

Kingsway Regional Middle School

Survival Guide for Parents/ Guardians and Students



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WELCOME

The administration and staff welcome you and your family to what we know will be an exciting and rewarding school experience. In these middle school years, students will need to assume a much greater share of the responsibility for their decisions and actions, and we look forward to seeing them grow and mature.

The goal for Kingsway Regional Middle School is for each student to achieve his/her greatest potential. To reach this goal, there must be a cooperative effort on the part of the students, teachers, administrators, parents/guardians, and community. We appreciate your partnership in this venture and assure you that the results will be well worth the effort.

The following information is intended to answer many of your initial questions about Kingsway Regional Middle School. The middle school website is another valuable resource for both parents/guardians and students.

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CALENDAR

KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



2026

2027

Graduation will occur on the last student day June 17, 2027
Graduation Rain Date will be June 18, 2027

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SCHOOL CLOSINGS & EARLY DISMISSALS

- July 3 School Closed—(July 4th Holiday)
- July 6-10 Administrative Retreat
- August 25-27 New Teacher Orientation
- September 1-2 In-Service—Full Day Staff/No Students
- September 3 **1st School Day – Students Return – Full Day**
- September 7 School Closed—Labor Day
- September 11-13 Rosh Hashanah (School Open)
- September 16 **HS Back to School Night**
- September 17 **MS Back to School Night**
- September 20-21 Yom Kippur (School Open)
- October 12 In-Service— Full Day Staff (Columbus Day)
- November 2-3 In-Service—Full Day Staff/No Students
- November 3 Election Day
- November 2-6 School Closed for Students- Fall Recess
- November 7 KEF 24th Annual Holiday Craft Show
- November 8 Diwali
- November 10 Veteran's Day (School Open)
- November 13 Mid Semester 1
- November 25 Half Day Students & Staff
- November 26-27 School Closed—Thanksgiving
- December 4-12 Hanukkah (School Open)
- December 23 Half Day Students & Staff
- December 25 Christmas
- Dec. 24-Jan 1 School Closed -Winter Recess
- January 18 School Closed—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 1 Semester 1 Ends
- February 2 Semester 2 Begins
- February 12 Report Card (Semester 1)
- February 15 School Closed—President's Day
- March 22-23 In-Service—Full Day Staff/No Students
- Mar 22-29 School Closed for Students—Spring Recess
- March 28 Easter
- April 14 Mid Semester 2
- May 28 In-Service—Full Day Staff/No Students
- May 31 School Closed—Memorial Day
- June 14-17 Students Half-Days; Staff Full-Days
- June 17 End Semester 2
- June 17 **Last Day of School (Half Day Students)**
- June 17 **Graduation**
- June 18 Graduation Rain Date
- June 19 Juneteenth
- June 25 Report Cards Issued

	Student Days	Teacher Days	
September	19	21	
October	21	22	
November	14	16	School Closed—Students & Staff
December	17	17	
January	19	19	In-Service—Full Day Staff—No Students
February	19	19	
March	17	19	First/Last* School Day—Students
April	22	22	
May	19	20	
June	13	13	Early Dismissal Students
Total Days	180	188	

Emergency School Closings will be made up in the following sequence:
If school does not close for snow, 3/22 and 3/23 will be closed to students. If we have one Snow Make-Up Day (3/23); two days (3/22, 3/23); three days (3/22, 3/23, 3/24). If the 3/22 or 3/23 staff in-service is used, then it will be added to the end of the school year. If there are more than five Emergency School Closing Days, make-up days will then be added to the end of the school calendar beginning with Thursday June 18. Staff in-Service Days may change depending on Emergency School Closings.

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School calendar information including any updates is available [here](#).

SEMESTERS

The academic calendar is divided into two semesters. The timeline for each semester is listed below.

