

John F. Kennedy Middle School



May 2019

The Eagles

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Dates to Remember

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| May 1 | Talent Show |
| May 2 | JFK Spring Carnival (see pg. 2) |
| May 6-10 | SBA Testing - Grade 6 |
| May 13-17 | SBA Testing - Grade 7 |
| May 14 | Early Dismissal at 12:45 |
| May 20-24 | SBA Testing - Grade 8 |
| May 27 | Memorial Day (no school) |
| May 29 | Unified Theater Show 6:00 pm |
| May 30 | SHS Orientation Field Trip (A-K) |
| May 31 | SHS Orientation Field Trip (L-Z) |



JFK is on Twitter!
Follow Mrs. Vitcavage on
Twitter
@JFKASSIST06479

Yearbook Orders



Only one book captures this year's incredible events and experiences, your 2018-2019 yearbook. Remember all the friends, fun, fashion, favorite teachers, classes, games, music, art, dances and everything in between.



Don't forget to order your JFK yearbook !!!

Order online today at
<https://bit.ly/2A5YdT7>

John F. Kennedy Middle School March 2019 Students of the Month

APRIL 4, 5, 6, 11 + 12
7:00 PM

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Important Dates & Information



The main office is open from 7:00 – 4:00 every day.

REMINDER

The main office is open from 7:00 – 4:00 every day. When calling in absences, please make sure to call 860-628-3275 ext. 14002. Please do not call the nurse. When calling regarding homework, call ext. 14001.

May Announcements

Smarter Balanced Testing

For Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) testing, all students will need earbuds for some portions of the test. Please bring your earbuds every day of the week of testing for your grade. If any student does not have personal earbuds, the school will provide disposable sets for use during the testing week. Testing for Grade 6 begins on May 6, Grade 7 begins on May 13, and Grade 8 will start testing on May 20.

Peer Advocates

We are looking for current 6th and 7th graders willing to be trained in helping other students for next school year through the peer advocate program. Applications can be picked up at the table outside of the counseling office and need to be turned into Mrs. Frattini by Thursday, May 16th. There are only about 15 spots available. Attendance, grades and character will be taken into consideration. If there are more qualified applicants than spots, students will be chosen by lottery.

JFK Spring Carnival

JFK's Spring Carnival is coming up on Thursday, May 2nd from 2:45-3:45. There will be games such as a three-point basketball competition, bowling, a hula hoop contest, corn hole, and more. There will be a lip-sync competition on the auditorium stage. Valentine the Clown will also be joining us for the fun. There will be prizes, popcorn, and more! The Student Council and Relay for Life team will be collecting donations at the door for Relay for Life. There is a suggested donation of \$3. Hope to see you there!

SHS Clubs and Activities Fair - Attention 8th grade families

On May 28th, SHS will be holding a Clubs and Activities Fair. It is an evening event for incoming freshman and parents to learn about clubs and activities that the high school offers. It is from 6-7:30 in the cafeteria at SHS.

JFK SPRING CONCERT INFO

Grade 6 Band - Monday, May 13, 7:00 pm

Grade 7 Band - Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 pm

Grade 8 Band - Thursday, May 16, 7:00 pm

Grade 6 and 7 Chorus – Monday, May 20, 7:00 pm

Grade 8 Chorus, Swing Choir & Voice of Thunder – Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 pm

Orchestra (all grades) – Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 pm

Hive Needs Summer Help!

Our Hive Club needs your help! The Hive Club is in need of helpers for our JFK garden this summer? The club is working on creating a Google document for students and parents to sign up.

Any parents interested in helping with our garden may email Kara Sievel at ksievel@southingtonschools.org.



JFK Student Spotlight

Drama Club



The fourteenth annual joint production from DePaolo and Kennedy Middle School Drama Club was a huge success! All of the scheduled performances of Oliver were well attended! Congratulations to all cast and crew members and thanks to everyone for their support in making this venture as successful as it was.



STEPS - ABC's
(Asset Building Classrooms)
May & June's asset will focus on:
Service to Others

Asset
Building
Classrooms

JFK Middle School is committed to promoting student success by developing and supporting the STEPS - ABC assets.

The students and staff at JFK will focus on young people serving the community. Students are encouraged to volunteer to a community service one or more hours per week.

