

## KMS 2024-2025 School Year Begins September 3

The KMS faculty begins the fall school term on Monday, August 26 and Tuesday, August 27 with two days of meetings and preparation for the 2024-2025 school year. KMS Parent and Student Open House will be held August 28. The first day of school for grades K-12 is Tuesday, September 3.

### August 28 Open House schedule

- **KMS Elementary School** in Murdock open house for grades K-6 will be held Wednesday, August 28 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- **KMS High School** in Kerkhoven for grades 7-12 will be held on Wednesday, August 28 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the High School in Kerkhoven.
- **7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation** will be on Wednesday, August 28, 8:00 a.m. to Noon at KMS High School. The seventh-grade students will be participating in the KMS Connect Program. Seventh grade students will be placed in a mentor group with a pair of tenth grade peer mentors. This is a “student only” event, parents should arrange to drop off their seventh grade student before 8:00 a.m. and pick them up at Noon. Students will participate in activities with their mentors, get their planners and schedules, walk through their schedule, and have lunch. Seventh grade students and their parents can also attend the open house that evening from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m at the High School.
- **KMS Preschool** in Kerkhoven and Barnehage in Sunburg open house will be held conference-style this year, with individual teacher meetings beginning the week of September 3 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 9.

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. The JMC family app is available for parents to download to your cell phone from the app store. Information about the app can be found on the website at [www.kms.k12.mn.us](http://www.kms.k12.mn.us).

The Minnesota Free School Meals for Kids Program is available. KMS Elementary and Secondary students are able to receive one free breakfast and one free lunch each school day. Families are encouraged to complete the Application for Educational Benefits form as this provides educational funding such as basic skills. Students may purchase additional milk for a cost of \$0.35 per carton charged to your family account. **Lunch accounts may not exceed a negative balance of \$25.00.**

Athletic season for 2024-2025 admission prices have been set. Single admission prices for home sporting events are \$5.00 for students K-12, \$5.00 for college students and \$7.00 for adults. Student activity tickets are available for \$20.00 (all home events). Adult activity tickets are available for \$40.00 (10 home events). Individual adult pass (all home events) is available for \$50.00. A family pass (i.e., parents and children K -12) is available for \$100.00. 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 (320-875-2491) and Rustad School Bus of Kerkhoven (320-264-2987). Individuals are to contact the bus companies if questions arise concerning bus schedules or times.