KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear School Community,

I am happy to share with you recent happenings throughout the district through my <u>Superintendent's News & Notes</u> and <u>April Board Brief</u>. Should you have any questions regarding any of the information shared, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Honoring Spotlight Students for April

We were pleased to honor the following students during this month's Board of Education meeting. To view the photos, click <u>HERE</u>.



- Middle School Students (Team) Cheyenne Charlton (K), Brandon Gacutan (I), Eli Magnet (N), Tony Lentini (G), Colin Messick (S), Alivia Reichart (W), Jayaana Jackson (A), Maria Giunta (Y)
- High School Students (Grade) Leen Al Mafraji (9), Stanley Ojeda (10), Niko Komadina (11), Aidan Kelly (12)

Seniors of the Month for April

Congratulations to our Seniors of the Month Megan Lewin and Reilly Robichaud

Kingsway Supports Local Business at Bob Kelly's Town Take Over

Members of the Girls' Flag Football Team, Indoor Percussion team and Color Guard represented Kingsway at Bob Kelly's Town Takeover on Friday, April 28 at <u>Bottos Italian Line Restaurant</u>. A number of local businesses were on hand, including the Botto family, <u>Swetesboro Pastry Shoppe</u>, <u>Greater</u> <u>Swedesboro Kiwanis</u> and others.

Kingsway Names Mike Massaro New Marching Band Director

Kingsway Regional School District named Mike Massaro the new high school Marching Band Director at the recent meeting of the Board of Education on March 16, 2023. Superintendent, Dr. James J. Lavender made the announcement on Friday. To read the announcement, click <u>HERE</u>.

Kingsway's 1st Annual Job Fair

Kingsway Regional School District will be holding its **1st Annual Job Fair this Saturday, May 6th from 9am** - **12pm at the high school**. **Interviews will be held on the spot!** Please forward this information and the attached flyer to anyone who may be interested! <u>Postings can be accessed HERE</u> as well.

Kiwanis 08085 Run/Walk

The 6th annual <u>Kiwanis 08085 Run/Walk</u> event scheduled for **Saturday, May 6th** at Locke Avenue Park in Swedesboro. This event is the main fundraising event for the Kiwanis Club of Greater Swedesboro, who

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sponsors our Kingsway Key Club and awards four scholarships to graduating seniors. Each year, our Kingsway Key Club members serve as volunteers on race day to help it run smoothly. This year we hope to have more students/faculty as runners/walkers participating in the event, similar to how many of our teams/student athletes/community members participate at the Dragon Run in the fall. Please consider joining us for this event! There is even a .8K Kids' Run so bring the family.

Kingsway supports Alumnus, Dr. Manuel (Manny) Sanchez Gonzales – Visionary of the Year Fundraiser

As a 2012 graduate of Kingsway and a pediatric resident physician at Nemours Children's Hospital (Delaware), Manny has been given the opportunity of a lifetime to help others. Each year, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) launches its <u>"Visionaries of the Year" fundraising campaign</u>. This year Manny was nominated as a candidate. Learn how you can support LLS's mission in its efforts to find cures for blood cancers and to assist patients and families as they battle this disease. To support Dr. Sanchez Gonzales' campaign, click <u>HERE</u>.

The 2023-24 School Budget Adopted

The Kingsway Regional School District's budget for 2023-2024, totaling \$58,151,283, was adopted. This is a healthy budget and supports resources and programs to meet the needs of our students. To read more about the budget, click <u>2023-24 District Budget</u>.

High School Graduation Signs

<u>Board & Brush</u> of Swedesboro is donating \$10 to the <u>Kingsway Education Foundation</u> for each High School Graduation Sign made at their studio. Use promo code **KRHSGRAD23**. Stop by their creative studio or call (856) 214-3968.

Join Our Kingsway Family – Apply Now!

We are currently hiring a number of positions, including Bus Drivers, Cafeteria Staff, Custodians, Substitute Teachers and Special Education Teacher(s). To apply, click <u>HERE</u> or call (856) 467-3300, Ext. 4323 or email <u>HR@KRSD.US</u>.

Calling All Alumni

Kingsway Regional School District is looking to connect with its alumni to celebrate accomplishments,



provide insight post-graduation to current students, share district news and events, and make sure to continue to remain #1DragonFamily after graduation. If you are interested in receiving information from the district, giving back by being a guest speaker, or just staying connected as a whole, please complete the form link below. This information will only be shared within the district unless otherwise noted on the form. <u>Click here to complete the form</u>

Look Ahead/Important Dates

Please update your calendars to include the following key dates... For more, click on the District's <u>2022-23 School Calendar</u> or the <u>Athletics & Activities Calendar</u>.

- May 1-19: AP Testing
- May 4: HS Staff vs. Students Basketball Game @7:00pm
- May 4: People's Choice Awards (MS) @6:30 pm
- May 5: MS Renaissance Midi Celebration



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- May 12: MS Choir Trip to Dorney Park
- May 15-19: NJSLA Testing (Grades 7 and 11)
- May 17: Dodgeball Tournament @6:00pm
- May 18: National Art Honor Society Induction Ceremony @6:30pm
- May 19: MS Musical @ 6:30pm
- May 20: MS Musical @ 2:00 pm
- May 24: 7th Grade Orientation (Welcome New Families) @6:30 pm
- May 25: Memorial Day Ceremony (within the school day)
- May 25: Board of Education Meeting @6:30pm
- May 26: Teacher In-Service (No School for Students)
- May 29: School Closed-Memorial Day
- May 31: End of the Year Band/Percussion Concert @6:30pm
- May 31: MS Student Council Trip to Great Adventure
- June 1: End of the Year Jazz Concert @6:30pm
- June 2: Pre-Prom Assembly (within the school day)
- June 2: Senior Prom @6:00pm
- June 13: Powder Puff Game @6:30pm
- June 14: Team Scholastics Class of 2023 Family Night Celebration @6:30pm
- June 15: Senior Awards Ceremony (within the school day and for students only)
- June 19: School Closed-Juneteenth
- June 20: Senior Sunset @6:30pm
- June 21: Graduation @5:30pm
- June 22: Board of Education Meeting @6:30pm

Thank you for your attention to this announcement. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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Dr. James J. Lavender Superintendent of Schools



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