



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community,

May this happy and festive season bring to close a challenging yet fulfilling year at Kingsway and make way for a fresh and promising New Year. Whatever your plans, I wish for you and your family a wonderful holiday season, a Happy Hanukkah and a very Merry Christmas. You have all earned this well-deserved break!

Today I am sharing with you my *Superintendent's News & Notes* and [December 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 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) – Preston Hawkins, Camryn Nocito (K); Enejo Gabriel (I); Colton Davis (N); Gage Mealey (G); Daniel Berezowski (S); Soleil Chapman (W); Julia Stec (A); Hayden Penot (Y); Shahid Al Mafraji (Dragon Team)
- **High School Students** (Grade) – Brooke Dorofy (9); Success Archer (10); Gabriella Gonzalez (11); Christian Torres (12)



Seniors of the Month for December

Congratulations Seniors of the Month **Pedro Aisa** and **Ella Stephenson**

State Champion Field Hockey Team Recognized

Congratulations to our State Champion Field Hockey Team who was recognized at the Board of Education meeting this month.

Kingsway Recognizes Jennie Harra as Spotlight Teacher

High School English Teacher, **Jennie Harra**, was recognized as the December Spotlight Teacher.

Kingsway Names Teachers and ESP of Year!

Congratulations to High School Math Teacher **Mark Anderson** and Middle School English Teacher **Susan Shakespeare** for being named the 2022-23 Teachers of the Year. We also



Home of the Dragons

congratulate Middle School Counselor **Antoinette Henry** for being named this year's Educational Support Professional (ESP) of the Year. To read more about these outstanding educators, click [HERE](#).



Student Representatives to the Board of Education

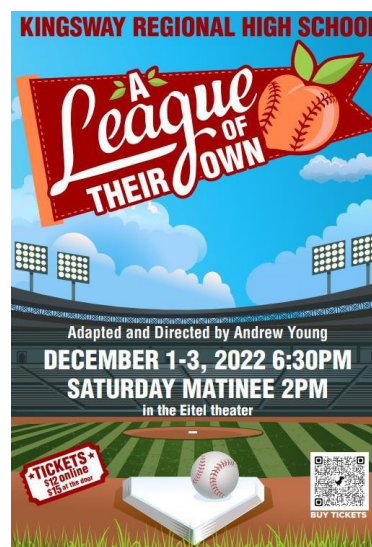
Kingsway has always encouraged student input and has considered student feedback in the development of programs and experiences. So, when Gov. Murphy signed new legislation this year requiring a nonvoting student representative on the Board of Education, Kingsway formulated a plan to elect and install its first members. On December 15, senior and Student Council President Shelby Dyer was installed as Kingsway first student representative and Student Council Vice President Alyssa Donahue was installed as the alternative representative. These student leaders will represent all high school students within the district and present student proposals and concerns to the Board for its consideration.

Kingsway Registers 614 Advanced Placement Exams

We have surpassed last year's exam total for Advanced Placement (AP) registration. To date, 303 students registered for 614 exams. This total will likely increase through the late registration window. Kingsway will use the AP digital exam for the following exams: AP Computer Science Principles, AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature and Composition, AP U.S. History, AP World History: Modern. To learn more about Kingsway's Advanced Placement Courses, click [HERE](#).

Theater Program Highlights Kingsway Talent

A talented group of middle school cast and crew members took the stage in November to perform *The Snow White Variety Show*. The show was a big hit and showcased a very talented theater program. High School students took the stage earlier this month to perform in *A League of Their Own*.



Voice of Democracy Winner



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Senior, Madeleine Malesich is our VFW Post 10886 first place winner for the 2022 Voice of Democracy Essay Contest with her essay entitled "Why is the Veteran Important." Madeleine also won first place at the district level and now moves on to compete at the state level.

Middle School Student Wins AAU National Championship

8th Grader Ryan Duffy finished his cross country season by winning the [AAU National Championship](#) in Knoxville, Tennessee. He also won the USATF 5k Road Race, USATF State Championship and Champs NE Regional XC for his age category. Impressive wins. Ryan is an outstanding student at Kingsway Regional Middle School and we couldn't be more proud of all he has accomplished.



Student Password Changes

On January 1, 2023, all students will have their Google login password changed in accordance with our online safety and security policies. The updated passwords can be found in the parent portal starting December 31st. If you do not have access to your parent portal please reach out to registrar@krsd.us.

STEM Students Visit Temple University

Class of 2026 STEM students visited Temple University this fall and were introduced to their engineering professors as well as current students. Students were exposed to different types of engineering through the tour of various labs including one in which students were creating their own projects using 3-D printers. Students were also educated on the path needed to achieve admission into their program.

Career Day at the Middle School

The Middle School welcomed 60 parent/guardian volunteers and keynote speaker, Rick Williams, [ABC News](#) anchor & reporter, for their annual Career Day. You can catch [Rick Williams](#) on Channel 6. Students were also exposed to careers in medicine, engineering, law enforcement, education, and military to name a few. Thank you to all of our presenters for making career day a special day for our students.



College Wear Wednesday

The Middle School participated in College Wear Wednesday last month to bring awareness to the many different college and university options available to students.

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.

Look Ahead/Important Dates

Please update your calendars to include the following key dates... For more, click on the District's [2022-23 School Calendar](#) or the [Athletics & Activities Calendar](#).

- Dec. 23 – Jan. 2 Winter Break



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- January 3 School Reopens

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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Superintendent of Schools

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Enclosure: [December Board Brief](#)



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