Semester 1: September 3 – February 1	Mid-Mark: November 13
Semester 2: February 2 – June 17	Mid-Mark: April 14

SAMPLE BELL SCHEDULE

A-Day	B-Day	Duration
Core Course 1		58 minutes
Core Course 2		58 minutes
Physical Education/Health	Elective B	58 minutes
Lunch		23 minutes
Core Course 3		58 minutes
Core Course 4		58 minutes
Elective A	World Language (Semester 1) Success 101 (Semester 2)	58 minutes

Core Courses – English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies

PHONE NUMBERS (856) 467-3300/EMAILS

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Principal	Mr. Brian Tonelli	3006	tonellib@krsd.us
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CST/Learning Disabilities Consultant	Mrs. Laura Campbell	3071	campbelll@krsd.us
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CST/ Social Worker	Dr. Shanna Hoffman	4318	hoffmans@krsd.us
Nurse	Mrs. Megan Anastasia	3023	anastasiam@krsd.us
Transportation	Mr. Michael Schneck	4241	schneckm@krsd.us

EXPECTATIONS

Please respect the following procedures:

1. Be in class and on time every day.
2. Stay alert and prepared for each class.
3. Record all short and long-term assignments in your agenda book.
4. Follow Kingsway's dress code and code of conduct.
5. Save your food and drink for lunch in the cafeteria.
6. Remember to turn off your cell phone and leave it in your locker.
7. Travel to the lavatory and all other destinations with a signed pass/agenda book.
8. Respect adults and the students alike in addition to the building and environment around you.

Disciplinary actions may include:

- Warning
- Parent Phone Call
- Lunch Detention
- School Service
- Administrative Detention
- Extended School Day
- In-School Suspension
- Out of School Suspension

COMMUNICATION

Kingsway Regional Middle School prides itself in welcoming parent participation and involvement. Please see below for a variety of resources that support communication between home and school.

Parent-Teacher Protocol

To ensure the success of our students, we recommend that the following chain be followed when a question or concern arises:

- Student/teacher communication
- Teacher
- Team Leader
- School Counselor
- Assistant Principal
- Principal

Electronic Grade Book (Genesis & Schoology)

Access a student's grades at any time. A username and password, which will be emailed in early May, are required to gain access to the system.

District Website (www.krsd.org)

Click on the Middle School link to learn more about the following: teams & departments; clubs & activities; the monthly lunch menu; and upcoming events.

TEAMS

The goal of teaming is to provide a more personalized learning experience for students. Teaming allows teachers to discuss the students they have in common and helps in the transition from elementary school to middle school.

Teaming Facts

- Each team has approximately 100 students.
- Each team is assigned a team leader.
- The team has a common prep period used to schedule parent/guardian conferences, meet with individual students, develop action plans for students, tailor instruction to fit the needs of students, and plan team events.
- Students are randomly assigned to a team.
- Each team is heterogeneously grouped, and each team teaches the same curriculum for each subject.
- Teachers may be assigned to different teams and/or grade level from year to year.
- Requests for teams or teachers are not honored.

GRADING

Kingsway Regional School District utilizes a 10-point grading scale. Each course further utilizes assigned categories and weights as shown below.

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59 and below

Primary Assessment	Weight – 40%	Purpose: Summative assessments to evaluate mastery/comprehension
Secondary Assessment	Weight – 40%	Purpose: Ongoing or formative assessments to guide instruction
Supportive Assessment	Weight – 20%	Purpose: To reinforce and facilitate comprehension

SCHOOLGY

Kingsway Regional School District adopted Schoology as its Learning Management System (LMS) to support students' learning and to streamline student, parent, and faculty interactions in an all-in-one virtual environment.

Through Schoology:

- Faculty can deliver class materials, assessments, feedback, grades, and other support services to students in one “digital ecosystem”.
- Students can submit assignments digitally, review individual assignment feedback, track grades (rather than going to Genesis), participate in interactive discussions, receive announcements and feedback, write blogs, and more.
- Parents can view their children's activity, check grades, and communicate with teachers all within the Schoology platform.

For more information, please view the Schoology webpage [here](#).

TECHNOLOGY

To enrich the overall learning experience and provide the students of the Kingsway Regional School District with the tools they need to be successful, the district purchases Chromebooks for each of our students.

