KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear School Community,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed time with family and friends. This season affords us time to be grateful for our blessings and at Kingsway, we are grateful 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 with you my *Superintendent's News & Notes* and <u>November Board Brief</u>. 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 November

We were pleased to honor the following students during this month's Board of Education meeting. To view the photos, click <u>HERE</u>.

- Middle School Students (Team) Keira Sciarrotta (K), Bryn Jespersen (I), Kelley Kline (N), Talia Griscom (G), Liam Tyers (S), Daniel Casey (W), Owen Dougherty & Charlie Christopher (A), Gabriel Hammand (Y)
- High School Students (Grade) Max Dyer (9), Destiny Schultz (10), Saige Antolini (11), Zykiria Cottemond (12)

Seniors of the Month for November

Congratulations Seniors of the Month Anthony Rice and Luke Wordelmann

Kingsway Recognizes Katy Kelly as Spotlight Teacher

High School World Language Teacher (Spanish), **Katy Kelly**, was recognized as the November Spotlight Teacher.

Kingsway Welcomes New Staff

Members of the Board of Education welcomed **Mary Mattson Deojay** (Substitute General Café Worker) and **Lamar Price, Jr.** (Middle School Network Technician) as our newest Dragons.

Public Employee Charitable Campaign

The Gloucester County Public Employees Charitable Campaign will run from November 17 through December 2, 2022 and we are excited to announce that the <u>Kingsway Education Foundation</u> 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 make an impact

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in our community. Even the smallest gift of \$52 per year (a payroll deduction of \$2/pay period or one-time gift) will make an impact on our Foundation and support our students!

KRMS Honors Veterans with Annual Breakfast

Kingsway hosted our 2nd Annual Veteran's Day Breakfast at the middle school. Students and staff came together to welcome nearly 50 veterans representing each branch of the armed services and express appreciation for their courage and service in defense of the freedoms we all enjoy. A special thank you to our Middle School Choir, Student Council, High School Drum

Line and Poetry Winners.

The Annual Harvest Gala Returns in a Big Way!

School officials welcomed 184 wonderful members of our community for the return of Kingsway's Harvest Gala. Sponsored by the <u>Kingsway Education Foundation</u> and co-sponsored by <u>Daley Life</u> <u>Celebration Studio</u> and <u>DeSimone Law Offices</u>, 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.



Field Hockey are State Champs!

For the first time in school history, Kingsway's Varsity Field Hockey Team won the State Championship! The team also won the South Jersey Championship, its first since being classified a Group IV Program. Congratulations to the team under the direction of Coach Ott, Coach Hara and Coach Bernat for a tremendous season.

Kingsway Celebrates Outstanding Students on National Signing Day!

On November 15, Kingsway celebrated **National Signing Day** by recognizing six 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 not only excel on the field, but also as outstanding students who exemplify leadership and service. They are excellent



representatives of our Dragon Family. Congratulations to ...

- Jacob Mason, Lacrosse/US Air Force Academy
- Landon Edward, Baseball/Coastal Carolina University
- *Shelby Dyer*, Softball/Rider University



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- Colleen Finnan, Field Hockey/Villanova University
- Allison Patel, Field Hockey/West Chester University
- Ella Stephenson, Field Hockey/Lehigh University

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 <u>HERE</u> or call (856) 467-3300, Ext. 4323 or email <u>HR@KRSD.US</u>.

Look Ahead/Important Dates

Please update your calendars to include the following key dates... For more, click on the District's <u>2022-23</u> <u>School Calendar</u> or the <u>Athletics & Activities Calendar</u>.

- December 1, 2, 3 High School Play
- December 6 Middle School Band Concert
- December 7 Middle School Chorus Concert
- December 13 High School Choral Concert
- December 14 High School Band Concert
- December 15 High School Holiday Jazz Concert
- Dec. 23 Jan. 2 Winter Break

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,

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Dr. James J. Lavender Superintendent of Schools

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Enclosure: November Board Brief

