



# KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community,

I hope everyone is enjoying summer and finding time to relax, vacation and enjoy the company of friends and family. Kingsway has been plenty busy this summer and I am excited to share with you my News & Notes as well as the [July Board Brief](#). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

### **2023-24 School Calendar**

Be sure to review the [2023-24 School Calendar](#) for important dates. As a reminder, School reopens to students on Thursday, September 7th and closes on Friday, June 14th.

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

[Registration](#) for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Dragon Run on September 30, 2023 is now available at [naterocksheaven.org](http://naterocksheaven.org).

### **Student Bus Passes/Information**

Be advised that student bus information will be mailed home to incoming 7th to 12th graders the week of August 24th.

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



### **Summer Assignments Reminder**

[To access summer assignments, click here](#) or click **Our Schools** in the red ribbon at the top of the district website, then select *Summer Assignments* from the drop-down menu. If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact the supervisor who oversees the subject area. Department supervisors and contact information are listed on the summer assignment page.

### **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

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this routine from "Day 1" is critical. [Click here for more information related to our Chromebook expectations.](#)

### PE Uniforms Now Available for Purchase!

[PE Uniforms](#) are available for purchase on August 8 (8:30AM-11:30AM & 4PM-6PM) and August 23 (9AM-11AM & 5PM-7PM). Cash, check, and charge accepted. Uniforms can also be purchased when school opens. Students will dress for PE beginning on September 12th. Questions can be directed to Shanna Hoffman, [hoffmans@krsd.us](mailto:hoffmans@krsd.us).

### On 3, Say Cheese! Student Pictures are scheduled!

Middle School students are scheduled to take yearbook photos on September 13<sup>th</sup>. High School students will take photos on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Photos will be taken during scheduled Physical Education classes. The link to the online picture order form is <http://www.lorsstudio.com/undergrads/order/> and the school login code is 24-26KW and is also located on our website under the "For Parents" section. Hard copies of the order forms will be available in the North and South Main offices and from your child's Physical Education teacher.

### Policy Updates

The Board of Education has amended and/or adopted the following policies:

- [Policy 2423 Bilingual and ESL Education](#)
- [Policy 3216 Dressing and Grooming](#) (Teaching Staff)
- [Policy 4216 Dressing and Grooming](#) (Support Staff)
- [Policy 3270 Professional Responsibilities](#)
- [Policy 5513 Care of School Property](#)

### NEW Staff Attendance Standard

Attendance has been a hot topic all summer as the State Legislature moved a bill to expand the use of sick leave for school employees. The law that had defined sick leave "for personal illness or injury" was replaced on July 3rd, generously expanding the definition to include "family illness and other family obligations." The following [memo](#) will explain our NEW Attendance Standard as well as details about the new law.

### Genesis Replaces PowerSchool – Action Needed

Kingsway has transitioned to a new student information system called *Genesis*. Throughout the summer, several emails have been sent regarding this transition. This means the previous PowerSchool portal is now the *Genesis* parent portal.

### IMPORTANT:

- **On August 21<sup>st</sup>**, middle school homeroom assignments and/or high school schedules will be available for viewing in Genesis ***only for those parents/guardians who have reviewed all contact information and checked off on back-to-school information in Kingsway's new Genesis platform.*** Those who have not will not be able to view the middle school homeroom and/or high school schedule until it is complete.
- ***Senior students will not be able to obtain a parking permit until parents/guardians review all contact information and check off back-to-school information in Kingsway's new Genesis platform.***



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For more information about the new parent portal, visit the district's [parent information page](#). Please feel free to reach out to our Registrar with any questions or issues:

April Burger  
**Central Registrar**  
[registrar@krsd.us](mailto:registrar@krsd.us)  
 856-467-3300 x4283

### 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](#).

- August 7 – Fall athletics begin (look for team schedules)
- August 8 – Freshmen Transition Camp & PE Uniform Sales
- August 11 – Teacher Summer Academy
- August 15 – Navy JROTC Student Cadet Orientation begins
- August 21 – Marching Band Camp
- August 22 – Senior Parking Permit Distribution begins
- August 23 – Middle School Self-Guided Tours (9:00 am and 5:00 pm)
- August 23 – New Teacher Orientation begins
- August 24 – Board of Education Meeting
- August 25 – Home Football Opener vs. Egg Harbor Twp. (6:00 pm)
- August 30 – High School Open House, 6:30 pm
- August 31 – Support Staff Meeting (Eitel Theater)
- September 1 – Faculty Staff Meeting (Eitel Theater)
- September 7 – Student First Day of School
- September 13 – Middle School Student Pictures
- September 14 & 15 – High School Underclass Student Pictures
- September 20 – MS Back to School Night
- September 21 – HS Back to School Night

Thank you for your attention to these announcements. 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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