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Parents and  
Community Members  
Join Us For Our 1<sup>st</sup> SAC  
Meeting  
Tuesday, September 13  
@ 5:30 p.m.  
Main Media Center –  
Main Campus

KHS Administration  
KHS Principal, Donna Drisdorn  
Assistant Principal, Lia Maffett  
Assistant Principal, Tony Williams  
Assistant Principal, Mario Jenkins  
Assistant Principal, Javon Smith  
Assistant Principal, Keith Smith (CFAA)

Spark Your Imagination



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# The Spark

## FFA—On Their Way To District!

On August 23<sup>rd</sup> three Kathleen FFA members competed in the Polk County Farm Bureau speech contest in Bartow: Mikayla Myers, Madison Keim, and Madison Dvorak. The students had to write and present a 5 minute speech on the topic of drone use in agriculture. Madison Dvorak won the event and will represent Polk County at the District contest on September 15<sup>th</sup>



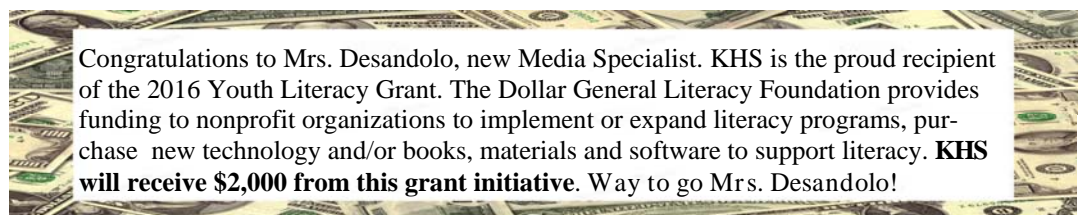
Pictured: Mikayla Myers, Madison Keim and Madison Dvorak

in Pasco County. Congratulations to these outstanding FFA members.



**Open House**  
CFAA of Kathleen Senior  
CFAA Cafeteria  
Tuesday, September 27  
5:30—7:30 p.m.

PLANES will be providing dinner on a first come, first serve basis. Funds collected will go to support students and staff. Pizza slice, chips and drink = \$4.00. Candies = \$1.00. We look forward to serving you. During Open House, you will be invited to follow your child's schedule, meet their teachers and get an overview of their coursework.



Congratulations to Mrs. Desandolo, new Media Specialist. KHS is the proud recipient of the 2016 Youth Literacy Grant. The Dollar General Literacy Foundation provides funding to nonprofit organizations to implement or expand literacy programs, purchase new technology and/or books, materials and software to support literacy. **KHS will receive \$2,000 from this grant initiative.** Way to go Mrs. Desandolo!

## Important Dates to Remember

9/12/16	Polk State on Campus @ 9:30 a.m. to <b>finalize</b> Dual Enrollment Registration
9/14/16	Early Release Day
9/14/16	Club Rush Day
9/16/16	1st Quarter Interims
9/19/16	Student/Paraeducator Holiday Data Day



## OPEN HOUSE

Join us  
or our 1st Title One Meeting for 2016  
Monday, September 26 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Main Media Center  
Kathleen Senior High  
Open House @ 6:00  
Follow your child's daily schedule  
and meet their teachers

# Calling All KHS Pearls

P.E.A.R.L.S. was founded by KHS' own Dione Facey-Poitier and is a group which has been run for nine consecutive years. Mrs. Poitier, along with Ms. Davis, Ms. Douglas and Ms. Rue will host P.E.A.R.L.S. meetings in the Freshman Media Center on every second and fourth Thursday of each month. During meetings, we engage in activities which aim to uplift, inspire, motivate, nurture and stimulate the minds of our members as well as meet other constructive goals. Along with our activities we periodically have guest speakers who share their stories of personal struggles and triumphs in life or career. Throughout the year we participate in community service, fundraising, and trips such as the Umatilla Leadership Retreat and Atlanta College Tour for all of our college bound P.E.A.R.L.S through our partnership with the RISK Club. This year our goal is to encourage every member to strive toward success, aim to be the best, and build confidence. We are looking forward to a successful and fruitful year! Ladies please feel free to stop by our meetings on the second and fourth week of every month from 2:05 pm to 3:00 pm in the Freshman Media Center.

