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SCHEDULE:**

1st: 7:30-8:20

2nd: 8:25-9:20

3rd: 9:25- 10:15

4th: 10:20- 11:10

5th: 11:15- 12:40

Lunches

A- 11:10- 11:40

B- 11:40 - 12:10

C- 12:10 - 12:40

6th- 12:45—1:35

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A Message from our Principal

Hello Cougar Families,

The opening of school this year was fantastic. I enjoyed seeing all the students and I am looking forward to another amazing year at KHS. Kempner High School is truly a great place to be. You should be fully engaged with all things KHS now that we are back to school, from the homework, tests and all the activities and events. I hope that you had the opportunity to attend our Open House to meet your student's teachers. I appreciate your efforts to remain connected and involved with your student's life at school. It is so important for us to work together in partnership with the parents and community to provide the best for all our students to ensure their success now and after High School.

I would like to share a few great things that happened this last year at Kempner High School. Last spring we were named one of the top High Schools in the nation by US News. This is a great testimony to the students and staff at Kempner and we are very proud. We also received our accountability rating from the state of Texas in August and we are pleased to announce that we received five distinctions, up from three last year. Our goal this year is to shoot for all the distinctions, which is seven. This is a big goal but we are up for the challenge.

We gave all the students the yearly expectation talks the first week of school. I will post the PowerPoint on the website for you to see. A few of the key items we spoke to the students about were; highlights from the student code of conduct, digital citizenship, and most important of all how to be a successful Cougar. One item I wanted to tell you about as parents is to make sure that your student gets connected here at Kempner. We have numerous clubs and organizations your student can join. This is a great way for them to receive the full High School experience and meet new people. There are many events happening here at Kempner. Fall sports are off and running, the fall play has been cast, and we are looking forward to the upcoming fine arts events later this semester. We encourage you to attend our sporting events and other activities to support the many talents of our students.

Please accept my thanks to all parents and students for a very smooth opening of the school year. Opening the school year is a community effort, and I appreciate all you do for us. I know we are going to have a great year. Make sure to follow us on twitter at @KHS_Cougars, check the KHS website or check your email for updates for upcoming events here at KHS. When students make connections at school they are more likely to be successful in High School.

Chris Morgan
Principal, Kempner High School
Engage, Cultivate, and Innovate



Best Buddies

Best Buddies is a school wide effort to promote respect for differences among all students creates a climate within the school and community in which individual differences are accepted and supported. This club provides a partnership as well as exciting opportunities for students with and without special needs. KHS Best Buddies has been recognized at a state level as well as on an international level as the 2013-2014 and the 2014-2015 pacesetter school.

There will be more information provided in the first few weeks of school.

Best Buddies sponsor: **Robyn Crowson-Wagner**

Administration 2015-2016

Chris Morgan, Campus Principal

Rachel Cortez, Associate Principal (A-C)

Matthew McCabe, Assistant Principal (D-K)

Stephanie McDowell, Assistant Principal (L-P)

Kyle Lovetinsky, Assistant Principal (Q-Z)

Donna Mix, Lead Counselor (Ngu-Riz)

Renee Edwards, Counselor (A-Dan)

Dwana Durgens Counselor (Dao-Jon)

Jennifer Kipping, Counselor (Jos-Ngo)

Kerry Jongeward, Counselor (Rob-Z)

Lisa Campbell, College & Career Advisor



Kempner Poetry Club

Join us if you are interested in reading, writing, performing or simply appreciating poetry. We meet weekly to share poetry and practice for the district wide Poetry Slam competitions held in fall and spring. We will begin meeting every Tuesday from 2:30-3:00 p.m. starting September 1st this semester.

Join us in the library office!

Save the Date:

Choir Concert

October 15 at 7pm

KHS Auditorium

Admission is Free!