John F. Kennedy Middle School - Students of the Month - April 2019

John F. Kennedy Middle School in Plantsville recently announced the names of its Students of the Month for April. Teachers nominated these students for their academic improvement or performance, exemplary citizenship, and/or participation in extracurricular activities.

Sixth grade Students of the Month are Nikolas Allan, Angelo Fioriello, Isabella Leggett, Chloe Peters, and Avery Shea. Nikolas is the Unified Arts sixth grade student of the month in the area of physical education. A polite and respectful young man with a positive attitude, he is always actively engaged in class. He is willing to help others, and he works especially well with students with special needs. In addition, Nikolas voluntarily assists with gym equipment used during class.

Angelo has an internal drive to succeed in all his academic courses. He puts in the hard work required to do well and he is always prepared for tests and quizzes. Also, all of Angelo's interactions with both peers and adults are handled with utmost respect.

Izzy is a well-rounded student who is at the top her class academically. A classroom leader, she helps her fellow students and goes above and beyond to assist her teachers.

Chloe is a dedicated student who demonstrates leadership qualities both inside and outside the classroom. She daily puts forth her best effort, and she recently earned an A+ on each of four tests: a quiz in language arts, an expression test in math, a webquest in science, and a map assessment in social studies.

Avery is the Unified Arts sixth grade student of the month in the area of Computer Science. She demonstrates great maturity in class and is always ready to work. Avery follows directions with ease and models a strong understanding of computer concepts. At times she has served in class as a Techspert for her fellow students, for her paras, and for her teachers.

Seventh grade students of the month are Chloe Ariyavatkul, Allison Jankowski, Julia Rusiecki and Isabella Sena. Chloe is the seventh grade World Language student of the month. She is a diligent student who puts serious effort and quality into all her projects. She takes risks to improve her Spanish skills, and she does it all with a smile on her face. Chloe is an exemplary, academic student whose work is worthy of commendation.

A new student this year to Kennedy Middle School, Allison has quickly acclimated to our school's expectations. Kind, respectful, cooperative and helpful to both her teachers and peers, she demonstrates model student behavior. Allison also shows a high level of perseverance when given difficult assignments.

Julia has a great outlook on life. She is always positive, and her smile uplifts all who meet her. A conscientious student, Julia takes care in all that she does including making up work she misses during her absence from classes.

Bella is very well behaved and polite to all and serves as a positive example for her fellow students. She will on occasion assume a leadership role in group assignments and has been seen aiding her peers who need a hand to clarify a problem. Bella is a hard working student and on the honor roll.

Eighth grade students of the month are Juliana Aulbach, Anna Shamus-Udicious, and Delaney Sicotte. In her academic classes, Juliana is a model student. She puts her best effort into her work and asks questions which elevate the level of thinking in her team's classrooms. In addition, Juliana not only requests feedback from her teachers, she strives to implement the information she receives into her work.

Anna shows kindness towards all the adults and peers with whom she works. A responsible and mature student, she is a hard worker especially in cooperative group settings. Anna is strong self-advocate and an excellent model to her peers in that she requests makeup work when she is absent. Anna has also taken advantage of every early morning algebra review session in order to stay on top of material presented in class.

Delaney has demonstrated to her teachers that she is highly motivated to do well and produce nothing but the highest quality work. When working cooperatively with her peers, Delaney models leadership skills that facilitate the group's work while simultaneously respecting the opinions of her peers. A kind and respectful young lady, Delaney demonstrates a level of maturity beyond that of fellow students.





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April 2019

Dear parents,

As the weather gets warmer, I am writing this letter to remind you of expectations regarding dress code, cafeteria and bus behavior. Below are some highlights of the expectations. These expectations reinforce our commitment to provide a learning environment focused on student achievement at JFK.

Expectations upon entering the building, while walking in the halls and through dismissal:

- Students will remove hats, sunglasses, hoods and ear buds upon entry to JFK.
- Electronic devices need to be **silenced and put away** upon entry into the building and remain silenced through dismissal. However, if a teacher is using an electronic device during a lesson, the use of electronic devices is permissible. (If a student needs to contact his/her parent at any time during the school day, phones are available for their use in the main office.)
- Students should not carry beverages of any kind in the halls. Only water in CLEAR plastic bottles is acceptable with administrative or nurse permission.

Expectations on the bus:

- Students should be seated as soon as they get on the bus.
- Seats should not be saved for other students.
- Students should remain in their seats for the duration of their ride home.
- Students may talk but refrain from using excessively loud voices or unkind language, so as not to distract the driver.

