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Advanced Placement (AP) to College In Schools (CIS) for students enrolled in advanced English at the high school level. Students benefit from post-secondary instruction on KMS school grounds without traveling to nearby colleges, eliminating the stresses and complications of matching a college schedule with a high school one so the student can participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities -- as in the Post Secondary Educational Option (PSEO) program. For the CIS program, classes will be taught in collaboration with Southwest Minnesota State University.

Heidelberger mentioned upwards of five post-secondary institutions KMS works in conjunction with, a number that includes the career tech courses offered.

At the high school level, St. Cloud State University is another college with which KMS has connections.

"No matter what direction our students think they're going, we provide them with opportunities to be successful," said Heidelberger.

And another change is that on July 30th the State of Minnesota returned authority to local schools allowing districts to determine guidelines at a local level.

"We're not hearing much about marked changes passed on from the state," said Heidelberger.

"There has been lots of discussion about learning loss across the country and how you remedy this when

some students have been hybrid, connected at a distance, some not. We had summer school this year for students who needed credits recovered, brushing up on reading and math."

Overall, attendance numbers were good throughout last school year.

And from open houses onward, the plan is to receive students very typically as in any typical fall. In general, students should anticipate the familiarity of routines come September.

More information about the new school year can be found below:

--The KMS faculty begins the fall school term on Monday, August 30 and Tuesday, August 31 with two days of meetings and preparation for the 2021-2022 school year.

--KMS Elementary School in Murdock open house for grades K-6 will be held Wednesday, September 1 from 3:00-7:30 p.m. Parents will be sent a meeting link by August 27. Please contact the KMS Elementary office with any questions (875-2441).

--KMS High School in Kerkhoven open house for grades 7-12 will be held on Wednesday, September 1 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The first day of school for students grades K-12 is Tuesday, September 7.

--7th grade orientation will be Wednesday, September 1 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Meet in

the Gym.

--KMS Preschool in Kerkhoven and Barneage in Sunburg open house will be held conference-style this year, with individual teacher meetings beginning the week of September 6 in lieu of the typical come-and-go open house format. Classroom teachers will be contacting parents directly to schedule times that work best for you. Preschool classes will begin Monday, September 13.

--Parents will be able to complete family registration forms and update student health records, apply for free and reduced meals and pay for activity fees online at their parent portal website or at the open house events. New this year is a JMC family app that you can download to your cell phone from your app store. Information about the app can be found on the website at [www.kms.k12.mn.us](http://www.kms.k12.mn.us).

--Elementary and secondary students use a computerized lunch program. Prices for an elementary student are \$1.25 for breakfast and \$2.60 for lunch. Prices for a high school student are \$1.25 for breakfast and \$2.85 for lunch. Application forms for free and reduced lunch can be completed on the parent portal account or may be returned to the principal's office. Lunch accounts may not exceed a negative balance of \$25.

--Athletic season for



Walking in the hallways of KMS High School this week, it doesn't look like school is just days away from starting a new term. Contractors have been replacing worn HVAC lines and units for

much of the summer, and assured the administration that work would be completed by the time school bells ring this September 7

2021-2022 admission prices have been set. Single admission prices for home sporting events are \$4 for students K-12, \$4 for college students and \$6 for adults. Student activity tickets are available for \$20 (all home events). Adult activity tickets are available for \$40 (10 home events). In-

dividual adult pass (all home events) is available for \$50. A family pass (i.e., parents and children K -12) is available for \$100. Tickets may be purchased on the parent portal, at the open house or at high school during the school day.

--Bus transportation for

district students is provided by Riley School Bus of Murdock (875-2491) and Rustad School Bus of Kerkhoven (264-2987). Individuals are to contact the bus companies if questions arise concerning bus schedules or times.

# Fixing the clocks

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sought. Hilleren's focus now is on raising the funds locally.

Hilleren says his passion for seeing the clocks restored to working order is part of a 123-year-old project. Back in the late 1890s, the county commissioners envisioned a courthouse that included a clocktower. From 1897 until 1975, there was just the brick outline and inset of where the clock faces, and hands were to go. In 1976, a group of commissioners said it was time to finish the courthouse with the clocks, Hilleren said.

"You have the opportunity now to keep the 123-year-old dream alive. I don't care how it gets done. I am just giving you information," he told commissioners last month.

Anyone with questions can reach Hilleren at 320-842-5937.

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