## Lunch Menu

**Monday—September 12, 2016**

**Teriyaki BB Chicken, Rice, Veggie Egg Roll or Asian Chicken Salad or Turkey & Cheese Sub/Flatbread, Carrots, Pop-eye Salad, Chilled Fruit, Fruit Variety**

**Tuesday—September 13, 2016**

**Beef Taco Meat, Taco Shells or Southwest Chicken Salad or Ham & Cheese Sub/Wrap, Veggie Combo, Juice, Fruit**

**Wednesday-September 14, 2016**

**Lasagna or Chef Salad or Italian Pizza Sub/Flatbread, Blend Veggies, Garden Salad, Carrots, Chilled Fruit, Fruit Variety and Cookie**

**Thursday—September 15, 2016**

**Pork Banh Mi Sandwich w/Banh Mi Salad Topping or Chicken Caesar Salad or Turkey & Cheese Sub/Wrap, Fries, Pop-eye Salad, Veggie Combo, Juice and Fruit Variety**

**Friday—September 16, 2016**

**Boneless Chicken Wings, Blueberry Muffin or Buffalo Chicken Salad or Ham & Cheese Sub/Flatbread, Green Beans, Veggie Combo, Applesauce and Seasonal Fresh Fruit Variety**

## Attention Seniors—Homecoming Details

*Cost:* Early Bird Special \$20, Second week is \$25, Third week is \$30, The “night-of” price is \$40

*Homecoming Game:* October 21<sup>st</sup> 2016

*Homecoming Dance:* October 22<sup>nd</sup>

*Homecoming King and Queen Candidates:* If you would like to be considered for Homecoming King and/or Queen, you and the running partner for your club are required to create a can goods sculpture. You may cover up the can labels, but you may not take them off. All cans will be donated to the Talbot house after being used. Your sculpture is due before the Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> community game against George Jenkins.

## Benefits of Tutoring

## Tutoring Schedule

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays**

	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays
ACT	Mrs. Gardner Main Media Ctr		Ms. Bass Main Media Ctr
Algebra I	Mr. Hammonds 40-111	Mr. Taylor 40-113	
ESOL		Mr. Gueiros-Neto 04-004	



# KHS Welcomes New Staff Members



Sue Nelson

Mrs. Nelson was born in Panama City, FL, and has lived in the south her entire life. She graduated from the University of South Alabama with a degree in Psychology.

She has also worked as a hospice counselor and a counselor with child welfare. She loves teaching and is enjoying teaching at KHS and getting to know her students.



Jerry Harty

Mr. Harty taught at Haines City & Jewett Schools of the Arts. He has a banking and real estate background with a degree in Economics. He is a proud author, father and husband and is thrilled to be at KHS!

Ms. Douglas is a native of Bartow and a graduate of Bethune Cookman University with a BS degree in Business Administration. She received her MA in Counseling from Webster University. She taught Math for 8 years and has been a Counselor for the last 6 years. In her spare time she enjoys shopping, traveling, and spending time with family.



Avis Douglas

Ms. Schader was born, raised, and still lives in Plant City with her two sons, ages 18 and 14. She was an Anthropology major at USF. After many years of working as a deputy and a 911 dispatcher, she decided to pursue her dream of teaching. She loves Polk County, Kathleen and her World History students.



Holly Schader

Ms. Stephanie Huggins (Ingram) is a KHS graduate. She has a BA degree in Speech Communications



Stephanie Huggins

and African Studies from USF. She is the proud parent of a college and middle school student. She has taught for the last 12 years in our County and is glad to be back home where she began.



Adrienne Griffin

Ms. Griffin is a McKeel and Florida Southern College Alumna. She majored in Religion and has minors in Spanish and Psychology. Her interests outside of KHS include Health and Wellness, Fitness, and photography.



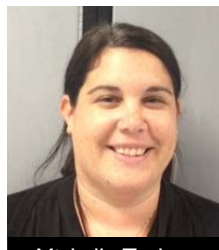
Heather Donhauser

Ms. Heather Donhauser is the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Dean of Students. She has been an educator for Polk County Schools since 1998. She has a BS in Physical Education from Florida Southern College and a MED in Educational Leadership from Southeastern University. She is excited about the opportunity to work with the staff and students at Kathleen High School.



