

THE BULLDOG BARK



The Original King's Fork Model United Nations Delegation, the First-Ever from Suffolk Public Schools

King's Fork Returns to the ODU Model United Nations Conference

In February 2023, King's Fork High School sent a delegation (team of students) to the 46th ODU Model United Nations Conference. This was the first group of students from Suffolk Public Schools to attend this conference. Our students were able to interact and network with students from all over the state and from around the country. Also noteworthy was the fact that this was the first in-person ODU Model United Nations conference since 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions and precautions.

The students of Kings Fork represented the Country of Benin in the General Assembly and the UN Human Rights Council. Principal Derrick Bryant and Assistant Principal Dr. Shaka Miller, along with the entire KFHS Administrative team and Suffolk School Board, spearheaded the effort to send the students to the conference. King's Fork High School was represented by Triston Moore, Kyce Small, Tahir Holland, Michael Harrison, Gianni Tyler, Clotee Williamson, Kalissa Daley, and Abigail Ford. The delegation along with Khalil Key, Kayla Heusner, Andrea Watkins, Freud-Lee Valcin and Jaelyn Tillery comprised the original KFHS Model UN Club. Carlotta Boone and Byron Hinton acted as faculty sponsors and conference chaperones.

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To live is to choose. But to choose well, you must know who you are and what you stand for, where you want to go and why you want to get there. Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope. - Kofi Annan



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The conference introduces students to the U.N., international issues, legislative processes and parliamentary procedure. Participants practice diplomacy, public speaking, cooperation, and compromise as they build a greater understanding of cultural and ideological diversity in a creative and engaging setting. This created an unparalleled learning environment for our students to experience a new cultural understanding, and as an extracurricular activity will support their future academic learning goals.

KFHS/SPS students received kudos and compliments for their attire, poise, grace, behavior, interactions, and contributions. Many of larger, more experienced teams were following our students' lead as they came up with proposals, resolutions, gave speeches, and formed international alliances. Each of our students spoke highly of their amazing experience.

In 2024, King's Fork will return to Model UN representing the Country of China, making us a major player at this year's conference. Returning members, Michael Harrison, Tahir Holland, Clotee Williamson, Abigail Ford, and Triston Moore, will lead a new, bigger, more focused and experienced team to the conference to make an even bigger impact. Founding Club Member Khalil Key looks to make his first appearance at the conference this year. The team has already added Reiken Proctor, Tania Jackson, and Zakariana Jones and looks to add up to seven more new members.

If you are interested in joining this exceptional opportunity please see Ms. Boone or Mr. Hinton by November 14th.



Monday, November 13

6:00pm Specialty Programs Open House

Tuesday, November 14

5:15pm JV & Varsity Basketball Tryouts - Middle School Athletes

Wednesday, November 15

5:45pm Scholastic Bowl vs. Western Branch

Friday, November 17

Report Cards Distributed

5:00pm Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre - KFHS Cafeteria

Monday, November 20

9:00am ASVAB Test - Library

6:00pm Fall Sports Banquet

November 22-26

Division Closed - Fall Break

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I believe if we only are talking to people who agree with us, we are failing in some way to understand our world and our country.

Gwen Ifill

KFHS STUDENTS CAPTURE THE MOMENTS



King's Fork High School students Tania Jackson and Tre'vion Branch got first-hand experience as photographers for the Suffolk News Herald. The students who currently write for the KFHS Bulldog Bark, which is in its first year, put their photography and journalism skills to work for the school while also getting their work published in the Suffolk News Herald's digital media.

The students along with Azekial Hutson, who are seniors, met with Ed Pugh, editor of the Suffolk News Herald to discuss collaborative efforts between both papers. The King's Fork vs. Hickory football game gave the students the opportunity to use better equipment while learning photography and journalism techniques from an experienced journalist.

Mr. Pugh let Ms. Jackson and Mr. Branch use his high-powered camera and lens to take action shots during the game.

The photos that the students took were published on the newspaper's Facebook page where they were credited for their photos. The collaboration also means that students can write articles about school and local events for the Suffolk News Herald.

The Bulldog Bark has been very successful so far, and the students have produced some excellent photos and articles. The school and district staff have been very impressed with the students' work, are excited to see what they will produce in the future. This collaboration could provide our students with a larger platform to build their voice and their brand.

This is a great example of how a local newspaper can partner with a local school to provide students with valuable learning opportunities. It is also a great example of how students can use their creativity and skills to make a positive contribution to their community. If you would like to join the Bulldog Bark, please see Ms. Mitchell or Mr. Hinton.



WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE (ALARM)!

A review of the Ghostly Graveyard Guided Tour



After an unexpected start, the King's Fork Drama Club was able to put on a bone-chilling tour of their haunted graveyard. The tour was held during all lunches, and the club was able to raise over \$500 for their future budget. Much thought and preparation were put into the tour with planning and rehearsals being throughout October. I was able to ask fifteen groups of participants about their experience and hear their thoughts.

Out of the groups interviewed after the tour, all of them were enthusiastic about wanting to see something similar done again. The average rating of the show was a mind-blowing 9 out of 10, which overjoyed the actors. The overall highlight of the tour was the vengeful bride, which was played by Nathalie Gonzalez in first and second lunch and Kelsie Lovette in third and fourth. The overwhelming majority said that the bride was the scariest part, but who wouldn't be scared of a dead wife accusing you of taking her husband? Other notable scarers were Gelra'Nya Copeland as Ghostface and Alex Dye as a skeleton.

