



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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March 26, 2024

Dear School Community,

As we eagerly anticipate the arrival of spring recess, I extend warm wishes to our entire school community for a joyous and meaningful Passover and Easter season. May this time of celebration bring you moments of peace, reflection, and joy.



Please note that school will close to students on

Thursday, March 28th, and resume on Tuesday, April 2nd. During this time, I urge everyone to take full advantage of this opportunity to recharge and cherish the company of family and friends.

With today's communication, I am happy to share recent happenings throughout the district through my [Superintendent's News & Notes](#) and [March Board Brief](#). Should you have any questions regarding the information shared, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Honoring Spotlight Students for March

We were pleased to honor the following students during this month's Board of Education meeting. To view the photos, click [HERE](#).

- **Middle School Students** (Team) – Brooklyn Miller (K), Declan McGravey (I), Avery Farina (N), Zoe Pidomson (G), Gabriel McLaughlin (S), Ava Fanelli (W), Sienna Johnson & Brynn Mathews (A), Vitali Calandro (Y)
- **High School Students** (Grade) – Hannah Dougherty (9), Leanne Dobies (10), Hishaam Jackson (11), Mia Bucs (12)

Seniors of the Month for March

Congratulations to our Seniors of the Month, *Erin Lail* and *Patrick Neyer*

Kingsway Celebrates Spotlight Teachers

Kingsway celebrated High School History Teacher *Michael Rucker*

Kingsway Welcomes Newest Dragons

Kingsway welcomed *Kennith Coyle* (High School French Teacher), *Danielle Abrantes* (Middle School Paraprofessional), and *Mariah Kilgore* (Bus Aide) to the Dragon family!

Tentative 2024-25 School Budget Adopted

The Kingsway Regional School District's tentative budget for 2024-2025, totaling \$59.5 million, was adopted. The final budget will be presented to the Board of Education during the April 25th meeting. Click Tentative [2024-25 School Budget in Brief](#) for more information.

Home of the Dragons

Kingsway High School Drama Team Shines: 43 Medals and Five Platinum Status Achievements

Kingsway High School's Drama Team Cast & Crew were celebrated on Thursday for their exceptional achievements this season. The team proudly secured an impressive tally of 43 medals across four NJDLF Tournaments, with five students attaining the prestigious Platinum Status.



April Palazzo appointed as New BOE Member

We are delighted to announce that **Apryl Palazzo** has joined the Kingsway Regional Board of Education as its newest member. Taking the oath of office during the March 18th work session, Palazzo, a resident of East Greenwich Township, brings with her a wealth of experience in public education. She enthusiastically steps into this new role and is eager to contribute to Kingsway's ongoing success.

As a member of the Board, Palazzo will collaborate with the other nine members to advocate for the interests of our community. She will represent the concerns of citizens, taxpayers, and parents to school administrators. Simultaneously, she will champion the needs of our students and school district, ensuring that their voices are heard among our broader community.

We invite all parents and residents to our Board of Education meetings. Your questions, comments, and suggestions are invaluable as we work together to shape the future of our schools. Meetings take place at 6:30 pm in the high school East Cafeteria. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Board of Education and meeting dates.

Kingsway Celebrates Students' Academic Honors from College Board's National Recognition Programs

We are excited to share news from Kingsway Regional High School. Our students have achieved remarkable success, earning prestigious academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. Please find our press release, [Kingsway Celebrates Students' Academic Honors from College Board's National Recognition Programs](#), highlighting our students' exceptional achievements and the significance of these honors in showcasing their academic prowess. We are immensely proud of their accomplishments and the recognition they have received.

Middle School African American Experience Highlight Video

Thank you again for joining us at our recent student showcase, "The African American Experience." We're thrilled to share the highlights from the event in this [VIDEO](#) with you. Our 8th graders' performances exemplified dedication and talent; we couldn't be prouder.

Kingsway Job Fair Set for April 20th

Kingsway is now hiring! Register [HERE](#) to attend our upcoming job fair on April 20th at 9:00 a.m.

KINGSWAY JOB FAIR

APRIL 20, 2024 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Open Positions Include:
 Certified Teachers in various content areas including English, Spanish, Italian, Math, Science, Social Studies, & Special Education
 Paraprofessionals / Food Services / Bus Drivers & Aides / School Social Worker

KINGSWAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - EAST CAFETERIA
 203 KINGS HIGHWAY, WOOLWICH TWP., NJ 08085

REGISTER NOW!

www.krdsd.org 856-467-3300



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Kingsway's COVID Policy Aligned with CDC Updates

The Kingsway Regional School District will adjust its [COVID-19 Policy](#) to align with the CDC's guidance. We will immediately end the five-day isolation period for individuals who test positive for the virus. ***Instead, faculty, staff, and students are advised to stay home until they are fever-free for 24 hours without medication and their symptoms are mild and improving.*** This updated guidance aligns with longstanding recommendations for managing other respiratory illnesses.

Attention Seniors! Scholarships Now Available

The [GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#) is open to Seniors who plan to further their education, career, profession, or occupation. Up to \$5,000 in scholarships are available for academic achievement, contribution to school or community, postsecondary plans, and financial needs. Please visit the [Kingsway Scholarship Newsletter](#) to learn about the many scholarships available. Below are some highlighted scholarships.

7th Annual Kiwanis Club of Greater Swedesboro Run/Walk/Sit

The 7th Annual Kiwanis Club of Greater Swedesboro Run/Walk/Sit is Saturday, April 27th at Locke Ave Park. [Register HERE](#).

School Calendar Revision

Be advised that the school closure on January 19th due to snow will be made up by students on Wednesday, March 27. Staff in-service has been moved to June 17th. The [2023-24 School Calendar](#) has been updated to reflect these changes.

Look Ahead/Important Dates

Please update your calendars to include the following key dates... For more, click on the District's [2023-24 School Calendar](#) or the [Athletics & Activities Calendar](#).

- Mar. 25-29 – Senior Trip to Disney World
- Mar. 28 – Apr. 1: Spring Recess (No School)
- April 10 – Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- April 11 – Mid-Semester
- April 17 – World Language Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- April 19 – MS 7th Grade Dance
- April 20 – Kingsway Job Fair, 9:00 a.m.
- April 24 – Rising 7th Graders, Orientation
- April 25 – Board of Education Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- April 25 – Take Your Child to Work Day
- April 30 – HS Multicultural Assembly
- May 2 – MS People's Choice Awards
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Thank you for your attention to this announcement. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. A. Arendsen".



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Superintendent of Schools



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