Students of the Month
Congratulations to JJ Manns, Mia Musser, Alex Humphries, Gavin Payne, Bella Hoffman, Cohen Cook, Emma Hougendorbler and Donnie Dunn. They received a McDonald's gift card compliments of PTO. Keep making KMS great!

8th Grade News
On Friday, November 22 you may have seen Kenton Middle School students around the city of Kenton and beyond. Were they skipping school? No, they were participating in the annual 8th grade job shadowing experience. Students had the opportunity to get a behind the scenes look at a career field of their choice. Companies in Hardin and surrounding counties opened their doors to give students an experience that many people don’t get. Students were able to spend the day with an employee gaining first hand knowledge about the world of work. Now, students will be writing essays and giving speeches about their experiences. Thank you to all the individuals and local businesses that made this a valuable experience for the students! (Pictured is Chloe Myers at Conkle’s Florist.)

DC Raffle
Eighth graders have been selling raffle tickets for the DC trip since November 21. All tickets and money are due on Monday, December 16 and the drawing will be on December 18. Tickets are $5, and all proceeds go to the students trip. We are working on parents going to DC and are almost ready to make an announcement regarding parents.

7th Grade News
Seventh grade students will be going to Camp Heartland in Marengo, Ohio on April 29 - May 1, 2020. This year’s trip will be open to all 7th graders with exceptions. We reserve the right to refuse to take any student whom we feel would not participate and behave properly based upon experience at school. At a later date, we will have an informational meeting with an administrator from the Heartland Outdoor School. The cost of the trip is $155. We will be having a raffle in early 2020 to help offset the cost. Each student will have the opportunity to sell tickets and receive 100% of the profit. Thank you for your cooperation and support of our field trip. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Gatekeepers News
Members of the KMS Gatekeepers are trying to raise money for member t-shirts and schoolwide activities. Please read the attached flyer and consider helping raise money for them, while gaining valuable knowledge that could help save a life!

Dates to Remember
December 2-6 Kindness Week
December 10 Band & Choir Concert 7 PM (performers report at 6:30 PM)
December 11 Two Hour Early Release
December 13 Christmas Dance 6:30-8 PM
December 20 End of Second Nine Weeks
December 21-January 6 NO SCHOOL Winter Break & Records Day

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Yearbooks
KMS yearbook order forms can be picked up in Mr. Bartlett's room or in the main office. Student may return the flyer or go online at: ybpay.lifetouch.com and use the following code 2387420 to place an order. Email or call Mr. Bartlett with questions.

FCA News
This year, the Kenton Middle School Fellowship of Christian Athletes club got together to participate in Operation Christmas Child. Students went to the local Walmart and purchased gifts and supplies and packed shoe boxes that will be sent out in conjunction with Samaritan's Purse. These "Shoe Boxes" will be sent all over the world to provide gifts and resources to those in need.

NJHS News
Members have been busy volunteering at the Lake of Lights, Serving the Helping Hands Thanksgiving Meal at St. Johns Church and ringing the Salvation Army bell on Black Friday and the Saturday immediately after. Congrats to newly elected President Claire Ketcham, Vice President Ruby Styer, Secretary Kira Ray, Treasurer Alison Gerding and Assistant Treasurer Brailyn Thacker.

Student Government News
The charity/service committee raised $432 for Pennies for Patients. Student Government is sponsoring the Christmas Dance on December 13th from 6:30-8. Admission is free. There will also be an Ugly Sweater and Costume contest.

Mrs. Hites’ LEAD group took 1st place in the Habit 7 Sharpen the Saw poster contest. Students were to display pictures of how they renew their mind, body and soul.

Other News
Please check your student’s lunch account often, so they always have a positive balance. Also, remember that all fees and fines must be paid to go on all trips. Contact the KMS office, if you have any questions.
Prevention Awareness Support Services (PASS) and The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin counties are pleased to announce the Gatekeeper group mental health awareness and suicide prevention challenge details for 2020!

Youth Mental Health First Aid is an evidence-based, globally recognized program designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis.

**Some rules to note:**

Adults must fully complete the 8-hour course

Adults must register at least 5 days prior to scheduled training date

Adults must be 21 or older and reside in Allen, Auglaize, or Hardin county

Adults that register for the training must indicate which gatekeeper group they represent

Adults may attend any open training in any county between November 26, 2019 and April 3, 2020

Adults can register for training at: [https://www.wecarepeople.org/registrations](https://www.wecarepeople.org/registrations)

Instructions will be provided by email. Registration questions? Contact Janeece West at 419-549-8530 or email jwest@passah.org

**Prizes:**

Gatekeeper groups having at least 20 adults register, attend, and fully complete the training will receive a **$200 check**

Gatekeeper Groups having at least 15 adults register, attend, and fully complete the training will receive a **$100 check**

Adults who attend the training for this challenge will be entered into a raffle for a **$100 gift card to a restaurant of their choice in Allen, Auglaize, or Hardin county**