



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community,

May this happy and festive season bring to a close a challenging yet fulfilling year at Kingsway and make way for a fresh and promising New Year. Whatever your plans are, I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season, a Merry Christmas, and a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year!

I am sharing my Superintendent's News & Notes and the [December Board Brief](#) today. Should you have any questions regarding the information transmitted, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Honoring Spotlight Students for December

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) – Cooper Allen (K), Jace Mathew (I), Rocco Salamone (N), Harry Smith (G), Gabriel Ojeda, Caylee Klepacz (S), Cayden Lacorte (W), Alexandra Cadena Maciel (A), Anya Pless (Y)
- **High School Students** (Grade) – Jude Palazzo (9), Anya Patel (10), Rachel Wiley (11), Robert Scott (12)

Seniors of the Month for December

Congratulations, Seniors of the Month **Kaitlyn Sabo** and **Aryan Bhagat**

Kingsway Welcomes New Staff

Members of the Board of Education welcomed **Michelle Tucci (MS Science Teacher)** and **Maysoun Baruoki (MS Paraprofessional)** as our newest Dragons during the Board Meeting.

Kingsway Celebrates Spotlight Teacher

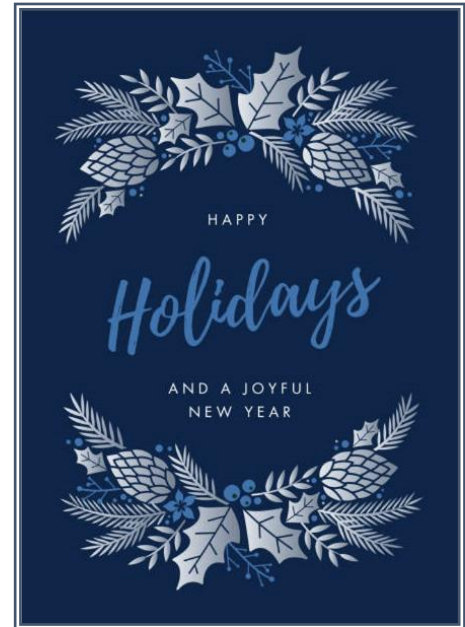
Members of the Board of Education recognized **Jessica Heady**, a High School Special Education Teacher, as this month's Spotlight Teacher.

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](#).

- December 22 – Winter Recess
- January 2 – School Reopens
- February 1 – Semester 2 Begins

Home of the Dragons



You May Have Missed....

- [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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