Science NHS is accepting donations of packing tape and duct tape. Donations can be brought to Mrs. Lyons, room 821

Welcome Back from KHS Parent Board

I would like to give a big welcome to all the new families, teachers and staff to Kempner High School. And welcome back the returning teachers, staff, students and parents. The Kempner Senior High Parent Board is excited for the 2015-2016 school year! The KHS Parent Board provides services to the teachers, staff and students in areas where help is needed. Our efforts would not be possible without help from you. As this school year starts, we ask for your support and assistance to make sure our kids have the best opportunities at KHS. Even though your kid is in high school, parents, grandparents and guardians you are still needed! By volunteering at Kempner High School you can make a difference. No matter how much time you can give, your time is always appreciated.

Here are some ways you can volunteer: Textbook distribution, Shared Dreams and Hospitality and the list goes on and on. To volunteer you must register at www.fortbendisd.com, click on Parent Tab, scroll to the bottom of the parent page and click on Volunteer. The Volunteer tab will take you to the Criminal Background check. In a couple of days you should receive an email from FBISD Human Resources that you can volunteer. There are still some board positions available. If you are interested please email me at plshields@gmail.com for more information on the open position.

Thank you in advance for your time, help and support.

Lea Ann Shields

KHS Parent Board President

About the College and Career Readiness Center:

The College and Career Readiness Center (CCR) is designed to help students and parents better prepare for life after high school. The CCR Advisor, will work one on one with students to ensure a smooth transition between high school and post graduate educational opportunities. The center is open throughout the day and after school. Students and parents are welcome to use the many resources provided by the center. The College and Career Readiness Center is located in room 216.



Looking Ahead:

PSAT and College/Career Readiness Day is October 14th. 9th, 10th and 11th grade students will participate in the PSAT test, while Seniors will experience several college and career readiness presentations and activities.



Upcoming SAT Test Dates:

- October 3** Registration deadline September 3
- November 7** Registration deadline October 9



Upcoming ACT Dates:

- October 24** Registration deadline September 18
- December 12** Registration deadline November 6



KHS Vision & Mission Statement

“Embrace, Cultivate, Innovate.”

Kempner’s new vision statement, created in 2013 is “At Kempner High School we embrace our diversity, cultivate strong relationships and develop innovative leaders for a lifetime of success.”

The mission of Kempner High School faculty and staff, committed to the belief that education makes a difference and that each student is unique and capable of learning, is to create an atmosphere of trust to maintain high expectations for students, to foster an environment conducive to learning and to provide opportunities for everyone to succeed.

Spotlight: Sarah Argo

One Kempner senior who has achieved success and has met her goal in academics, sports and extracurricular activities is Sarah Argo.

Sarah has taken core Advanced Placement classes every year of her high school career. She was bestowed the Academic Excellence Award as a freshman and sophomore. In addition, Sarah is a leader in student council and served as president her freshman year. She was also president of the Criminal Justice Club the past three years. This year, Sarah is the student body secretary and a member of the English and Science Honor Society.

Sarah’s high school career has been very fulfilling for her. “One thing I will treasure the most about my high school experience is all of the people I was able to meet. I have made so many friendships coming into high school. You never truly know who you will meet, but they turn out to be some of the best friends who stay with you your entire life.”

Congratulations Sarah on your accomplishments and rewards, and good luck as you continue your journey.



Want to contribute to the newsletter?

The KHS Parent Board wants to celebrate all the successes at KHS, so send in those items.

Send updates and accomplishments to Dr. Danielle Olivier Jackson at danioj98@yahoo.com



FOR THE KEMPNER VARSITY FOOTBALL PARENT FEED THE COUGS

**Does your Kempner Varsity Football player ever get hungry?
Do you ever feel like your son is eating you out of house and home?
Would you like to make sure your Cougar is provided
sustenance and nutrition before hitting the gridiron each week?**

If you answered YES to any of those questions – you are NOT alone! ☺ Our team – the parent team – CPS (Cougar Parent Squad) NEEEEEEEDS your support this season. Through Feed the Cougs, our football players are provided a well-balanced hearty meal before every football game. *It is our mission!*

As you can imagine, feeding 50 football players is no simple task! Funding, shopping, preparation, serving and clean up must occur every week if we want to keep our team in tip top playing condition. Because this endeavor requires teamwork on the part of Cougar families as well as players, our Kempner Coaches and CPS will be calling upon you weekly and requesting assistance for Operation Feed the Cougs! Food items, Gatorade, financial assistance and serving support will be needed weekly!