Expectations in the cafeteria:

- Students may not switch seats in the cafeteria.
- Electronic devices are not to be used at any time in the cafeteria.
- Students are responsible to pick up and dispose of their trash prior to leaving the cafeteria.

Expectations regarding clothing:

- Shirts must have straps at least 3 fingers wide, no crop tops, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, tube tops, halter tops, sheer tops, strapless or backless tops.
- Clothing should cover all undergarments and not expose the midriff area.
- When wearing yoga pants or leggings, the midriff area should not be exposed.
- As the weather is still warmer, students will be wearing shorts, skorts and skirts. Please note **the appropriate length of these should be at least one inch longer than the tips of their fingers when their arms are extended at their sides.**
- Please note that ripped jeans are popular now. These jeans are allowed as long as the holes are located lower than at least one inch below the tips of your child's fingers when his/her arms are extended at their sides.

It is the prerogative of the administration to determine if student attire is conducive to the learning environment. Therefore, please use a conservative approach when discussing appropriate attire for school.

In advance, thanks for your assistance,
Sue Vitcavage

PTO INFORMATION

The JFK PTO is hosting a **Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's** located at 270 New Britain Ave in Plainville to support the 8th Grade Class Night (which will be held in June) on **Sunday, May 19**. Breakfast will be served from 8 am to 10 am. Cost is only \$8 per person. Tickets may be purchased in the office. Any questions, contact southingtonjkpto@gmail.com.



Calling all 8th Graders! We need 25-30 volunteers to help serve pancakes and coffee on **Sunday, May 19, at Applebee's** in Plainville from 7:30 to 10:30 am. About a dozen Adult Volunteers are needed as well. Sign up using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4FA4AB2DA0FA7-applebees>



BOGO Book Fair

The PTO Book Fair is in May (dates TBD), and it's Buy One, Get One Free!

8th Grade Class Night

JFK is hosting its SECOND Annual **8th Grade Class Night** on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. This is a great celebration honoring the graduating 8th grade class. There will be a Photo Booth, DJ DXN playing tunes, food served by Outback, desserts by Dairy Queen, snacks from Moe's, Games, Raffles, and more. The cost is \$5 per child and everyone who attends will receive an SHS 2023 moisture wicking t-shirt from A2Z Embroidery. Contact JFK School Social Worker Kristine Frattini (kfrattini@southingtonschools.org) if you need assistance with the cost.

The JFK PTO is graciously asking for any contribution you would be willing to offer to help make the 8th Grade Class Night a memorable one! Any amount of gift card, donation or any other fun 8th grade friendly items would be much appreciated.

Please print and fill out the flyer on the next page to indicate

- whether your child will be attending
- food choice
- t-shirt size
- interest in volunteering (see sign up genius link above)
- donation contribution.

To help set up the day of the event, chaperone during the event and/or clean up after the event, sign up using this link:

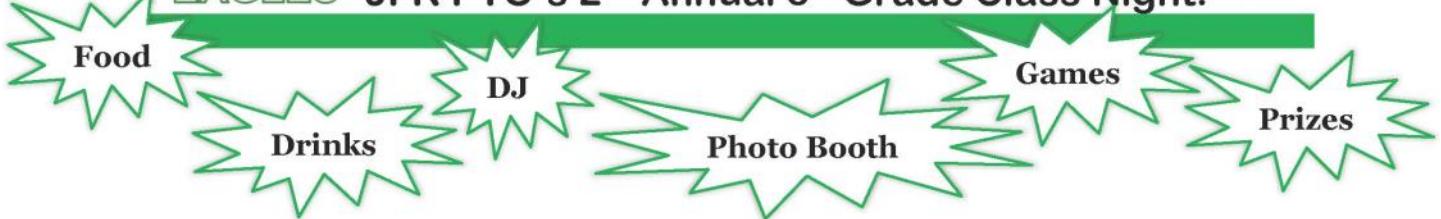
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4FA4AB2DA0FA7-8thgrade>.

The final **Box Tops Challenge** is underway. Send in Box Tops by **May 17**. The class with the most Box Tops during this Challenge will win Munchkins for the homeroom. The Overall Winning homeroom will be rewarded with a Pizza Party.

The next **JFK PTO Meeting** is **Tuesday, April 30, at 6:30 pm** in the Media Center. Superintendent Tim Connellan will be the guest speaker. Come hear what he has to say about next year's educational budget and curriculum.



