Dear Families,

We look forward to an amazing 2017-18 school year with your child. We want to ensure that families have all relevant information to properly plan for the 2017-18 school year; therefore, we have prepared the following information for families. Please review this document in detail and contact the main office if you have questions.

**Traditional School Year**
As we shared in March, returning students do NOT report to school for a summer session. The traditional school year begins on Monday, July 31, 2017 and all students report to school for the first day of the 2017-18 school year. School doors open at 7:15 a.m., and dismissal starts at 3:45 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday, dismissal starts at 2:45 p.m. and on Half Days, dismissal starts at 1:15 p.m. Please review the attached school calendar in detail to ensure that you make appropriate arrangements for Early Release Days, Half Days, Teacher Planning Days and school breaks.

**New School Year Medication Drop Off**
If your student has a medical condition that requires the administration of medication during school hours, medical forms are required to be on file with the school. Please ensure that you provide us with the required medical forms properly documented and signed by a licensed doctor as soon as possible. Please note that even if you provided documentation last year, we must receive a new medical authorization at the start of each school year. Medical authorization and medication documents can be obtained from the main office.

**Bus Assignments**
Parents were notified last week via email of bus assignments. If you are unsure if your child receive a seat on the school bus, please send an email to waysops@kippways.org including your child’s name, address, and grade along with your contact information. We will respond within 24 hours to bus seat assignment inquires.

The bus routes and stop times change from year to year, or throughout the year, based upon student rider counts and demographics and/or other occurrences that seek to improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of transportation services. *Unfortunately, for these reasons, we are unable to guarantee that bus stops are within walking distance of a student’s home or that bus stops will remain at the same location as last year. We have limited space on our buses therefore; we are unable to guarantee bus assignments for all students requesting service.*
Please keep in mind that parents are responsible for ensuring the safety of your child to, from and at the designated bus stop. Parents are responsible for reviewing and understanding the bus guidelines, which are available at www.kippways.org under School Resources.

**New Uniform Information**

As we shared earlier this school year, due to budget constraints we are unable to provide a free KIPP WAYS uniform polo or t-shirt for students this year as we have done in the past. As a result of this change, 5th and 6th grade students should report on the first day of school in a KIPP t-shirt or the grade level polo. Students in the 7th/8th grade should report to school in grade level polo, KIPP t-shirt of blue button down Oxford shirt. Students should NOT wear the previous year’s uniform polos or white t-shirts to school. New students may wear a plain white t-shirt with sleeves or a plain white polo shirt if he/she does not have a grade level uniform shirt.

We encourage all parents to carefully review the uniform policy as each grade level has slightly different requirements. Please refer to the school handbook at www.kippways.org for grades 5-8 to access the uniform requirements. We have also attached copies of the uniform looks to this document.

**7th and 8th Grade Uniform Changes—Updated based on feedback from Parent Orientation!**

We have updated the 7th and 8th grade ties based on the feedback from parents and students. There are new ties for both male and female students in the 7th and 8th grades and are considered a required component of the upper school uniform. All students in 7th and 8th grade are required to wear a tie with their uniform Oxford shirt. Students in the 7th and 8th grade may report to school in a KIPP t-shirt or the 7th/8th grade polo or the blue button down Oxford shirts July 31st – August 11th. Students in the 7th/8th grade may wear conservative sneakers July 31st – August 11th. On Monday, August 14th all students are required to be in full uniform.

**Purchasing Uniforms**

Parents were strongly encouraged to make uniform purchases by June 30, 2017 to ensure that you receive delivery prior to the first day of school. Parents are solely responsible for placing orders with the uniform vendor to ensure delivery of all required items by the start of the school year. Parents should purchase multiple uniform polos/Oxford shirts to ensure your child has an adequate supply for the duration of the school year, as students are not permitted to wear damaged/torn uniforms to school. Our uniform vendor is Prestige Apparel. Prestige Apparel is located at 2841 Greenbriar Pkwy Atlanta, GA (In Greenbriar Mall next to Piccadilly, 404-349-3100).

**Uniform SWAP**

On August 19th, we are hosting a uniform swap where parents may obtain grade level uniform shirts. We will also have limited supply of gently worn uniform shirts for sale. Please look for more details in your child’s Tuesday folder next week.
**Aftercare Providers**

KIPP WAYS makes childcare referrals, not recommendations. We refer parents to both licensed and exempt providers and programs. We do not guarantee the accuracy of the information concerning any provider. We do not license, endorse, or recommend any particular provider, nor do we make any judgment about the quality of care given by any provider. Consequently, we urge parents to interview a provider and to check the provider’s references carefully before leaving a child in that provider’s care. Please keep in mind that parents are responsible for all late pick up charges if the designated after care provider arrives after dismissal.

### Local Aftercare Providers

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5th Grade Uniform

Monday - Thursday

Belts and socks are mandatory!

Conservative Sneakers = White, Navy Blue, Gray or Black

- No reds, yellows, greens, oranges, bright blues, purples, lime or neon colors in shoes
- No excessive patterns on shoes i.e. checkerboards
- Tan or black timberland style boots, dress shoes, casual shoes like sperrys are acceptable

**If scholars are cold they may wear a KIPP Ways Cardigan or plain long sleeve gray or white shirt under their polo with no writing on the sleeve

Fridays

Scholars may wear any KIPP WAYS T shirt, jacket or Hoodie and conservative sneakers

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6th Grade Uniform

Monday - Thursday

Belts and socks are mandatory!

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7th Grade Uniform

Monday - Thursday

**KWA embroidered sleeve**

Boys must wear KWA tie and Girls must wear a KWA cross tie.

Belts and socks are mandatory!

**Dress Shoes or Sperrys**
- Black, navy blue, gray, or brown
- Fully enclosed, no sandals
- No excessive designs on shoes
- No toms,UGGs or casual shoes
- Heels less than 1 inch

***If scholars are cold they may wear a KIPP Ways Cardigan or KWA Blazer***

7th Grade Uniform on Friday

- Scholars may wear their grade level navy blue polo or any **KIPP WAYS** T shirt, jacket or hoodie and conservative sneakers

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8th Grade Uniform

Monday - Thursday

* KWA embroidered sleeve Boys must wear KWA tie & Girls must wear a KWA cross tie.

Belts and socks are mandatory!

Dress Shoes or Sperrys
- Black, navy blue, gray
- Fully enclosed, no sandals
- No excessive designs on shoes
- No toms or casual shoes
- Heels less than 1 inch

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