



# KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Committed to Excellence*

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November 17, 2023

Dear School Community,

On behalf of our faculty, staff, and students, I extend to our school community a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope everyone enjoys time with family and friends over the holiday. This season affords us time to be grateful for our blessings, and at Kingsway, we are thankful for the opportunity to work in a field where we shape the minds of tomorrow's leaders. I hope each of you embraces a spirit of gratitude all year long.



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

## **Honoring Spotlight Students for November**

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) – Kayla Campbell (K), Quinn Shivers (I), Agbeke Ashiru (N), Jenna Frederick, Daniel Brust (G), Bridget Beese (S), Michael Asis (W), Ethan Brennan (A), Thomas Parcells (Y)
- **High School Students** (Grade) – Kamilla DeSales (9), Ezeily Rucci (10), Olivia Martz (11), Chloe Vit (12)

## **Seniors of the Month for November**

Congratulations, Seniors of the Month **Gabriella Gonzalez** and **Alexander Sims**



## **Kingsway Hosts 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Veterans Breakfast**

On Tuesday, Kingsway hosted its **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Veterans Day Breakfast** at the middle school. Students and staff came together to welcome nearly 60 veterans representing each branch of the armed services and express appreciation for their courage and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we all enjoy. Thank you to our [Navy JROTC Cadets](#), Middle School Choir and Student Council, Salem American Legion Band, and the [Woolwich VFW Post 10886](#) for participating.

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### Quilts of Valor

Representatives from the South Jersey Quilts of Valor Foundation participated in *Kingsway's 3rd Annual Veterans Day Breakfast* to bestow upon Kingsway employees who have served in the United States Armed Services a hand-made quilt. The [South Jersey Quilts of Valor Foundation](#) was founded in 2003 by Ruth Ann Bosworth with a mission to cover Service Members and living Veterans touched by war with [comforting and healing Quilts of Valor](#). This year's recipients were:

- Andrew Young, HS English Teacher, U.S. Marine Corps
- Kristian Ward, HS History Teacher, U.S. Marine Corps
- Dennis Jester, Custodian, U.S. Army
- Zach Van Der Wall, MS History Teacher, U.S. Marine Corps
- Senior Chief Dave Schuster, H.S. Navy JROTC Instructor, U.S. Navy



### Kingsway Welcomes New Staff

Members of the Board of Education welcomed **Kristin Turoff (Food Services)**, **Benjamin Perney (Custodian)**, and **Haleema Gillard (Team Scholastic Tutor)** as our newest Dragons during the Board Meeting.

### 159 High School Students Inducted into Prestigious National Honor Society

School officials welcomed 159 new inductees and recognized 108 returning members during the annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. The students honored exemplify Kingsway's mantra, **Committed to Excellence**, and have demonstrated a commitment to the Society's Four Pillars – Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character.



### The 2024-2025 School Calendar Survey – Closes on Wednesday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>

The District is presently developing the 2024-2025 school calendar. This [School Calendar Survey](#) gathers your input to help school officials finalize the calendar. Please take a moment to respond to the questions in the [survey](#). The survey will take less than five minutes to complete and closes on Wednesday, November 22, 2023.

### Kingsway Field Hockey Wins State Championship... Again!

Kingsway's Varsity Field Hockey Team won the State Championship for a second consecutive year and the second time in program history, defeating Ridge High School, 5-1, in the Group 4 State Final on Saturday, November 11. The team went 17-0 against all in-state competition, which included defeating Camden Catholic, Oak Knoll, and West Essex. Congratulations to the team under the direction of Coach Ott, Coach Hara, and Coach Bernat for another tremendous season.



### Public Employee Charitable Campaign

The Gloucester County Public Employees Charitable Campaign



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will run from **November 20 through December 1, 2023**, and we are excited to announce that the [Kingsway Education Foundation](#) is now a designee. The GCPECC allows donors to select an organization from the Campaign Brochure and designate a gift to benefit the Kingsway Education Foundation and other valuable charities. This is the season of **Thanks ... and Giving**. Participating in this campaign is an easy opportunity to impact our community. Even the smallest gift of \$52 per year (a payroll deduction of \$2/pay period or one-time donation) will impact our Foundation and support our students!

