



# KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community,

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

### Honoring Spotlight Students for October

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) – Omair Mirza (K), Cameron Chakov (I), Austin Grubb (N), Ethan Kiner (G), Michael Beaver (S), Carleanne Hernandez (W), Cassidy Cordery, Cecelia Wilson (A), Palina Zavuholnik (Y)
- **High School Students** (Grade) – Jandiel Martinez-Santiago (9), Alexander Amaradio (10), David Guerrero-Martinez (11), Gavin Ganski (12)



### Seniors of the Month for September & October

Congratulations Seniors of the Month **James Legg, Thomas Ninan** (September) and **Sabrina Schonewise, Madeline Hicks** (October).

### Kingsway Welcomes New Staff

Members of the Board of Education welcomed **Keith Bianchin (HS Music Teacher), Zachary Angelo (Maintenance), Thomas Aimino (Custodian)** and **Nicholas Piccioni (Custodian)** as our newest Dragons during the October Board Meeting.

### Kingsway Ranked Among Best High Schools in South Jersey

Kingsway Regional High School has been ranked in the nation among the 2023-2024 Best High Schools by U.S. News & World Report – the gold standard of school ranking lists; and **Kingsway emerges as the highest-ranked high school in Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, and Cape May Counties**, trailing only Haddonfield, Moorestown, and Cherry Hill East, in Burlington and Camden County high schools. Kingsway boasts a low student-teacher ratio, high graduation rates and has been named to the [College Board's AP District Honor Roll](#) with more than twenty Advanced Placement (AP) offerings. To read more about this announcement, click [HERE](#).

### The 21st Annual KEF Holiday Craft Show – Volunteers Wanted

The 21st Annual Holiday Craft Show, sponsored by the Kingsway Education Foundation, is scheduled for Saturday, November 5. We are looking for a few good [volunteers](#) to help on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, and

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Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> to assist with pre-setup and during the event. All proceeds support students in grades 7-12. To learn more, watch the [KDTV News Broadcast](#).

### **One Way... Do Not Enter!**

The road that wraps around the high school, Dragon Circle, is one-way. This road is "ONE-WAY" because of the number of students who exit from the rear of the building and the many blind spots create a dangerous situation for pedestrians and drivers. This communication is an effort to get drivers to cooperate with the one-way direction of Dragon Circle.

### **Restricted Access to Fulton Bank**

Be advised that we have been notified by our neighbor, Fulton Bank on Kings Highway, that they will begin prohibiting access to parents for the purpose of dropping/picking up students from Kingsway.

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

We are currently hiring a number of positions, including Bus Drivers, Cafeteria Staff, Custodians, Substitute Teachers, and Special Education Teacher(s). To apply, click [HERE](#) or call (856) 467-3300, Ext. 4323 or email [HR@KRSd.US](mailto:HR@KRSd.US).

### **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](#).

- October 31 – Senior Portrait Make-ups
- November 4 – KEF 21st Holiday Craft Show, 9:00 am
- November 6-10 – Fall Recess/School Closed to Students
- November 14 – Veterans Day Breakfast, Middle School, 8:15 am
- November 15 – KEF Harvest Gala, 3:00 pm
- November 15 – National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 6:30 pm
- November 16 – BOE Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 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

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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