



KING MIDDLE SCHOOL

92 Deering Avenue, Portland, ME 04102

Principal's Update September 5, 2017

"We Are Crew, Not Passengers"
- Kurt Kahn



Dear Families,

On behalf of our entire staff I would like to welcome new and returning families to the 2017-18 school year! Last week we had a very successful start to the year and it was very exciting to welcome the new sixth grade class to King. They arrived a bit nervous but eager to meet teachers, find their new lockers, and get a tour of the school.

As an EL Education school we embrace the spirit of what it means to be a part of Crew. The term 'Crew' comes from the words of Kurt Kahn the founder of Outward Bound. The spirit of Crew impels all members of our school community to work together as a team and to help others. We are all getting up the mountain together- our individual success is not enough. We are eager to start another year with all of you as part of the KMS Crew!

I am very excited to welcome five very talented and committed teachers to King. Bridget Kazukiewicz is joining us as the new music teacher, Edward Buckley is the new Y8 math teacher, Ali Shaw is joining the W6 team as the new science teacher, Jen Dorval will be the teacher in the Newcomer Center, Juliana Bean is the York spanish teacher, and Robert Moldaver has returned to the team as the new ELL teacher. We also have a new addition in the main office, Liz Meahl. Please help me welcome them to our team as we start a new year together.

Reminders

Student Paperwork is due **Friday, September 8th**. Please pass your paperwork to your student's Crew teacher.

These forms are mandatory for all students:

- Census Verification Form
- Co-curricular Code of Conduct
- Bus Code of Conduct
- Walking Permission Form
- Student Health History/Tylenol Permission
- Media & Web Publishing Permission Form

Upcoming Events

- Tues. Sept. 5, 2:30-3:00pm - Fall Sports Sign Ups, Cafetorium
- Tues. Sept. 12, 9:00am-2:00pm - York 7 Fieldwork to the Maine State Museum, Augusta
- Wed. Sept. 13, 6:00-7:00pm - 7th & 8th Grade Open House, at King
- Wed. Sept. 27 - First Early Release Day, 1:25pm dismissal
Early release days will run every Wednesday until May 30
- **Mon. Oct. 9 - NO SCHOOL -Columbus Day**
- Wed. - Fri. Oct. 11-13 -7th Grade trip to the Leadership School at Camp Kieve
- Mon. & Tues. Nov. 20 & 21 - Student Led Conferences, 11:30am dismissal

Have a great week!
Caitlin LeClair
Principal