7th and 8th Grade Knowledge Bowl

Do you like playing trivia games or brain teasers? Would you enjoy working with a team of six students to answer questions while competing with teams from other schools? If your answers are yes, you might enjoy participating in Knowledge Bowl this year during October and November. Knowledge Bowl is a great way to meet friends, work together as a team and try something new.

Volunteer coaches are needed to help coach Kennedy Knowledge Bowl teams. The number of teams our school will have will depend on the number of parents/guardians who volunteer to coach. There needs to be one coach per team for a team to compete. In addition to attending meets with the teams, the volunteer coaches also need to coach team practice sessions with me. The dates for practices will be determined once I have volunteer coaches. The practices will be from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. I will create teams comprised of both seventh and eighth grade students. Training will be provided through the district for new coaches. I will notify you when the training date has been set. If you cannot attend the training, I can train you myself. As per District 742 policy, all volunteers will need to complete a volunteer application form and have a Criminal Background Check on file with District 742. Please contact the main office for volunteer application and background check forms. These forms are also available online.

The following meets are scheduled:

- **Monday, October 29** – St. Katherine Drexel in St. Cloud
- **Thursday, November 1** – STRIDE Academy in St. Cloud
- **Monday, November 5** – North Junior High in St. Cloud
- **Monday, November 12** – Sartell Middle School in Sartell

On the day of the meets, the students will stay after school and be bussed to the Meet site. The Meet begins at 4:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 3:30 p.m. The Meets end at about 6:45 p.m. You should bring a bag dinner/snack to eat at this time. Some schools may possibly sell food but do not expect all schools to sell food so you will want to bring food with you. Parents/Guardians must arrange for transportation after the practice sessions and Meets. If your child is carpooling, both you and the person driving your child must complete the attached form. Parents/Guardians please be at the host school site by 6:45 p.m. so the volunteer coach does not have to wait for you to pick up your child.

Remember the number of teams we have at Kennedy School will be determined by the number of volunteer coaches we have. Students interested in participating in Knowledge Bowl this year need to complete the attached form and return it as soon as possible. The middle school activity fee is $80.00. If your family qualifies for reduced lunch, the fee is $40.00. If your family qualifies for free lunch, the fee is $20.00. Please contact me if you need scholarship assistance. Parents/guardians interested in coaching Knowledge Bowl also need to complete the attached form and return it to me as soon as possible. Please return the completed forms by **Wednesday, September 26** to Mrs. Kragness, room 327, your advisory teacher or the main office. If you have any questions, please contact me at 363-7791 extension 6579. I am looking forward to a great Knowledge Bowl season!

Sincerely,

Jodie Kragness
Talent Development Specialist
Please return this form by **Wednesday, September 26** to your advisory teacher or the main office. Thank you!!

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___ Yes, I am interested in participating in Knowledge Bowl this year. District bus transportation will be provided to the host sites. I understand practices are after school from 2:00 until 3:00 p.m. (Dates to be determined.) Parents/Guardians will need to pick up students after the team practices at 3:00 p.m. and after the Meets at 6:45 p.m. Parents/Guardians must check their child out with their team’s coach when picking him/her up from the Meet. If your child is carpooling with another family, you must complete the attached District form. We want families to be on time for our coaches who wait with your child are volunteers.

___ I have included the middle school activity fee which is $80.00.

___ I have included the middle school activity fee for reduced lunch which is $40.00.

___ I have included the middle school activity fee for free lunch which is $20.00

___ Scholarship assistance is needed for this activity fee.

**Are there any special needs your child’s coach should be aware of?**  ___ No  ___ Yes. If you want to share these needs with me, please explain:_________________________________________________________.

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**Student’s Name (please print)**  __________________________

**Parent/Guardian Signature**  __________________________

**Parent/Guardian Cell Phone Number**  _______________________

**Home Phone Number**  __________________________

**Parent/Guardian’s email address (please print)**  _______________________

**Date**  __________________________

**Grade**  ________________  

**Advisory Teacher**  __________________________

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___ Yes, I will be a Knowledge Bowl coach this year. I understand I am responsible for after school practices and will accompany teams to meets where I will take on the role of a reader, computer operator or judge. I understand I will be trained in these various roles. I understand I will need a current volunteer application and background check on file with the District. If I do not have this paperwork completed, I will contact the school office for the required paperwork.

**Parent/Guardian Signature**  __________________________

**Date**  __________________________

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Academic Achievement Activities
Code of Conduct
Participant Statement for Kennedy School

As a Kennedy student participating in an Academic Achievement activity, I understand and accept the following responsibilities when participating in all events:

- I will respect the rights and beliefs of others and will treat others with courtesy and consideration.
- I will be fully responsible for my actions and the consequences of those actions.
- I will respect the property of others.
- I will respect and obey the rules of my school, the host site and the laws of my community, state and country.
- I will abide by the rules of the event.
- I will show respect for and abide by the decisions of the competition officials and host site personnel.
- I will not wear a hat during a Meet.
- I bring a cell phone, it will be turned off during the competition.

By signing this we acknowledge that we have read and agree to the above statements. We understand that failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may result in the disqualification of the student and/or team from further participation in any event.

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Student’s signature       Grade       Date

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Parent/Guardian’s Signature       Date