



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community,

I hope this message finds you well and that you have enjoyed some much-deserved relaxation, quality time with loved ones, and perhaps a bit of summer adventure.

Here at Kingsway, we've had a productive and eventful summer, and I am pleased to share with you the latest edition of our [News & Notes](#) along with the [July & August Board Briefs](#). These updates will give you insight into the progress we've made and the exciting developments that have taken place over the past few months.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, I'm proud to share that Kingsway has once again been recognized as one of the **Best High Schools in the nation by U.S.**

News & World Report's 2024 rankings. This recognition reflects the hard work and dedication of our entire school community—our students, staff, and families.

To assist our parents and students in their preparations for the new school year, I've included several important highlights below. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at your convenience.

With best wishes for a successful 2024-25 school year!



Looking Ahead to the 2024-25 School Year: Important Highlights

2024-25 School Calendar

We highly recommend all parents review the [2024-25 School Calendar](#) and mark important dates to ensure a smooth transition back to school. As a reminder, School reopens to students on Thursday, September 5th, and closes on Wednesday, June 18th. You can also access our bell schedules, athletics and activities calendar, high school calendar by letter days, and information regarding emergency closings by clicking [HERE](#).

Back to School Nights

Our *High School Back to School Night* is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18th, and our *Middle School Back to School Night* is scheduled for Thursday, September 19th. More information will be sent to you from our principals.

Home of the Dragons

Schoology

Kingsway Regional School District uses **Schoology** as its Learning Management System (LMS) to support teaching and learning and streamline student, parent, and faculty interactions in an all-in-one digital environment. We invite you to sign in and access your parent account to stay involved as partners in your child's education. Click [STUDENT AND PARENT ACCESS](#) (to Schoology) - this document takes you through how to create your access or add student(s) if you already have a Schoology account. Click [SCHOOLGY FOR PARENTS](#) - to learn everything you need to know about this platform.

Genesis Portal is Now Open

The **Genesis Parent Portal** is open. Click [GENESIS](#). Your child's schedule will be accessible in the Genesis Parent Portal on August 20, 2024. You will not be able to view schedules until all documents are signed off in Genesis. Bus Passes will be available in the Genesis Parent Portal on August 23, 2024. The Fees and Fines option is a new feature this year in Genesis; all obligations must be cleared in order to participate in sports and activities. You can clear obligations through the Fees and Fines link in the parent portal.

Student Bus Passes/Information

Be advised that Bus Passes will be made available in the Genesis Parent Portal on August 23, 2024.

Kingsway's Safety & Security Plan

Kingsway continues to be committed to ensuring a safe and secure school environment. As we prepare for the new school year, we are sharing with our parents information regarding our safety & security plan. The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's [Standard Response Protocol \(SRP\)](#) Please take a moment to review the clear common language we will utilize to respond to emergencies. You can also review [The Standard Response Protocol 2023 K12 \(SRP\)](#) Manual for additional information.

Summer Assignments Reminder

The goal of summer assignments at KRSD is to continue to engage students in academic activities throughout the summer or to provide continued practice so students enter the next school year with confidence. If a course is not listed here, then a summer assignment is not required for that course. If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact the supervisor who oversees the subject area. You can learn more about summer assignments by clicking [HERE](#).



Student Chromebooks: Expectations for the 2024-25 School Year

Our 1:1 Chromebook initiative supports student learning in and outside of the classroom. All students are expected to attend every class every day, prepared with a fully charged, district-issued Chromebook with the charging cord. Establishing a routine from "Day 1" is critical. [Click here for more information related to our Chromebook expectations.](#)

PE Uniforms are Now Available for Purchase!

[PE Uniforms](#) are available for purchase. 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.



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18th Annual Dragon Run 5K and 1 Mile Walk Registration Now Open

[Registration](#) for the 18th Annual Dragon Run on September 28, 2024, is now available at naterocksheaven.org.

Policy Updates

The Board of Education has amended and/or adopted several policies. To read more about these updates, please go to the [Board Briefs for School Year 2024-25](#) page. All [POLICIES & REGULATIONS] can be viewed on our website [HERE](#). School employees are obligated to read each policy/regulation carefully and ensure they are up-to-date with any changes.

Look Ahead/Important Dates

Please update your calendars to include the following key dates... For more, click on the District's [2024-25 School Calendar](#) or the [Athletics & Activities Calendar](#).

- August 4 – P.E. Uniform Sales
- August 7 – Fall athletics begin (look for team schedules)
- August 19-23 – Buildings open for teacher access
- August 20-28 – Senior Parking Registration
- August 21 – New Teacher Orientation Begins
- August 21 – Welcome Back Bus Drivers!
- August 22 – Middle School Open House, 9-11 a.m. and 5-7 p.m.
- August 28 – HS Open House, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- August 29 – Home Football Opener vs. Eastern, 6:00 pm
- September 2 – School Closed for Labor Day Observance
- September 3 – Opening Day Inservice
- September 5 – Welcome Back! Student's first day of school.
- September 9 – Senior Sunrise, 6:30 a.m. / MS Renaissance Kickoff
- September 9-10 – Student Pictures, Grades 9-11
- September 11 – Student Pictures, Grades 7-8
- September 12 – Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 pm
- September 18 – High School Back to School Night
- September 19 – Middle School Back to School Night
- September 24 – Team Scholastics Freshmen Orientation
- September 26 – College Application Virtual Information Session, 6:30 pm
- September 28 – 18th Annual Dragon Run / Swedesboro-Woolwich Day
- October 3 – Financial Aid Virtual Information Session, 6:30 pm
- October 7-11 – Middle School Book Fair
- October 9 – Senior Class Picture during S.M.A.R.T.
- October 10 – Makeup Picture Day, Grades 9-11
- October 14-18 – High School Spirit Week
- October 14 – Staff In-service, No School for Students
- October 17 – Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 pm
- October 18 – Homecoming Football Game vs. Washington Twp., 6:00 pm
- October 19 – Homecoming Dance, 6:00 pm



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- October 30 – Makeup Picture Day, Grades 7-8

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we look forward to a successful and enriching 2024-25 school year.



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Superintendent



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