



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community,

With the Class of 2024 graduated and summer upon us, welcome to this month's edition of the [Superintendent's News & Notes](#) and [June Board Brief](#). As we look back on recent updates and accomplishments, it's incredible to see how quickly the school year has come to an end. With summer here, we're eager to share our achievements, upcoming events, and key information to keep everyone informed and engaged.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to our students' success! If you have any questions about the information provided, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Kingsway Graduates 479 Members of the Class of 2024

Rain couldn't dampen the spirits of our Dragons! Despite Friday's postponement due to inclement weather, the indomitable members of the Class of 2024 stood strong. They were rewarded with a glorious Saturday morning ceremony, where 479 graduates stood tall as they received their well-earned diplomas. The sun beamed brightly as family, friends, and faculty gathered to honor this significant milestone, a testament to our graduates' unwavering spirit, determination, and achievements. It was a fitting tribute to their journey and a wonderful way to mark the beginning of their next chapter. Check out the [Senior Highlight Reel](#) to see their remarkable accomplishments.



Kingsway's 8th Grade Class Marks End of Middle School

On June 14th, our 8th graders confidently concluded their middle school journey with a memorable year-end gathering. The event was a testament to their achievements over the past two years and their growth, both academically and personally. Surrounded by teachers, family, and friends, the students showcased their readiness and enthusiasm for the next chapter in their educational journey. With a solid foundation and a sense of accomplishment, they are eagerly awaiting their high school adventure this fall, ready to tackle new challenges and embrace new opportunities with a sense of excitement and confidence. Check out our [8th Grade Tribute Video](#).

School Officials Recognize and Celebrate Retiring Faculty & Staff

Kingsway's 400+ faculty and staff gathered in the high school Café West to commemorate the end of a successful school year and recognize significant achievements. The highlight of the event was the heartfelt tribute to the distinguished careers of 15 retiring faculty and staff members. These dedicated individuals have made lasting contributions to our school community, shaping countless lives and leaving a legacy of excellence. We extend our deepest gratitude and best wishes to our retiring Dragons, hoping

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they enjoy a fun, healthy, and fulfilling retirement. Your impact on Kingsway will be cherished for years to come.

- **Holly Haynes-Rothwell** (Director of Food Service), 10 years of service
- **Hugh Duffy** (Bus Driver), 14 years of service
- **Jeffrey Sieman** (Grounds person), 19 years of service
- **Virginia Getsinger** (Bus Driver), 19 years of service
- **Laura Fiorentino** (HS Teacher of English), 19 years of service
- **Donna Carpenter** (HS Teacher of English), 20 years of service
- **Martha Dean** (Bus Aide), 20 years of service
- **Marie Aleardi** (Secretary), 21 years of service
- **Susan Patti** (Bus Driver), 22 years of service
- **Dave Reiners** (MS Teacher of Social Studies), 23 years of service
- **Maria DiGiovanni** (School Social Worker), 24 years of service
- **Sean Dunn** (HS Teacher of Social Studies), 25 years of service
- **Laura Reynolds** (HS Teacher of Mathematics), 26 years of service
- **Donna Sarbello** (Cook), 32 years of service
- **Wendy Young** (Teacher of Science), 34 years of service

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](#).

- June 15 – High School Graduation
- June 20 – Board of Education Meeting
- July 4 – Independence Day, School Closed

You May Have Missed....

- [Kingsway Welcomes Class of 2030](#)
School officials were excited to welcome our incoming 7th graders and their parents at this year's 7th Grade Orientation. Click the [Middle School Highlight Real](#) to see the wonderful school that awaits next year's class. Parents can still purchase Class of 2030 t-shirts by clicking the [link](#).
- [Kingsway Alumna Regan Healey Steps Up to Lead Girls' Volleyball Program as Head Coach](#)
Kingsway Regional School District is thrilled to announce that Regan Healey has been appointed the new Head Girls' Volleyball Coach.
- [Former Dragon Randazzo to Deliver Drexel's School of Engineering Commencement Speech](#)
Former Dragon **Cosmo Randazzo**, a proud member of Kingsway's Class of 2019, has been selected as the student speaker for Drexel University's School of Engineering Commencement Ceremony next month. Her journey is a testament to resilience, perseverance, and personal growth.
- [Celebrate Students' Academic Honors from College Board's National Recognition Programs](#)
We are excited to highlight our students' exceptional achievements and the significance of these honors in showcasing their academic prowess. We are immensely proud of their




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accomplishments and the recognition they have received.

- [**Kingsway Introduces Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Playbook**](#)
This comprehensive playbook offers invaluable guidance and a wealth of resources to enhance our collective AI Literacy, empowering us to support student learning better and streamline educator workflows.
- [**Kingsway's COVID Policy Aligned with CDC Updates**](#)
The updated [COVID-19 Policy](#) aligns with the CDC's guidance, ending the five-day isolation period for individuals who test positive for the virus.
- [**School Calendar Revision**](#)
The [2023-24 School Calendar](#) has been updated to reflect calendar changes due to snow closings.
- [**Kingsway's Armed Service Veterans Honored with Quilts of Valor**](#)
- [**Kingsway's Navy JROTC Promotional Video**](#)
- [**Kingsway Ranked Among Best High Schools in South Jersey**](#)
Kingsway is the highest-ranked high school in Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, and Cape May Counties (U.S. News & World Report).
- [**Kingsway is Named to the College Board's AP District Honor Roll**](#)
With more than twenty Advanced Placement (AP) offerings.
- [**Kingsway Partners with Care Solace Removing Barriers to Mental Health Access**](#)
Kingsway recently announced a partnership with Care Solace to support our ongoing commitment to removing barriers to access to mental health services.
- [**Kingsway Welcomed 3,000 Students to Start the 2023-24 School Year**](#)
School Officials were happy to announce that our students returned to school on September 7th.

Thank you for your attention to this announcement. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,



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Superintendent of Schools



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