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The KO Parent Association Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S LEDGER

Happy March KO Families! First I want to thank all parents who donated towards the CKO Form Baskets. The Form Baskets are a huge highlight of the event as a door prize. Each attendee got five Form Basket tickets with their CKO admission ticket purchase and were able to purchase more to improve their chance of winning. Next I want to thank Devi Mathur, Monica Hoffman, Jamie Haverty, Satya Picard, Anne Agatep, Katherine Walters, Anthelette Riley-Mapp, Tara La Croix, Monica Gold, Alexis Hersh, Christine Binalla, Elizabeth Bellingrath, Frances Morris, Dina Plapler and the rest of the CKO committee for their commitment to making CKO a fabulous KO Community Party and successful Fundraiser! This event, full of KO spirit and joy, had a record breaking 230 tickets sold. Our goal was to raise \$100,000 to help support KO special programs, scholarships, arts and athletics. A portion of the funds raised will also support PA initiatives for the next 2 years, including community service projects like the MD Fox Holiday Fair, Giving Wyvern Wings Grant Program, as well as our KO community socials, student events and faculty/staff appreciation events.

Finally the PA is starting to look at the Spring schedule. I am so excited for longer days and warmer temperatures! The Spring Season always seems to go extremely fast. The PA is working on 2 more Parent Social events. In April, *Parent Ed 102 - Did You Know?* and in May the Spring Parent Social (please stay tuned for details and the RSVP form). Form 5 is busy with Junior Prom—An Evening with *The Great Gatsby*. Form 6 will be ramping up as Senior Week approaches in May. With the craziness of spring sports, arts nights and student spring fever, I hope our KO parent community takes some time to breathe and enjoy the chaos.

Hope to see you soon!
Jenn Palmer

THINGS TO DO MARCH

- 7-12 Spring Break - No School
- 26 Form 3 Parents: The F3 Journey 6:30 PM

APRIL

- 3 Good Friday - No School
- 7 PA Parent "Did You Know" Social 6:30 PM
- 9 Spring Conferences - No School
- 11 Junior Prom
- 17 MS Dance 6 PM
- 26 Power of Women 11 AM

MAY

- 1 US Arts Night 6 PM
- 8 KO Barbecue - All Families Welcome
- 9 Spring Sports Day
- 15-16 MS Musical
- 17 Senior Prom
- 19 Spring Awards Ceremony
- 20 Cup Day
- 21 Senior Class Night
- 22 Graduation
- 29 MS Arts Night

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THE PARENT SQUAD

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Stay tuned for opportunities to help with the following events:

- April 10th and 11th – Junior Prom Decorating: Join us as we transform the Commons dining hall into the glamorous “1926” Gatsby Era! This is a great way for Form 4 parents to get a behind-the-scenes look at the creativity and effort that goes into making Junior Prom a magical and memorable event.
- April 17th – Snack donations for the MS Dance.
- May 17th – Senior Prom Decorating: Volunteer to help decorate for Senior Prom and get an exciting preview of what’s to come! This is an especially valuable experience for Form 4 parents, offering a glimpse into the traditions and festivities of Senior Prom and Senior Week.

THE COLLEGE JOURNEY

2ND SUMMER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

FREE Summer opportunity for all KO students: Join the Roberts Center for Leadership’s 2nd Summer Leadership Institute

Rising 7th and 8th graders:

One week program runs Monday, July 27th - Thursday, July 30th, 9 AM-12 PM (Lunch is not included)

Rising 9th through 12th graders:

Two week program runs Monday, July 20th - Thursday, July 30th, 9 AM-12 PM (Lunch is not included)

Email lead@kingswoodoxford.org for registration and application.

Applications are due no later than May 1, 2026. Reach out to [Ms. Silver](#) or [Mrs. Anstead](#) for more information and with any questions.

THE NITTY GRITTY (MORE DETAILS)

KO PARENT ED 102: “DID YOU KNOW?”

Tuesday, April 7th 6:30-8:30 PM The Commons

The PA never offered KO Parent Ed 101, but welcome to this 2nd semester Advanced Class for all KO parents. Learn about KO “things” you might not know about. Did you know KO has a [Flickr account](#)?

Enjoy a fun and “educational” PA parent social. There won’t be a final exam, but be prepared to play JEOPARDY! [RSVP here](#).

Wine and cheese provided by the Parent Association.