JFK PTO's 2nd Annual 8th Grade Class Night!



Who is Invited - All JFK 8th Grade Students

When - Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Where - JFK Middle School

Time - 6pm to 8:30pm

Cost - \$5 per student to attend

Volunteers are needed to help run this event!! Please fill out the bottom portion and return it to school labeled "JFK PTO 8th Grade Class Night" with payment of \$5 by Friday, May 10, 2019. Any questions please contact JFK PTO @ southingtonjfkpto@gmail.com

Student Name

H.R. #

Volunteer Name

email / phone number



All students attending will receive a t-shirt at no additional cost. Please indicate size below.

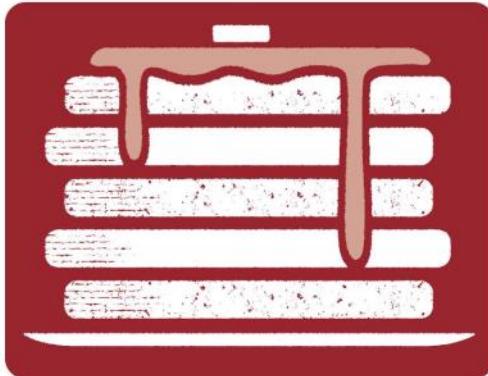
XS S M L XL

(Note: XS comes in women's only)

Outback Steakhouse is providing grilled food options! Please circle your choice below.

Hamburger Cheeseburger Chicken Salad
Sandwich

Completed form and payment of \$5 must be returned to school labeled "JFK PTO 8th Grade Class Night" no later than Friday, May 10th



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You're Invited to an Applebee's® Flapjack Fundraiser Event to support

JFK 8th Grade

(funds will be used to support the 8th grade class night being held in June)

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Tickets: \$8.00ea Date: 05/19/19 Time: 8am - 10am

**Tickets may be purchased in the JFK Office
Cash or Checks made payable to: JFK PTO**

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Questions Regarding Event
Contact JFK PTO
southingtonjfkpto@gmail.com
or 860-670-6796

Applebee's Location For Event
270 New Britain Avenue
Plainville, CT 06062-2056
(860) 747-2358

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MIDDLE SCHOOL



Store is Open Until Wednesday May 8th

All items are custom made and will be delivered 7-10 business days after close of the store.



JFK Banner Hoodie
\$40.00



School Spirit Tank
\$22.00



School Spirit Tee
\$17.00

Order your Spirit Wear at
<https://stores.inksoft.com/jfkennedy19/shop/home>

Don't Fry Day

Slip, Slop, Slap, Wrap

The National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention has declared the Friday before Memorial Day as "Don't Fry Day" to promote sun safety awareness.

Slip, Slop, Slap, Wrap is the slogan to help remind you of four ways to protect yourself in the sun - *Slip* on a SHIRT, *Slop* on SUNSCREEN, *Slap* on a HAT, and *Wrap* on SUNGLASSES whenever you go outdoors.



- Seek shade between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M., when the sun's rays are strongest.
- Apply sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or more that shields both UVA and UVB rays.
- Reapply sunscreen every two hours when outdoors, even on cloudy days.
- Wear protective clothing, such as a long-sleeved shirt and pants and wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses.
- Stay in the shade whenever possible.
- Use extra caution near reflective surfaces such as water, sand and snow; they can reflect and intensify the sun's damaging rays.
- Protect children by keeping them out of the sun, minimizing sun exposure, and applying sunscreen. Avoid intentional tanning and tanning beds.

To learn more about what you can do to protect yourself and your family from the sun, visit www.skincancerprevention.org.

Tick Awareness

(Information adapted from the CDC)

While it is a good idea to take preventive measures against ticks year-round, be extra vigilant in warmer months (April-September) when ticks are most active.



Avoid Direct Contact with Ticks

Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter.

Walk in the center of trails.

Repel Ticks on Skin and Clothing (See CDC website. Link below.)

Find and Remove Ticks from Your Body

Bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors (preferably within two hours) to wash off and more easily find ticks that are crawling on you.

Conduct a full-body tick check using a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body upon return from tick-infested areas. Parents should check their children for ticks thoroughly.

Examine gear and pets. Ticks can ride into the home on clothing and pets, then attach to a person later, so carefully examine pets, coats, and day packs.

