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<u>53rd ANNUAL - LARRY EDDINGTON INVITATIONAL</u>

On behalf of the Kaneland Athletic Department, the Kaneland Cross Country Programs, and the family of Larry Eddington, please allow us to welcome you to Race Week! Last week you should have received an invitation via Athletic.Net to enter your athletes into the system. This letter is to serve as your guide to this event held on the campus of Kaneland High School. As always, we want your athletes, staff, and fans to have the best possible experience, so if there is anything we can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office directly at the contact below. One important note is the addition of the IgKnight Academy that has opened up at the old Middle School now known as KMAC. With the addition of the academy, there has been a lot of changes which has a ripple effect on our athletic events. Please read this information carefully as many things have changed from past practice. The course remains the same however. There will be lots of Kaneland volunteers from parking, to check in, to oncourse personal to assist you. Please do not hesitate to ask if you need assistance. Best of luck to your teams this week!

***** TIMELINE

Coaches Meeting @ 8:00 AM @ the Starting Line |Star Spangled Banner @ 8:20 AM

- ❖ 8:30 AM CO-ED Open Division Race
 - Open to all runners not in the F/S or Varsity Divisions
- ❖ 9:15 AM Girls' Varsity Division Race
 - o Top 10 runners may enter
 - o Five score in the Girls' Varsity Division
- ❖ 9:55 AM Boys' Varsity Division Race
 - o Top 10 runners may enter
 - o Five score in the Boys' Varsity Division
- ❖ 10:35 AM Girls' Freshmen/Sophomore Division Race
 - o Unlimited F/S entries may run in the Girls' Freshmen/Sophomore Division
- ❖ 11:15 AM Boys' Freshmen/Sophomore Division Race
 - o Unlimited F/S entries may run in the Boys' Freshmen/Sophomore Division

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***** LOCATION

Kaneland High School Campus, 47W326 Keslinger Road, Maple Park, Illinois North of Peterson Stadium / Course Length = 3.0 Miles

COURSE TOURS

- Course tours will begin at 7:30 AM at the Starting Line.
- ❖ The course map is attached to this email

STARTING TIME

Following the varsity girls' race, all races will start as close to scheduled times as possible.

❖ Boxes will be assigned before the meet and listed on your team envelope.

FINISH

A chute will be used with the wide end of the chute being the finish line. Runners will cross all mats to initiate timing, and a video review of all finishes under .5 seconds will be reviewed on video to determine final placement. Once the final results are reviewed and signed by the Starter/Referee, they will be posted for teams to view.

SCORING SYSTEM

- ❖ Upon arrival, each coach should report to the Meet Manager at the Scorer's table, which will be located inside Doors #2 & #3 in the KMAC Gymnasium. This is a NEW location from past years. Each team will be given an envelope with last minute instructions and a list of athlete names and Bibs with a timing tag. Timing Tags along with video review will be used as the primary scoring method. As mentioned earlier, video review will be used to verify the finish, with the runner's torso determining actual finish. The scoring will be completed by computer and results will be posted at the meet as soon as approved by the Starter/Referee.
- **❖** River City Race Management (https://raceresultsplus.com/) has been retained as the official race timing company and results will be available through Athletic.net.

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ATHLETIC TRAINING & MEDICAL SERVICES

❖ Kaneland Head Athletic Trainer, Maggie Walker and Northwestern Medicine will be on site all day to provide your athletes with Athletic Training services. The NWM Tent will be located close to the Finish Line. Additionally, local medical personal along with an ambulance, will also be on site to assist as needed.



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AWARDS

- ❖ A final decision regarding the distribution of Awards will be made at or prior to the Coaches meeting. Awards will be available in the KMAC Gymnasium upon completion of the meet.
- The top five teams will receive 10 medals. Individual medals will be awarded to the first 10 runners, overall, in the Boys' Varsity, Girls' Varsity, F/S Boys' and F/S Girls' races. Ribbons will be awarded to the 11th to 35th place finishers in all 4 races. Ribbons will be awarded to the top 35 runners in the Boys' and Girls' Open Division races as well. **Team winners** will be honored on the podium as soon as the results of the Girls' Open Run are tabulated. **Ribbons will be placed in packets to be picked up by coaches (only) after the award presentations**.

PARKING

- ❖ New Procedure for All team buses: Team Buses will enter the KMAC Parking Lot from the North Meredith Road Entrance (Entrance A). They will be met by our parking crew and given further instructions on where to drop off and how to proceed to parking. Buses will eventually end up in our Southwest lot at KHS (By the Solar Panels). Team buses should enter the campus off of Meredith Road, unloading runners and equipment behind the old middle school (The Meredith Building).
- All spectators will be parked in lots adjacent to the Kaneland High School building. Spectators should enter the campus off of Keslinger Road, park and walk toward the water tower. Handicap parking will be available to those vehicles with placards, by driving up the gravel utility road. Parking attendants will give further instructions to those needing handicap parking. Additional Change: Parking at the Water Tower will not be available this year due to construction.

TEAM CAMPS

Change: No Team Camps will be allowed on the East Side of KMAC.



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❖ Teams camps may be on the North Side of KMAC and across the bridge towards the Varsity Baseball Field

NO FANS, ATHLETES, OR COACHES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE STADIUM OR ON SURROUNDING FIELDS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ❖ 53rd Annual Eddington Gear will also be available from IHSA vendor <u>WAKOH</u> <u>WEAR</u>. A variety of shirts and sweatshirts will be available. These go fast, so let your athletes know!! They will be located near the water tower.
- ❖ If you have any questions, you may contact our Athletic Director.
 - o Athletic Director: David Rohlman (David.Rohlman@Kaneland.org)
 - o Kaneland Athletic Office Phone: 630-365-5100 ext. 71224.

We look forward to hosting your team – Saturday, September 16th, 2023.



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COACHES-PLEASE COPY THIS INFORMATION AND HAND OUT TO YOUR ATHLETES & FAMILIES PRIOR TO THE MEET

~*~* SPECTATORS~*~*

Kaneland High School is committed to the safety of all participants, staff, and fans today. Safety will be of the highest priority at all times.

- <u>All spectators</u> must park in the lots of Kaneland High School. Do not park on the nearby roads.
- A \$5/Per Car Fee will be charged for all spectator vehicles. Please use the Southeast Entrance off of Keslinger Road.
- Spectators with a special need for parking closer to the Race Course should identify themselves upon arrival.

(No Spectator Vehicles will be allowed to enter campus off of Meredith Road for safety)

- Concessions will be available for purchase near the Water Tower. Concessions will be provided by the Kaneland Cross Country Programs. No spectator coolers allowed.
- All Spectators will be asked to remain in the designated spectator areas.



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Important: Per District 302 Board Policy and by IHSA By-Laws, no pets are allowed on campus. Every year, we send frustrated spectators back to their cars with the pets. Please let everyone know that we do adhere to this Board Policy no matter how far someone drove to attend the meet or what their story is. Certified and marked service animals are allowed.



2023 - PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Algonquin (Jacobs) Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)

Arlington Heights (St. Viator) Hampshire

Aurora (A. Christian) Lisle (Benet Academy)

Lisle (Chesterton Academy of the Holy Aurora (East)

Belvidere (North) Family)

Burlington (Central) Maple Park (Kaneland)

Crystal Lake (Central) Marengo

DeKalb **Morris**

Rochelle Dixon

Downers Grove (North) Rockford (Auburn)

Rockford (Boylan Catholic) Elgin (E. Academy)

Elgin (Larkin) Rockford (Guilford)

Elmhurst (Timothy Christian) Rockton (Hononegah)

Freeport Sycamore



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