THE NOVEL IDEA

Our Parent Book Club wrapped our study of Claire Keegan this month with a discussion of the collection of short stories from *Antarctica* on February 11th. These stories were filled with darkness and uncertainty which led to lively conversation. Participants were given the opportunity to attend the middle school symposium assembly and hear a reading by Ms. Keegan. Listening to her reading from *Foster* made many of us want to read the book again with her voice as a guide. We also enjoyed the Q&A from the middle school students, especially Ms. Keegan’s metaphor comparing sentences to a bowl of food and how everything you write must complement a paragraph much like the food you might eat in a bowl. The book club would like to thank Dr. Gleason and the symposium class for supporting and guiding our book club meetings, Ms. Scigliampaglia for allowing us to attend the middle school assembly, and finally Claire Keegan for sharing her work with us! We look forward to expanding the book club next year with the next symposium author!



THANKS A WAFFLE LOT!

On Tuesday, February 17th, while we were all enjoying the long mid-winter weekend, our fabulous faculty and staff returned to school for a productive day of professional development. To show our gratitude, the Parent Association hosted a waffle breakfast bar—the food was delicious and the camaraderie even better. A huge thank you to Alison Bethke, Stesha White, and all the parent volunteers who donated breakfast items, decorations, and their precious time to help pull off another fantastic faculty/staff appreciation event!



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FROM THE FORMS

MIDDLE SCHOOL (UPPER PREP, FORM 1 & FORM 2)

Despite all of the snow days and delays, the Middle School hasn't lost any momentum! On Friday, February 20th the Student Leadership Council, with support from the Parent Association, ran a 3v3 basketball tournament. The kids had a blast with both the planning and the execution. Many thanks to all the parents who donated healthy(ish) snacks for the athletes and their classmates who came to cheer them on!

Please mark your calendars for the annual Middle School Dance on Friday, April 17th. We will absolutely need parent help with the organizing and decorating. Also, the Parent Association will be hosting a parent social during the event itself. More details will be coming, but please fill out this preliminary (non-binding) [RSVP](#) so we can get an idea of numbers. Can't wait to see you there!!

FORM 3 CLASS OF 2029

Unfortunately the Form 3 event, The F3 Journey: Building Momentum, was postponed due to inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 26th at 6:30 PM. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about KO and get the most out of what Kingswood has to offer. Some of the topics will include building a course schedule with a look ahead to the older grades, supporting your teen with independence, resources available for teens and families, and balancing opportunities and commitments. Coffee and dessert will be provided by the Parent Association. With so much valuable information, we hope to see you there!

FORM 4 CLASS OF 2028

Form 4 students will be having a light breakfast or snack break in April. (Date TBD).



FORM 5 CLASS OF 2027

Form 5 students celebrated their Prom Invitation Breakfast on Thursday, February 19th. Students enjoyed a wonderful buffet of waffles, omelettes and yogurt parfaits. The Junior Prom theme was also revealed with a fun video of clues prepared by the student government. The video is on the [Wyvern Parent Instagram](#) account. An evening with *The Great Gatsby* will be Saturday, April 11th from 6:30-10:00 PM at the Commons Speakeasy Lounge (Dining Hall). Tickets are \$85 and can be purchased [here](#). Checks can still be submitted to Lindsay Perkins. Please make sure to include your student's name and guest (if applicable) and note any known allergies.

FORM 6 CLASS OF 2026

Seniors enjoyed their 100 Days until Graduation breakfast in February. This fun annual tradition is provided by the Alumni Office. Form Reps are planning the Prom Invitation Breakfast for March 26th.



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Form 6 Class of 2026

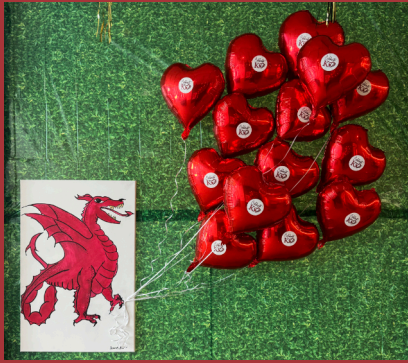
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Follow the PA on Social Media!



THE BEST PARTY OF THE YEAR



Thank you for your support of Celebrate Kingswood Oxford!

We are pleased to announce that while we are still finalizing the net proceeds from the event, we do know that attendance and participation went beyond our expectations, and we are grateful for this outpouring of support from the KO community! We know this is a beloved parent event and we can't wait to see you on campus for more events in the future. We wanted to share [this video](#) of students (and Mr. Krugman) explaining why they love KO.

If you were unable to attend, or would like to further support our appeal, please visit [the event website](#). Finally, for those who were able to attend, we would love to see your photos! Please head to Instagram and post your photos, tagging @wyvernparent and #cko2026. Check out [the photos](#) that we took at CKO!

Thank you for your continued support,
Monica Hoffman P'30 and Devi Mathur P'26, '29

PS: We are still hunting for the missing jacket that was mistakenly taken from the coat room! If you took home a long, black SAM puffer jacket, please check to see if it is yours. If you have one that does not belong to you, and would like to have yours back, please reach out to Elizabeth Bellingrath to make an exchange!