



the KENSTON CONNECTION

NEWSLETTER OF KENSTON FOREST SCHOOL

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SPREADING OUR LIGHT

"Our light is shining brightly at 75 Ridge Road, and we strive every day to spread this light into the world around us! At Kenston Forest, we know that our actions speak louder than words, so we don't just talk about it, we do it."

—Lori Bacon,
Head of School



KENSTON FOREST SCHOOL MISSION

To develop in each student the qualities of leadership, scholarship, service, and good character.

As part of its mission to foster the development of leadership, service, and good character in its students, Kenston Forest promotes community involvement and service before self. Offering a multitude of opportunities for students to get involved and make a positive impact, we lead by example and maintain high expectations for each student to live a life full of good deeds, service, kindness, and integrity. Read more about how Cavaliers are making an impact on the following pages.

KAVALIERS IN ACTION

On **Patriot Day**, Kavaliers dressed in red, white, and blue and offered prayers in remembrance of the lives lost on September 11, 2001, and in honor of the heroes who stood strong in the face of such tragedy.



PATRIOT DAY

In September, the entire school family came together for **See You at the Pole**, a global event promoting student led prayer.



RISE AGAINST HUNGER

In October, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) members, as well as KFS parents, teachers, and lower school students, participated in a local **Rise Against Hunger** event, and FCA members continue to assist with food distribution at Fort Barfoot monthly.



SEE YOU AT THE POLE

To celebrate **Veterans Day**, students honored local veterans who attended our drive-through lunch event by dressing in patriotic attire, lining the bus circle, waving flags, and cheering enthusiastically.

During **Kavalier Kindness Week** in November, students collected 1,603 non-perishable food items for donation to a local food pantry, supported a local Angel Tree project, and donated items to fill 140 goody bags which they delivered to residents of Heritage Hall Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.



KINDNESS WEEK

In November, every single Kavalier, from pre-K3 to 12th grade, donated to the Annual Giving Campaign, achieving 100% participation during **Student Giving Week!** Thank you to our students for showing us what it means to give back!



VETERANS DAY



STUDENT GIVING WEEK

GRANDPARENTS DAY



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Cherished TRADITIONS

Each year, the Kenston Forest family looks forward to attending lower school performances, including the annual Grandparents Day program, Christmas program, and May Day. In addition to being beloved traditions, these performing arts programs enhance student learning by building self-confidence, resilience, teamwork, and creativity. We are thankful for our hardworking students, devoted staff, and supportive families who help make these productions so meaningful.

In October, students celebrated the love, wisdom, and blessings shared across generations at the **"Generations of Faith"** Grandparents Day performance.

In December, the production of **"A Reel Classic Christmas"** was a beautiful reflection of dedication, creativity, talent, and faith.

50TH CLASS REUNION

Congratulations to the Class of 1975 on a wonderful reunion weekend in November. It was a joy to welcome alumni back to campus and celebrate decades of memories and friendships. From the Friday meet-and-greet to gatherings throughout the weekend, the fellowship, laughter, and reconnections made the celebration truly special. Thank you to everyone who helped make the weekend a success and to those who traveled near and far to be part of it. We are especially grateful for your continued connection to Kenston Forest School!

Planning your next class reunion? For questions or assistance, please contact Emma Wright Rhodes '17, Director of Community Relations, at erhodes@kenston.org.



SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

We are proud that Kenston Forest School is accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS). According to the SAIS member directory, KFS is the only school within a 43-mile radius to hold this distinction. SAIS is the largest regional independent school association in the country—placing KFS among an exceptional community of schools committed to excellence. Last fall, after a lengthy and rigorous review process, the SAIS accreditation team overwhelmingly recommended renewal of Kenston Forest's accreditation through 2031!



**2025-2026 ACCREDITED
MEMBER SCHOOL**

"Accreditation signifies a school's commitment to maintaining high standards, fostering continuous improvement, and delivering an exceptional educational experience for its students."

—SAIS website



Throughout 2026, Kenston Forest will celebrate the 60th anniversary of its founding! The celebration will be kicked off at our annual Gala in the school gymnasium on April 25, 2026. Please call 434-292-7218 or scan the QR code to purchase Gala tickets. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for information on this and future events.



2025-2026 KENSTON FOREST ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN



All gifts, regardless of size, help us reach our goal!

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At Kenston Forest, we are made for more – more growth, more opportunity, and more impact! Your support of the Annual Giving Campaign, the school’s top fundraiser, helps every student, teacher, and classroom thrive. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us to be more and to do more in pursuit of our mission. To donate, visit www.kenston.org and click on GIVING.

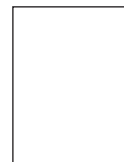
KEEP IN TOUCH

To stay informed about all the happenings at Kenston Forest School, alumni and friends of the school may wish to update their contact information. Visit www.kenston.org and click on ALUMNI at the top of the page to complete a brief form with your current information. We look forward to hearing from you!



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growth through giving.