Dennis Douglas

Chief Master Sgt. Dennis E. Douglas is an Air Force Junior ROTC Aerospace Science Instructor assigned to KHS. His last active duty assignment was the Chief Enlisted Manager, U.S. Air Force Honor Guard, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C. He deployed in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom Trans Sahara, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. He is ecstatic to be a part of the KHS family.



Michelle Tusher

Mrs. Tusher graduated from SUNY Brockport in New York and has been teaching for 10 years. Throughout her teaching experi-

ence, she has taught Physical Education, Elementary ESE and coached volleyball and basketball. She has taught in New York, DC, Virginia, New Mexico and Florida. Her husband and their 3 year old daughter have recently relocated to Lakeland. She is very excited to be here in sunny Florida and happy to be part of the KHS family.



Brittany Gerst

Ms. Brittany Gerst teaches Freshman English and is our Volleyball coach. She is a UCF graduate. In her spare time, she loves spending time with her dogs and going to the beach. She loves her teaching assignment and anticipates a spectacular year!



Alan Blanchard

From 2013 until June 2016, Lieutenant Colonel Blanchard was an Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, Operations Officer, and Education Flight Commander for AFROTC Detachment 158 at USF. He retired in June 2016 after 24 years on active duty. Lieutenant Colonel Blanchard enlisted in the U.S. Army Infantry in 1982 and was assigned to a mechanized infantry unit in Panama where he was an expert M60 gunner. The mission of Lieutenant Colonel Alan E. Blanchard, PhD, USAF (Retired) is to develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community.



Jaime Torres

Mr. Torres is the newest Spanish teacher at KHS. He is excited about teaching at KHS and is very pleased with the quality and caliber of the staff. He has taught for over 10 years and is certified in Spanish and Social Sciences. He majored in International Studies at USF and also has a Certificate of proficiency in Latin American Studies. He is the proud father of two amazing daughters.

# CLASS OF 2017

## Senior Reminders

Sign up to get text message reminders through Remind101

**TEXT: 81010**  
**MESSAGE:**  
**@reddevil17**

## Want Push Notifications for your Smart Phone?

Visit:  
[rmd.at/reddevil17](http://rmd.at/reddevil17)  
Follow instructions to sign up; you will be prompted to download the mobile app.



## SmilePack Backpack Program

Attention Parents/Guardians: The Catholic Charities of Central Florida sponsors the Agape Food Bank program to help feed hungry families of Polk County. If you have a need, please contact [joaquin.reyes@polk-fl.net](mailto:joaquin.reyes@polk-fl.net) so that we can provide a backpack full of food items for your child to bring home. Backpacks are to be returned each week so that it can be utilized again for your family or other families in our county.



KHS Cheerleaders are selling pink out cheer shirts \$10.00 per shirt/ \$12.00 for sizes XXL or larger. The Pink Out Game will be October 14 against Bartow High. Email Ms. Schertzer to place your order: [amy.schertzer@polk-fl.net](mailto:amy.schertzer@polk-fl.net) and/or see any cheerleader. Thank you for supporting the KHS cheerleaders!

## Girls—Want to Play Soccer?

Our first lab Girls Soccer will be hosting conditioning to help prepare for soccer season, conditioning will run every Monday - Thursday from September 12th-29th from 2:30pm-4:00pm @ KHS. This is for all girls interesting in trying out for the team in October. You need to bring tennis shoes, workout clothes, water, & a towel. You will meet in Coach Horn's room (03-004) by 2:30 each day to participate. You must have the physical paperwork completed and returned to Coach Horn no later than September 23rd in order to tryout. Tryouts will run from October 3 -7 2:30pm - 5:30 pm @ Southwest complex. For additional information or questions please stop by Coach Horn's room 03-004 or email her at [carla.horn@polk-fl.net](mailto:carla.horn@polk-fl.net)



## Driver Education

Florida Virtual School and the Florida Safety Council have teamed up to take Driver's Education to the next level! Now, Polk County students can enroll in both the online Driver's Ed course and behind-the-wheel training for FREE! Students can complete the course in 6-8 weeks or can talk with their FLVS instructor about an accelerated 3-week pace plan.

