



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community,

We have had an exciting start to the New Year, and I am happy to share recent happenings throughout the district with you through my [Superintendent's News & Notes](#) and [January Board Brief](#). Should you have any questions regarding the information shared, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

All South Jersey Choir

Congratulations to our talented choir students who performed in the All-South Jersey Chorus this past weekend. We also congratulate Marisa Landi, who was awarded the SJCA Founders Scholarship. The Founders Scholarship is given to a deserving high school senior to honor those dedicated choral directors who helped form, support, and grow this esteemed organization. Meet our All-South Jersey Choir: Seniors, Emily Alberta, Jade Coleman, Harrison LaBarbera, Marisa Landi, James Legg, Robert Scott. Juniors, Grace Palladinetti, Michael Shultz, Sofia Mazzeo. Sophomores, Emily Ferry, Landyn Pollard, Madeline Schultz. Freshman, Avery Forst.



Honoring Spotlight Students for January

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) – Reese Emmett (K), Maria Gonzalez-Torner (I), Norah Gradel, Luciano Ratiu (N), Emma Cappo (G), Isabella DeVito (S), John Pyne (W), Jackson Page (A), Nicholas Kleinot (Y)
- **High School Students** (Grade) – Cole DeNick (9); Anna Jacobs (10); Madison Sims (11); Antonio Williams (12)

Seniors of the Month for January

Congratulations, Seniors of the Month **Dillon Dukes** and **Anjuli Nair**

Kingsway Recognizes Teachers and ESP of the Year

Middle School Science Teacher **Stefanie Miles** and High School French Teacher **Nancy Kocis** were recognized as the 2023-24 Teachers of the Year. Athletic Trainer **Rob Baerman** was recognized as this year's Educational Support Professional of the Year. To read more about these outstanding educators, click [HERE](#).

The 2024-25 School Calendar

We are pleased to announce that the Board has officially approved the [2024-2025 School Calendar](#), and it is now available for viewing on our website under the 'Calendars' section."

Home of the Dragons

Board of Education Policy Updates

The Kingsway Regional Board of Education recently adopted, amended, and abolished several policies.

Policy and Regulation Number	Policy and Regulation Name
P 1524	School Leadership Councils (Abolished)
P & R 1642.01	Sick Leave (New)
P 2270	Religion in the Schools (Revised)
P & R 2419	School Threat Assessment Teams (M) (New)
P 3161	Examination for Cause (Revised)
P & R 3212	Attendance (M) (Revised)
P 3270	Professional Responsibilities (Revised)
P 3324	Right of Privacy (Revised)
P & R 3432	Sick Leave (Abolished)
P 4161	Examination for Cause (Revised)
P & R 4212	Attendance (M) (Revised)
P 4324	Right of Privacy (Revised)
P & R 4432	Sick Leave (Abolished)
P & R 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised)
R 5512	Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying (Abolished)
P & R 5116	Education of Homeless Children and Youths (Revised)
P & R 5460.02	Bridge Year Pilot Program (M) (Abolished)
P 6361	Relations With Vendors for Abbott Districts (Abolished)
P 8500	Food Services (M) (Revised)
P 8540	School Nutrition Programs (M) (Abolished)
P 8550	Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill (M) (Abolished)

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](#).

- February 1-5: Winter MAP Testing
- February 2 – Semester 2 Begins
- February 9 – High School Winter Gala (Juniors & Seniors), 6:30 pm
- February 13 – Report Cards Issued
- February 16 – Staff Inservice; School Closed to Students
- February 19 – School Closed, President's Day
- February 22 – Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 pm
- February 23 – Kingsway Live, 6:30 pm
- March 15 – 8th Grade Semi-Formal Dance

You May Have Missed....



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- [Kingsway's Armed Service Veterans Honored with Quilts of Valor](#)
- [Kingsway's Navy JROTC Promotional Video](#)
- [Kingsway Ranked Among Best High Schools in South Jersey](#)
Kingsway is the highest-ranked high school in Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, and Cape May Counties (U.S. News & World Report).
- [Kingsway Named to the College Board's AP District Honor Roll](#) with more than twenty Advanced Placement (AP) offerings.
- [Kingsway Partners with Care Solace Removing Barriers to Mental Health Access](#)
Kingsway recently announced a partnership with Care Solace to support our ongoing commitment to removing barriers to access to mental health services.
- [Kingsway Welcomed 3,000 Students to Start the 2023-24 School Year](#)
School Officials were happy to announce that our students returned to school on September 7th.

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,



Dr. James J. Lavender
Superintendent of Schools



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