



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community,

While it is hard to believe that summer is coming to a quick close we are excited to reopen our schools to our students for what promises to be a great school year. I am excited to share with you a few updates as well as the [August Board Brief](#). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

16th Annual Dragon Run 5K and 1 Mile Walk Registration Now Open

[Registration](#) for the 16th Annual Dragon Run on September 24, 2022 is now available at naterocksheaven.org.

PowerSchool, Schoology, & Naviance... Where do I go?

The Kingsway Regional School District utilizes a number of systems at the middle school and high school to ensure it communicates information effectively with students and families. PowerSchool, Schoology & Naviance are three major systems used by the district through which important information is shared and/or can be accessed. The chart lined [HERE](#) outlines some information found within each system.

COVID-19 guidance for the 2022-23 school year

We are happy to share that COVID has not played a major factor in planning for the 2022-23 school year. In fact, we are removing several COVID-related protocols to ensure that our faculty, staff and students return to a "normal school year." To read more about what has changed, click [HERE](#).

Kingsway Offers More Than 20 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

Kingsway offers more than 20 AP courses, allowing high school students to take college-level while on our campus, earning college credits. The Class of 2022 amassed more than 1,500 college credits before earning a high school diploma, saving our high school graduates more than \$600,00 in college tuition. To learn more about Kingsway's AP Program, click [HERE](#).

Kingsway Boasts About Teacher Summer Academy

Our 2022 Teacher Summer Academy was a huge success! We are excited to report that 70 teachers converged onto campus to participate in 24 professional learning workshops, 287.5 hours of development and benefited from the work of 18 different Kingsway educators who shared their areas of expertise. Nice work Dragons!

Do Not Enter!

The road that wraps around the high school, Dragon Drive, is one-way. However, we frequently encounter drivers who believe the rules do not apply to them. This road is "ONE-WAY" because of the number of students who exit from the rear of the building and many blind spots create a dangerous situation for pedestrians and drivers. This communication is an effort to get drivers to cooperate with the one-



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way direction of Dragon Drive.

Random Testing for Drugs & Alcohol

According to adopted District Policy [5536](#) regarding random drug testing, **in order to attend after school clubs, sports, and wellness activities**, parents must provide consent to participate in our random testing for alcohol and other drug use program. This can/shall be done as part of the on-line registration.

PE Uniforms Now Available for Purchase!

Kingsway requires all students to wear a uniform while participating in Physical Education. You may pay for your child's uniform in advance. Uniforms will be distributed by PE teachers at the beginning of the year. You do not need to select a size when placing your order as our teachers will assist students in selecting the right size. You can order uniforms by completing the [PE Order Form](#) and sending it in on the first day of school or high school students may purchase uniforms at the school store. A more convenient option is to pay via PayPal or credit card by clicking [HERE](#).

Student Dress Code Policy – Parent, Student & Staff Memo

We have taken time to examine our student dress code policy and the impact it has on students, staff and the overall school environment. Please take the time to review the Student Dress Code before school reopens on September 7. Click [HERE](#).

High School Student Cell Phone Usage Policy – Parent, Student & Staff Memo

Over the past year, student use of cell phones and other electronic devices has become an increasingly negative disruption in school and often interferes with classroom instruction. Additionally, inappropriate usage of cell phones are on the rise and often serve as a critical element in harassment, intimidation, and bullying matters. To learn more about the High School Cell Phone Policy, Click [HERE](#).

When will Chromebooks be issued to New Students?

All new students will have a Chromebook device waiting for them when they come to their first period class on September 7th. All students who were already provided a Kingsway Chromebook last year must bring in their Chromebook each day fully charged and ready for school. All students will be required to use their Kingsway Chromebook each day while in school. In order to ensure interoperability and reliability we are no longer allowing students to bring in BYOD laptops they must use their Kingsway provided device.

Google Apps Account Password

All students have a Google Apps Login and Password that has been set by the school district. This information can be found in your PowerSchool Parent Portal. You should have received information in a previous broadcast with login information. If you cannot login or are having trouble please email registrar@krsd.us. Students will need this login for many of their functions at Kingsway (e.g. Chromebooks, Schoology, Google Apps, 3rd party apps).

On-Going Technology Support:

It is our goal to ensure you and your child have any technology issues/questions answered in a timely manner. If your child requires any support with technology, please do not hesitate to go to www.krsd.org/technology. Both students and parents can submit help desk requests for support or find answers to questions relating to Kingsway technology.

Student Chromebooks: Expectations for the 2022-23 School Year



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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.](#)

Late Bus – 4:15pm

Please be advised that the one and only late bus will run at 4:15 pm during the 2022-23 school year. There is no longer a 5:45 pm late bus.

School Lunches will cost \$4.00

The federal government has ended free school meal benefits. School lunches will cost \$4.00 for the 2022-2023 school year. If you feel that you may be eligible for meal benefits, applications are posted on the school website under the food service page or you may request one by calling the food service department at 856-467-3300 x4226 or 4227. You can easily access this application by clicking [HERE](#).

Teacher Start Times / Bell Schedule

This school year high school teachers will report at 7:29 am and be dismissed at 2:44 pm during a regular school day. Student arrival/dismissal times are unchanged. The reason for the slight adjustment is to ensure better alignment with middle school teacher arrival/dismissal times.

High School Construction

Steady progress continues to be made on the new **Student Center** and **Wellness Center** (formerly known as the North Media Center), new science lab in the 100 wing and HVAC upgrades. We apologize for the inconvenience construction has had on our staff and visitors but we are excited to see the completion of these projects in time for the start of the school year. We will keep our school community updated as the project continues.



Summer Assignments

This is just a reminder that the 2022 Summer Assignments for **Kingsway Regional Middle School and High School** are now available on each school's website. To access the assignments, click on the **For Students** tab at the top of the page and click on **Summer Assignments** on the left of the page. Or, you can access both [middle school](#) and [high school](#) summer assignments [HERE](#) (find on the left).



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Student Bus Passes/Information

Be advised that student bus information will be mailed home to incoming 7th to 12th graders the week of August 26th.

District Assessment Calendar

The District Assessment Calendar has been published and accessible by clicking [HERE](#).

Now Hiring! Join the Dragon Team

If you are someone you know is looking for employment at Kingsway, please click the [Employment Opportunities](#) link to apply for an open position or sign up for job alerts.

Meet the Principal

The Kingsway Regional School District recently appointed Stefanie Fox-Manno as the high school's new principal. Ms. Fox-Manno is scheduled to take the reins on September 21st and a "Meet the Principal" event has been scheduled during our annual High School Open House on Tuesday, August 30th at 6:00 pm. To read more about this exciting news, click [HERE](#).

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](#).

- August 30 – Freshmen Transition Camp
- August 26 – Bus Passes to be mailed home this week
- August 30 – Meet the Principal, 6:00pm
- August 30 – High School Open House, 6:30pm
- September 7 – Student First Day of School
- September 8 & 9 – High School Underclass Student Pictures
- September 9 – Home Football Opener vs. Washington Twp.
- September 12 – Universal Screener
- September 28 – HS Back to School Night
- September 29 – MS Back to School Night

Thank you for your attention to announcement. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure: [August Board Brief](#)



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