



# KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community,

As we move into February and hear Punxsutawney Phil's prediction of an early spring, we feel hopeful for the warmer days ahead. Despite what folklore tells us, we stay focused on the progress and growth in our district. As we transition into spring, we think about the natural cycles of renewal and the chances they bring for our students and community.

This month's [Superintendent's News & Notes](#) and [February Board Brief](#) highlight the developments and initiatives shaping our educational landscape. Join us as we embrace the spirit of anticipation and renewal, guided by the changing seasons and our collective commitment to fostering success and growth.



## Honoring Spotlight Students for February

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)** – Tyler Oatman (K); Kelsey Connell (I); Stephen Bagocius (N); Landon Beach (G); Silvana Gonzalez-Gotera, Navnoor Singh (S); Ava Irizarry (W); Aaliyah Joseph (A); Annika Blomquist (Y)
- **High School Students (Grade)** – Kelly Humble (9); Marbella Velasquez-Vicente (10); Catherine Davison (11); Thomas Hover (12)

## Seniors of the Month for February

Congratulations, Seniors of the Month **Rayna Dadhania** and **Mary Wordelmann**

## Middle School Student Council Highlights Activity

The Middle School council, led by **President Kelley Kline**, **Vice Presidents Michael Asis** and **Keira Sciarrotta**, and **Secretary Caitlyn Hicks**, has been very active this year and delivered an enthusiastic update during Thursday's Board of Education meeting. on school-wide events and upcoming activities.

## Kingsway Celebrates Spotlight Teacher

Kingsway celebrated Middle School Child Study Team Member **Danielle Baney**

## Dram Club Comes Up Big at NJDFL Tournaments

The KRHS Drama Club showcased their talent on the high

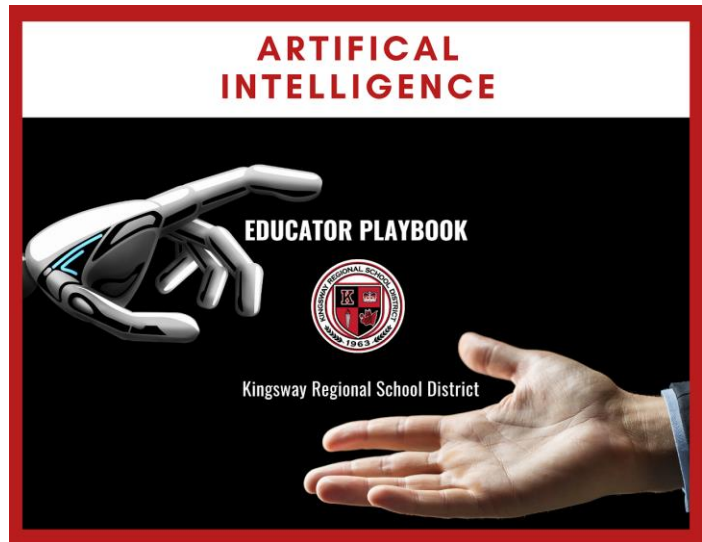


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school stages of Washington Township and Mainland on February 3rd and 10th, respectively, and emerged triumphant in consecutive NJDFL tournaments! In an impressive display of skill and dedication, Kingsway secured a remarkable increase of 25 total medals across both competitions. Noteworthy mentions go to Kingsway’s standout performers, including Omari Williams, Haley Dukich, Morgan Meloy, and Matt Alberta, who have earned the coveted opportunity to Advance with Distinction Plaintimum. Drama Club Coach Andrew Young applauds the team for their exceptional preparation and encourages them to maintain their momentum as they gear up for the final NJDFL tournament at Raritan High on Saturday, February 24th, 2024.

**Kingsway Introduces Artificial Intelligence (AI) Playbook**

We are thrilled to introduce a valuable new resource tailor-made for our faculty, staff, students, and families: the [AI Playbook](#), crafted by Kingsway for Kingsway. This comprehensive playbook offers invaluable guidance and a wealth of resources to enhance our collective AI Literacy, empowering us to support student learning better and streamline educator workflows. Designed with flexibility in mind, the AI Playbook caters to students' and parents' diverse needs and readiness levels. Whether you're just beginning to explore AI or seeking to deepen your understanding, there's something for everyone within its pages. We encourage all educators to start by reviewing the essential "Start Here" section linked below. This will help familiarize you with setting appropriate expectations for student engagement with AI technology. Thank you for embracing this exciting opportunity to enrich our educational journey through AI literacy further. Together, let's embark on this empowering exploration.



[AI Playbook Homepage & District Stance](#)  
[Academic Integrity in an Artificial Intelligence World](#)  
[AI in the Classroom: "AI-mosphere"](#)

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Kiwanis Club of Greater Swedesboro Run/Walk/Sit**

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

**School Calendar Revision**

Be advised that the school closure on January 19<sup>th</sup> due to snow will be made up by students on Wednesday, March 27. Staff in-service has been moved to June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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](#).

- Feb. 23 – Kingsway Live @6:30 pm



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- Mar. 1 – KEF Jazz Bistro @6:00 pm
- Mar. 7-9 – Spring Musical “Bye Bye Birdie” @7:00 pm
- Mar. 11 – Senior Trip Meeting @6:30 pm
- Mar. 11--15 – NJGPA Testing (Gr. 11)
- Mar. 14 – HS Students vs. Staff Basketball Game @6:30 pm
- Mar. 21 – Board of Education Meeting @6:30 pm
- Mar. 22 – HS Spring Pep Rally
- Mar. 22 – Senior Trip Luggage Drop-Off @6:30 pm
- Mar. 23 – Jazz Festival @10:00 am
- Mar. 25-29 – Senior Trip to Disney World
- Mar. 28-Apr. 1 – Spring Recess (No School)
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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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