



# KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community,

I am pleased to inform you that the 2023-24 school year is off to a wonderful start. This week we are excited to welcome our parents back to our *Annual Back to School Nights* and today I am sharing with you our [Superintendent's News & Notes](#) and [September Board Brief](#). On behalf of our Board of Education, our Faculty and Staff, I wish all of our students an exciting and fulfilling school year.

### **Kingsway Welcomes 3,000 Students to Start the 2023-24 School Year**

School Officials are happy to announce that our students have returned to school and are quickly getting into a routine. Back to School Nights are scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> (Middle School) and September 21<sup>st</sup> (High School) and we look forward to introducing our staff and programs to our parents. Enjoy this brief [Welcome Back Video](#), which captures highlights from our first day.

### **17th Annual Dragon Run 5K and 1 Mile Walk Registration Now Open**

[Registration](#) for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Dragon Run on September 30, 2023 is now available at [naterocksheaven.org](http://naterocksheaven.org).



### **Board of Education Installs Student Representatives Schaffer and Morris**

The Board of Education recognizes the experience gained by and input from our students is a valued source of improving the operation of the school district. To this end, the Board annually appoints student representatives to serve as non-voting members. On Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Education installed seniors Logan Schaffer and Grace Morris as the Student Representatives to the Board of Education. Congratulations to our 2023-23 Student Representatives.

### **Kingsway Partners with Care Solace; Committed to Removing Barriers to Access Mental Health Care**

Kingsway Regional School District is committed to the health, safety, and well-being of our students and families. We are proud to [announce our partnership with Care Solace](#) to support our ongoing commitment. If you or a family member are looking for help with mental health or substance use, Care Solace will quickly connect you to community providers matched to your needs. Should you have any questions or would like support, please contact your child's school counselor.

### **Kingsway Adopts NEW Safety & Security Plan**

Kingsway has always been committed to ensuring a safe and secure school environment. As we prepare for the new school year, we are sharing with our parents that we have adopted The "I Love U Guys"

*Home of the Dragons*

Foundation's [Standard Response Protocol \(SRP\)](#). Please take a moment to review the clear common language we will utilize to respond to emergencies. You can also review [The Standard Response Protocol 2023 K12 \(SRP\)](#) Manual for additional information.

### **Student Chromebooks: Expectations for the 2023-24 School Year**

Our 1:1 Chromebook initiative supports student learning in and outside of the classroom. The district-issued device is part of each student's necessary classroom supplies, similar to a pencil, book, or paper. All students are expected to attend **every class, every day** prepared with a **fully charged, district-issued Chromebook** with the charging cord. We highly recommend designating a location in your home for the device to charge at night and to be easily placed in the student's backpack in the morning. Establishing this routine from "Day 1" is critical. [Click here for more information related to our Chromebook expectations.](#)

### **Chromebook Insurance – Act Now!**

The third party Chromebook insurance enrollment window for all Kingsway 7-12 grade students has been extended to November 1, 2023. The price for Chromebook insurance is \$25.00. Once enrolled School Device Coverage will reimburse any fees paid to Kingsway for the repairs outlined [HERE](#). To sign up for coverage, click <https://schooldevicecoverage.com/login>.

### **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](#).

- September 20 – MS Back to School Night
- September 21 – HS Back to School Night
- September 30 – 17 Annual Dragon Run; Swedesboro-Woolwich Day
- October 3 – Financial Aid Night, 6:30 pm
- October 9 – School Closed to Students; Staff In-Service (Columbus Day)
- October 10 – Team Scholastics Family Night
- October 10-11 – Senior Portrait Makeups
- October 10-12 – Middle School Fall Book Fair
- October 10-13 – High School Spirit Week
- October 13 – Homecoming Football Game; Homecoming Court
- October 14 – High School Homecoming Dance (6-10 pm)
- October 18 – BLA/DECA Parent Night
- October 19 – Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 pm
- October 25 – G&T Parent Information Session, 6:30 pm
- October 26 – College Information Night, 6:30 pm
- October 27 – Student Picture Makeup (Grades 7-11)
- November 4 – KEF 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Holiday Craft Show

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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