### **Kingsway's Navy JROTC Program Begins Recruiting for the 2024-25 school year!**

While Kingsway's Navy JROTC Program is up and running, we are already planning for next school year. The Navy JROTC program is a program of choice at Kingsway Regional High School. As part of the program, students will take courses that meet classroom learning objectives and physical fitness goals. Students will be given opportunities to serve their community, become class leaders, and participate in area competitions. Watch this [Navy JROTC Informational Video](#) to learn more about this select group. Program information will be available during our upcoming High School Open House on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Kingsway Celebrates National Signing Day!**

On November 15, Kingsway celebrated **National Signing Day** by recognizing sixteen (16) outstanding seniors who have committed to playing their sport in college. This day marks the first day a high school senior can sign a binding letter of intent for a collegiate sport. These celebrated students excel not only in the field but also as outstanding students who exemplify leadership and service. They are excellent representatives of our Dragon Family. Congratulations to...

**Field Hockey:** Sabrina McGroarty, The University of Iowa; Mary Wordelmann, The University of Louisville; Mary Kate Finnankent State University; and Soren Kipphut, The University of Virginia. **Girls' Soccer:** Brianna Lewis, LaSalle University; Hannah Ferris, Kutztown University; Isabella Valentino, Wilmington University. **Baseball:** Tom Popoff, Binghamton University. **Girls' Lacrosse:** Madison Rothwein, Rider University; Mia Bucs, Wilmington University; Allison Phalines, Virginia Tech; Ashley Brown, Kutztown University. **Boys' Wrestling:** Nathan Taylor, University of Pennsylvania. **Boys' Lacrosse:** Cristian Davis, Robert Morris University. **Softball:** Noelle Flail, Rider University. **Cheerleading:** Ben Dryden, Rutgers University



### **Kingsway's Marching Band Showcased on 6abc**

The Kingsway Regional High School Marching Band visited the Action News studios Friday morning before performing at the 6abc Dunkin' Thanksgiving Day Parade. Director Mike Massaro leads this outstanding group. To see their interview with Karen Rogers and listen to them play the Action News Theme Song, click [HERE](#).

### **Join Our Kingsway Family – Apply Now!**

We are hiring several positions, including Bus Drivers, Cafeteria Staff, Custodians, Substitute Teachers, and Special Education



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Teacher(s). To apply, click [HERE](#) or call (856) 467-3300, Ext: 4323 or email [HR@KRSd.US](mailto:HR@KRSd.US).

### The Annual Harvest Gala Returns in a Big Way!

School officials welcomed nearly 200 community members to the Annual Kingsway Harvest Gala. Sponsored by the [Kingsway Education Foundation](#) and co-sponsored by [Daley Life Celebration Studio](#) and DeSimone Law Offices, the Gala is offered to our senior citizens as an appreciation dinner for their ongoing support of our schools. Kingsway's Jazz Ensemble entertained the crowd while our cheerleaders served a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

### 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](#).

- November 22 – Early Dismissal for Students and Staff
- November 23-24 – Thanksgiving Recess
- November 24 – Marching Band at Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade
- November 29 – High School Open House, 6:30 pm
- November 30 – Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street Opens (High School), 6:30 pm

### 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 7<sup>th</sup>.

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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**FIND SUCCESS ON YOUR UNIQUE PATH at Kingsway Regional High School**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
Wednesday, November 29  
6:30 p.m - 8:30 p.m.

*Why Kingsway?*

- Ranked one of the 2023-2024 Best High Schools by U.S. News & World Report
- Specialized programs for STEM, Business, NJROTC, Team Scholastics, and Trades
- S.M.A.R.T. schedule for student growth & agency
- 28 Varsity Sports Teams with 800+ student-athletes
- 50+ Extracurricular Clubs and Activities
- Leadership and volunteer opportunities
- NJ Seal of Biliteracy
- Gifted & Talented
- Project Lead the Way Engineering & Computer Science Electives
- 20+ dual credit courses
- 25+ Advanced Placement courses with 43% of students enrolled in an AP class
- Our Graduates
  - 80% Higher Education
  - 5% Proprietary School
  - 10% Employment / Armed Forces
  - 5% Other
  - Collectively awarded \$3.4 million in scholarships, grants, & awards

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