PLEASE support the team and your Kempner Cougar by contributing to cause *at least* four or five times this season. Remember, your contributions will be considerably cheaper, and more convenient than trying to feed your Cougar on your own before every game!!!

Other notes:

- Coach Andrus needs a parent volunteer to pick and deliver meals to the pressbox before home games. If you are willing – please send an email to Head Coach Darin.Andrus@fortbendis.com.
- We need someone with a pickup truck to tote our Cougar Run Through to and from each game. If you are willing – please send an email to Head Coach Darin.Andrus@fortbendis.com.

Parent Things to Do:

- Help your Cougar sell Kempner Cougar fundraising cards.
- Send Gatorade to the field house. Send more Gatorade to the field house.
- Find Kempner Cougar Parent Squad on Facebook. Join the group! Communicate here.
- If you know of any businesses willing to sponsor a meal for our team – PLEASE reply to us!
- Prepare to support your team this season! Game 1 is Thursday!

Go Cougars! Beth, Gwen, and Joi



Varsity Volleyball



9/1/2015	6:45 PM	Travis	Home
9/4/2015	6:45 PM	Alief Elsik	Away
9/8/2015	6:45 PM	Alief Hastings	Home
9/11/2015	6:45 PM	Dulles	Away
9/15/2015	6:45 PM	Alief Taylor	Home
9/22/2015	6:45 PM	Hightower	Away
9/24/2015	6:45 PM	Austin	Home
9/29/2015	6:45 PM	Clements	Home
10/2/2015	6:45 PM	Travis	Away
10/6/2015	6:45 PM	Alief Elsik	Home
10/9/2015	4:45 PM	Alief Hastings	Away
10/13/15	6:45 PM	Dulles	Home
10/16/15	6:45 PM	Alief Taylor	Away
10/20/15	6:45 PM	Katy HS	Home
10/23/15	6:45 PM	Hightower	Home
10/27/15	6:45 PM	Austin	Away



Varsity Football



8/21/2015	6:00 PM	Pasadena High School Football	Home
8/27/2015	6:00 PM	Pasadena Sam Rayburn Football	Home
9/3/2015	7:00 PM	Clear Falls Football	Away
9/11/2015	7:00 PM	Clements Football	Away
9/18/2015	7:00 PM	Travis Football	Home
9/24/2015	6:00 PM	Alief Elsik Football	Away
10/3/2015	6:00 PM	Alief Hastings Football	Home
10/9/2015	7:00 PM	Dulles Football	Away
10/17/2015	12:00 AM	Alief Taylor Football	Home
10/30/2015	7:00 PM	Hightower Football	Away
11/5/2015	6:00 PM	Austin Football	Home

Kempner High School Marching Band



KHS Parent Board

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The KHS Parent Board is collecting contributions to support periodic staff and teachers appreciation events. The events will be at key times throughout the year such as the welcome-back breakfast, holiday desserts and teacher appreciation lunch. All support is appreciated!

We have set up a PayPal Account to make it easy for parents to make monetary donations. On the PayPal site you can print receipts that can be used for tax purposes.

To make a monetary donation via PayPal: Set up a PayPal Account or Log into your PayPal Account.

Click on the "Pay or Send button at the top.

Select "pay for Goods and Services" (don't select the other option as it will charge you a user fee)

Enter kempnertreasurer@gmail.com

Enter the amount you would like to donate.

Click on Next for the payment confirmation page.

Click on Send