For More Information go to: <http://www.flvs.net/>



# athleen Sports

Monday 9/12/16	Volleyball vs. Haines City @ 6:30 (Away)
Tuesday 9/13/16	Girls Golf @ 3:30 (Ridgewood Lakes) Swimming Meet @ 5:00 (Gandy Pool)
Wednesday 9/14/16	Open
Thursday 9/15/16	Girls Soccer Golf @ 4:00 (Huntington Hills) JV Football vs Ridge @ 7:30 (Home)
Friday 9/16/16	Varsity Football vs. Vierra @ 7:30 (Away)



## DRIVERS ED

LESSONS FOR THE ROAD OF LIFE



## We Salute our Kathleen Senior High Bus Drivers!



On Wednesday, September 7, we honored our bus drivers with a special breakfast prepared by Mrs. Drisdorn. We appreciate and love that they love our students and each and every day! Mrs. Mahmood and a few of the Trident crew members provided a photo booth for our bus drivers!



Kiara Rose, Samantha, Reynolds and Brianna Ortiz

## Save SAC Dates



Tuesday, Sep. 13, 2016  
 Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016  
 Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2016  
 Tuesday, May 2, 2016

All Meetings begin at 5:30 and will be held in Main Media Center/Main Campus



### 2017 KHS Trident Yearbooks on Sale!

\$65.00 Preorder the 2017 KHS Trident Yearbook through January 6, 2017

Preorder it online at <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/>  
 Code: 1134

After January 6, 2017, pre-order price is \$75.00

Deadline to pre-order:  
 March 31, 2017

### Senior Pictures/ Yearbooks

\$10 sitting fee for all senior pictures.



*When:* Senior Portrait Retakes will be November 14, 15, & 17

Sign ups will be the week of October 31<sup>st</sup> in the Cafeteria at Lunch.

*When:* Club Pictures/Senior Panoramic – December 8<sup>th</sup>

See Mrs. Mahmood in 16-006 for more information.

## Join FCA



**FELLOWSHIP OF  
 CHRISTIAN  
 ATHLETES**

*The heart and soul in sports\**

FCA and Coach Troutman invite you to the FCA Huddle Meetings every Thursday at 6:30 a.m. All meetings are held in the old PE Weight Room! Hope to see you there!

## What is the ACT?



The ACT multiple-choice tests are curriculum based. The ACT is not an aptitude or an IQ test. Instead, the questions on the ACT are directly related to what you have learned in your high school courses in English, mathematics, reading, and science. Testing time: 2 hours and 55 minutes (plus 40 minutes for the essay (optional)). Scores based on the number of correct answers. No penalty for incorrect answers. Components include 60 Math items, 40 Reading items, 40 Science items and 75 English items. ACT Writing (optional) includes 1 prompt, 40 minutes. Free Practice Tests: <http://www.actstudent.org/sampletest/>

**ACT (American College Test)**  
<http://www.ACTStudent.org>

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 22, 2016	September 16, 2016
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016
February 11, 2017	January 13, 2017
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017

School Code: 100-830 Test Center Code: 235570



7<sup>th</sup> period Cadets receive their promotions from Cadet Ciclali Olivares: Cadets Juan, Andres Alberty, Paris Pelzer, Glenn Dilworth, and Khari Copeland



L-R: Cadets Jonaton Hilson, Sydney Murphy, Kayla Cook, and Chelsy Murphy are inspecting pants for uniform issue.



6<sup>th</sup> period Cadets are conducting curl-ups (sit-ups) as part of their annual physical fitness assessment.



6<sup>th</sup> period Cadets are conducting the V-Sit reach as a part of the Presidential Physical Fitness Assessment.

## SAT Testing Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Online Score Release
November 5, 2016	October 7, 2016	November 29, 2016
December 3, 2016	November 3, 2016	December 23, 2016
January 21, 2017	December 21, 2016	February 16, 2017
March 11, 2017	February 10, 2017	March 28, 2017
May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017	May 23, 2017
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017	June 20, 2017

Academic Team  
Competition  
Tuesday, September 20  
3:30—5:00



### PLANES

Parents Launching A  
Network of  
Educational  
Support.

At CFAA, we will hold our monthly meeting Monday, September 12 at 6:30 in the CFAA cafeteria. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Susie Brigman at [sbrigman13@gmail.com](mailto:sbrigman13@gmail.com).



### Senior Dues

Cost: \$50

Due: November 1<sup>st</sup>  
Student will receive two (2) t-shirts: a white one with a red K for the senior panorama and a t-shirt with all of the names of the seniors printed on the back.

## FCA HUDDLE KICKOFF



FCA kicks off the year with fun and prizes. See Coach Troutman to join FCA