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President's Note

Welcome Back!

I hope you've had a great start to the new school year. Please take a few moments to read about all the exciting things going on at Kellam in the coming few months. Please consider becoming a member of Kellam's PTSA by filling out the enclosed Membership and Stress Free Donation form. Your \$7.00 membership fee and tax deductible donation go a long way in providing fun and educational programs for your children sponsored by the PTSA.

In addition, there are two very important dates I want to make sure you are aware of. First, on September 17th, our Celebrate Life committee will be hosting a Cashola night at Lucky Oyster Restaurant in the Strawbridge Shopping Center from 4 p.m. till 9 p.m. The Varsity Cheerleaders will serve as your waitresses and Lucky will give 10% of the night's proceeds to our all night graduation party. Whether your child is a freshmen or senior, please come have dinner out and support this most worthy event. We appreciate your support! Secondly, please read on about the September 19th home football game against Bayside HS. The Navy Seal's Leap Frog Parachute team will land on our field at halftime! It's an honor to be chosen for this type of event so please come out and support our Seals and meet these dedicated individuals after the game!

I look forward to a great year ahead. Please call me at 426-5160 with any questions or concerns.

*Dawn Miller,
PTSA President*

A Message From the Principal

Dear Kellam Knights:

Welcome to the 2008-09 school year. The opening of school was one of the smoothest we have ever experienced. Congratulations to all staff members as well as students and parents. Currently, as of September 2, 2008 we have a total school population of 1852 students. This is about 140 fewer students than last year. During the first week of school all students will be given their Parent/Student Handbook Planner. As stated in my initial letter to you, I urge you to go through the planner to familiarize yourself with our school operations; of special importance is our attendance policy and prior approval process.

Also during the first week of school the administration will meet with each grade level in the auditorium to welcome them and to go over important aspects of our policies and regulations. The main emphasis of our meetings with the classes is to emphasize the importance of their academic achievement. One of the central themes in each of these meetings is to point out the major skills needed for a successful career in the 21st century. Specifically these skills include: critical thinking and problem solving, collaboration across networks, agility and adaptability, initiative and entrepreneurialism, effective oral and written communication, accessing and analyzing information and curiosity and imagination. Good communication with the school and home is essential in order to insure that each and every student is given all the opportunities to be successful. With everyone working together I'm certain that Kellam High School will show great academic improvement.

Again welcome and I hope all of you will join our PTSA.

Sincerely,

Bruce Biehl,
Principal