Tumble dry clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors. If the clothes are damp, additional time may be needed. If the clothes require washing first, hot water is recommended. Cold and medium temperature water will not kill ticks effectively. If the clothes cannot be washed in hot water, tumble dry on low heat for 90 minutes or high heat for 60 minutes. The clothes should be warm and completely dry.

CDC 2018

Full information from the CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on_people.html

CT DPH: <http://www.portal.ct.gov/DPH/Infectious-Diseases/Tickborne/Prevent-Lyme-Disease>

Substitute School Nurses Needed

The Southington Board of Education is accepting applications for experienced nurses to enhance the professional School Nursing team for the 2018-2019 school year.

**Family Friendly Hours
Flexible Scheduling
Friendly Environment
Hands-on Orientation with Professional RN Preceptors
Supportive Staff**

Apply online: <http://www.applitrack.com/southingtonschools/onlineapp>

For further information call:

**Michelle Passamano, Human Resource Manager
at 860-628-3200, ext. 355**
or
**Catherine O'Hara, School Nursing Supervisor
at 860-628-3377, ext. 155**



Health Services / Physical Forms

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADE 6 PARENTS

Students entering grade 7 next year need to have **mandatory physicals and vaccines using the new Health Assessment Record below**, otherwise they will not be allowed to attend school. Click on the images below to access the new health examination requirements and the health assessment record form.



Southington School Health Services Southington, Connecticut

To: Parents or Legal Guardians
From: Denise Berry RN, BSN
Subject: Health Examination Requirements for students entering Pre K, Kindergarten, Grade 7, Grade 10 or Entering from Out-of-State or Out-of-Country
Date: 9/18/2018

The State of Connecticut requires each pupil to have a complete health examination within one year before entering Preschool, Kindergarten, Grade 7, Grade 10 or when entering from out-of-state or out-of-country. Listed below are the health assessment and immunization requirements for all students:

No student entering Preschool, Kindergarten, Grade 7, Grade 10 or entering from out-of-state or out-of-country may start school without proof of the following prior to the first day of school:

Physical Form ("Health Assessment Record" completed within one year of school entry date)

- This form must be filled out completely – parent/guardian fills out the front and the doctor fills out the back. Doctor must include hemoglobin/hematocrit, vision, hearing, and all areas as mandated (starred*) under Connecticut State law.
- Attached to this email is the new Connecticut Health Assessment Record which now includes a new page / part 3 oral health screening. Copies of the form are on our website at www.southingtonschools.org. They can be found by clicking on the Departments tab, then Health Services, and then Health Forms.



State of Connecticut Department of Education Health Assessment Record

In order to provide the best educational experience, school personnel must understand your child's health needs. This form requests information from you (Part 1) which will also be helpful to the health care provider when he or she completes a medical evaluation (Part 2) and the oral assessment (Part 3). State law requires complete primary immunizations and a health assessment by a legally qualified practitioner of medicine, an advanced practice registered nurse or registered nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter 37a, a physician assistant, licensed pursuant to chapter 37a, a school medical advisor, or a legally qualified practitioner of medicine, an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant stationed at any military base prior to school entrance in Connecticut (C.G.S. Secs. 10-20a and 10-20e). An immunization update and additional health assessments are required in the 6th or 7th grade and in the 9th or 10th grade. Specific grade level will be determined by the local board of education. This form may also be used for health assessments required every year for students participating on sports teams.

Please print

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|------------------------------------|------------|---|
| Student Name (Last, First, Middle) | Birth Date | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
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Address (Street, Town and ZIP code)

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| Parent/Guardian Name (Last, First, Middle) | Home Phone | Cell Phone |
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| School/Grade | Race/Ethnicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Black, not of Hispanic origin <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/ <input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino |
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| Primary Care Provider | White, not of Hispanic origin <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
|-----------------------|--|

Health Insurance Company/Number* or Medicaid/Number*

Does your child have health insurance? Y N If your child does not have health insurance, call 1-877-CT-HUSKY

* If applicable

Part 1 — To be completed by parent/guardian.

Please answer these health history questions about your child before the physical examination.

Fall Cross Country

Interest Meeting



Thursday May 30th, 6pm room 201

@ SHS

...OR email Coach Dash for more info

coachdashxctrack@gmail.com

No Tryouts, No Cuts

No experience necessary

Beginner's Welcome - Couch to 5k