The actors themselves had a thrilling time being able to scare their peers. Many people showed up to support their friends that were in the show. With this being Ms. Millette's first year at King's Fork and as drama director, she has certainly made herself known in the local high school drama community. The KFHS Drama Club would like to thank all students and staff who came to support them, and they hope to see you at future shows and auditions. A special thank you to everyone who was interviewed after the tour for their input. **-Mariah Marks**

Faces of Terror and Fun: Photos by Jonae Bush



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Every age has its storytelling form, and video gaming is a huge part of our culture. You can ignore or embrace video games and imbue them with the best artistic quality. People are enthralled with video games in the same way as other people love the cinema or theatre.

Andy Serkis

E-SPORTS: THE UNSUNG ATHLETES OF KFHS

King's Fork High School has always been known for its amazing football and basketball teams but does anyone know about the unsung athletes of the school, the King's Fork High School E-Sports team? You hear their names on the morning and afternoon announcements after their many wins, but do you know about the E-Sports team?

The E-Sports team is run by Coach Hinton and Team Captain Reiken Proctor. These amazing guys watch over all of the teams in the sport. These include games Splatoon 3, Mario Kart, Rocket League, Smash Bros, NBA 2K, Madden, League of Legends, and more.

The best thing about the team, besides their epic wins season after season, are the friendships made along the way. Before the team, I felt alone having no one to talk to or play the games I've always been so passionate about. Now I've made friends with people who share common interests all while gaining leadership and communication skills. Since being on the team, I've earned the role as Captain of the Mario Kart team, Ragebow Road. Not to mention, the extreme boost of confidence E-Sports has added to my self-esteem making each competition well worth it.

Being on the E-sports team has created a safe place for students to be themselves and escape the everyday hardships and struggles of being the typical high school student. The balance it creates with teenage home life makes being a team player a bonus as well. With support from the team and coach, players have created familiar bonds that will more than likely last lifetimes. Despite differences in backgrounds and personalities, teammates have learned a lot from each other making them grow stronger as people.

Playing video games for a living has always been a dream for teenagers in this generation but what if that dream can become reality? Joining E-Sports can prepare you for the future by earning scholarships for colleges with an E-Sports team. For example, former team member N'Ky Benjamin earned a 10,000 scholarship to UNC last year for his outstanding skill as an E-Sports player. You can also get monetary awards and sponsorships competing in competitions, creating a status as an outstanding player, and paving the way for a potential career.

- **Essence Gregg**



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We must dare to think 'unthinkable' thoughts. We must learn to explore all the options and possibilities that confront us in a complex and rapidly changing world.

J. William Fulbright

SPOTLIGHT: NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



As a sophomore, one of the interests on my horizon is the National Honor Society. The National Honor Society is an organization that builds itself around what they call the “Four Pillars,” which are scholarship, character, leadership, and service. During the club fair held earlier in October, the organization advertised its criteria for membership and interest in new members. I spoke with Quayson Lewis and Vice President Aram Arakelyan about their experience in the group and what future members could be part of.

Quayson said that the National Honor Society helped him realize that he was not alone in his goals for life. He encourages new members to have dedication because “Without that, there wouldn’t be anything to guide them through challenges.” In the organization, everyone might have different goals, but they help each other achieve them. Because of the big reputation that King’s Fork has in the area, Quayson believes that NHS must uphold that reputation, which they have done very well. His goal is to be President because it might inspire others to go for something they never thought of doing.

As Vice President, Aram had much to say about the organization. The National Honor Society has given him a chance to display his leadership skills and motivations, and the group is united by their shared desire to better their school and community. He believes that new members should bring their ideas in with them to share and develop with the group and that the Four Pillars are traits that every member should have. Aram mentioned future endeavors that NHS is planning, and many of them involve the community, which emphasizes the message of community outreach. “No one member can do that,” he stated.

There is much more to NHS than meets the eye. They not only encourage education and motivation but also unity and the common theme of community. It’s a solid foundation for an organization, and its legacy will be seen even after the members have moved on to future opportunities. Those interested in being part of NHS would be joining a group of role models and critical thinkers who will help guide them through high school and beyond. - **Mariah Marks**

THE BULLDOG BARK SPORTS

KFHS Baseball Field Ready

Coach Riddick & the Bulldog Baseballers Prepare for the Season



The King's Fork baseball field got a new dirt surface, and players and fans alike are excited about the improvements it will bring. The new dirt is a special blend of sand, clay, and other materials that is designed to provide better traction and cushioning for players, making it easier to field ground balls and reducing the risk of injuries. It is also more resistant to wear and tear, so it will last longer than the old dirt.

Players and fans are looking forward to the new dirt and the improvements it will bring to the baseball field. Coach Andrew Riddick is confident that the new dirt will make the field safer and more playable, and they are excited to see the team compete on it this season. The new dirt is a welcome addition to the baseball field, and it is sure to improve the experience for players and fans alike. The new dirt will also make the field more aesthetically pleasing, with a rich, dark color that will contrast nicely with the green grass.

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“Art is about building a new foundation, not just laying something on top of what’s already there.” - Prince

KFHS Students Make District IV Honor Choir



The ACDA Southern Region Honor Choir saw a jump in auditions from 647 last year to 1,728 this year.



*Bulldog
Pride*

The following students auditioned and made the 2024 District IV Honor Choir:

Aaliyah Jackson, soprano 1

Rachel Kimbler, soprano 2

Kori Young, soprano 2

Autumn Goden, alto 1

Kayla Hill, alto 2 (alternate)

Noah McDuffie, tenor 1 (scored top 3 out of all tenor 1s)

Caleb Roberson, bass 1

KFHS Choir Director: Dante Copeland





SENIOR FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

NOVEMBER 14, 2023

6:00PM-7:00PM

BLACK BOX THEATRE

This informational meeting is for seniors and their parents. Learn about the new financial aid updates and how to maximize your financial aid and scholarships. You'll also be able to make an appointment with your ACCESS Advisor to file your FAFSA!



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