and clubs here at JFK. Mrs. Burwell is an International Baccalaureate Mathematics Teacher and the Sponsors of the JFK Key Club. The Key Club is a student operated club, which helps the JFK Community by completing various service projects and fund raiser. The goal is to assist all in the community that are in need.

The sponsor of the Chess Team is Mr. Brian Schutt. Mr. Schutt is a Honors Precalculus teacher. The chess team is also a student lead team that promotes increased knowledge and understanding of the game of chess for its own sake as an art and as an intellectual sport.

Ms. Woodie is the coach and sponsor of the Mathletes Team. The mathletes team competes monthly with the surrounding high schools in MCPS. The team is composed of students that enjoy mathematics and the challenge of competing.

### Business Administration and Management

The Business Administration and Management Academy teaches students to develop a better understanding of the business world. Students have become exposed to marketing, advertising, accounting and entrepreneurship, and have began to explore the different opportunities and functions of businesses.

### Broadcast Journalism and Communications

The Broadcast Journalism and Communications Academy is off to a great start this school year! Video Field Production and Media Management students have been working on their first of three PBS Student Reporting Labs productions for this year. They have been researching and interviewing about the effects of "fake news." Producers from PBS have visited the classes and guided the students in creating effective and entertaining pieces. Students in Video Field Production and Media Management are using this opportunity to become accustomed to Adobe Premiere Pro, the editing program that was introduced to Kennedy students this year. Video Production students are learning the building blocks of television and video production including camera equipment and usage, camera shots and angles and editing processes. As the year continues, all Broadcast Journalism and Communications Academy students will be able to explore the endless possibilities of production and creativity

### Health Professions Academy

HP Academy students and NJROTC cadets will be going to USUHS, local military medical school to support the medical students learning how to interview adolescent patients.

### Leadership Training Institute

Welcome parents and guardians to the start of the new school year.

Our students are hard at work both in their classes and out. We're encouraging our students to sign up for SSL opportunities together.

Beginning in October, LTI students will have dress days on Tuesdays.

-LTI T-shirts: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays

-Dress for Success: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays

- Students will dress in professional attire.
- Gentlemen will need dress shoes.
- Any dresses/skirts worn should be at least knee length
- No tennis shoes should be worn

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Leadership Training Institute Coordinator

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## NJROTC

The NJROTC team has had a busy beginning of the school year. Before the school year began, the NJROTC Color Guard on August 1, 2017 participated in the Montgomery County National Night Out at the Mid County Recreation Center. The unit also provided color guard for JFK Freshman orientation and for the Montgomery County Maryland Community Action Agency on August 31. On September 24, the Color Guard participated in the first annual Wheaton Arts Parade. On September 14th, the unit participated in JFK back to school night activities fair and helped with providing directions to parents at back to school night. Cadet Clarke Abbott was named a National Merit Scholarship Semi Finalist. The unit also participated in the Downcounty and the Northeast Consortium options fair.

## ESOL

In our ESOL World, on College Readiness Day October 11<sup>th</sup>, presenters from Montgomery College and Ana G. Mendez University came and explained the importance of higher education to ESOL 1 and 2 students. Also this month all students did MAPR testing. This is an important test that gives teachers information about your child's reading skills. Every quarter your child will take a Progress Checks which is 10% of their quarter grade. This quarter each ESOL student read an article or story and then wrote a paragraph. This test measures their language growth. Please check your child's grades every week using MYMPCS Classroom.

Picture from College Readiness Day. ESOL 1 and 2 students listen to the presenter from Ana G. Mendez University.



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### World Languages

*Spanish 1* students created poems about themselves and their personalities. In *Spanish 2* classes, students analyzed art work in Spanish and engaged in writing.

*Italian 1* students completed an interactive oral presentation in which they exchanged introductions and discussed likes and dislikes.

*French 2* students worked on a PowerPoint presentation that focused on comparing foods from Francophone and American cultures while finding unique ingredients in their cooking traditions. *International Baccalaureate (IB) French 5 and 6* students are researching about Francophone countries in order to analyze the impact that French colonization has on these countries' current relationship with France.

### Social Studies

The Social Studies Department has been engaged in some fascinating projects. AP Government classes are in the midst of mock political party campaigns, wherein students are researching stances on political issues and will piece them together for a mock election. IB History seniors completed a video pen pal, global education project by discussing Art as a form of Resistance in present day society. They will exchange experiences with their counterparts in Santiago, Chile. This project was designed as part of an experience related to our visiting Art Teacher, Felipe Salas, from Colegio Obispo Alvar in the Puente Alto section of Santiago, Chile. The African American History Class is finishing up a video production, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, on Afrolatinos and the African presence in Latin America. And finally, our IB Anthropology students are doing ethnography work around immigration and the question of borders.

### 9th Grade Parent Night

On Tuesday, November 21, 2017 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, all parents and guardians of 9th grade students are invited to attend our 9th Grade Parent Night in our cafeteria. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with teachers and receive the students' report cards a day early. We look forward to seeing you there!