Student Expectations:

- All seventh-grade students will receive a Chromebook on the first day of school (given the parent/guardian has completed the 1:1 Technology Use Agreement online through the registration process).
- Students are required to obtain a Chromebook.
- Students are required to bring their school-issued Chromebooks to school each day charged.
- Students are expected to use the Chromebook appropriately and for school-related assignments.
- Students are expected to review “The Acceptable Use Guidelines” on pages 3-10 in the Technology Student Handbook.
- Students are expected to use the protective covering for the Chromebook, charge their device each night, and take care of the device.

What will the students be provided with?

- Chromebook
- Protective case for the Chromebook
- Charger
- On-going technology support from the KRSD Technology Team

For more information, please view the Technology webpage [here](#).

SCHEDULES

Over the summer, every effort is made to properly schedule students into core classes. Elective requests are considered, and every effort is made to ensure students receive at least one of their top choices. In some situations, we are not able to accommodate first choices. At that point, alternate choices are used.

All schedule change requests must be submitted in writing to the school counselors in the middle school. Schedule changes that include the exchange of one course for another or changing the level of a course will be considered through September 17, 2026. During the first 5 days of the second semester, students can request an elective change for a second-semester course. Changes will be evaluated by the school counselors based on availability, rationale, and if the elective class was one of the student’s original requests. After this time, changes will only be considered due to clerical error or misplacement.

ATTENDANCE

Students who exceed 8 unexcused absences will not be able to participate in after-school activities/clubs and attend school trips. Additionally, students who exceed 8 unexcused absences for a high school credited course (Algebra I and Geometry), will lose credit for that course. If a student must be absent, we ask that you submit appropriate documentation promptly to ensure the absence is excused. Examples of excused absences are student illness, death in the immediate family,

medical/dental examinations, and religious holidays. Please note: vacations are not excused absences.

Reporting an absence in the middle school: call (856) 467-3300, press 2 (please leave a message: your name, child's name, grade level, and reason for absence). An outbound voice message will be sent to all absent students. Please disregard if you have reported your child absent. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Michelle Gray, attendance secretary, at 856-467-3300 ext. 3049.

For more information, please view the Attendance webpage [here](#).

TRANSPORTATION

Every student is assigned a bus route. You will receive your child's bus pass with a pick-up/drop-off time and location in Genesis in late August. Your child must arrive at his/her bus stop 10 minutes before pick-up time each morning; the bus is unable to wait. In the afternoon, all buses are parked on the outer perimeter of the school. It is your child's responsibility to know where his/her bus is parked. We will assist if issues arise. Also, a parent/guardian picking up should arrive no later than 2:38 p.m.

If your child participates in an after-school activity, there will be a 4:15 p.m. bus, which can be found in front of the school. The activity bus runs Monday through Friday. Please keep in mind that the activity bus may not drop-off at the same bus stop. These routes are created each day depending on the number of students on the bus. The parent/guardian picking up must be at the school no later than 4:10 p.m. Students will be put on the late bus ensuring a safe ride home if a parent/guardian is not present when the buses depart.

For more information, please view the Transportation webpage [here](#).

CAFETERIA

Each student is assigned to eat during a specific lunch period. Lunch periods are 23 minutes in length. Additionally, breakfast is available daily in the cafeteria upon arrival. The cafeteria is equipped with a debit system (www.myschoolbucks.com), allowing students to keep money on a lunch account. A student can choose to pay for his or her lunch or breakfast by utilizing one of the following three methods: student ID card, five-digit ID number, or cash payment. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Sue Miller, Director of Food Services, at 856-467-3300 ext. 4227.

For more information, please view the Food Services webpage [here](#).

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students are required to dress in a physical education uniform for class. Physical Education uniforms will be available for purchase at designated times throughout the summer. Dates, order forms, and prices will be forwarded via email and posted on the website. Uniforms will also be available for purchase the first week of school during physical education class. Students are not required to dress for class during the first week of school, giving them time to purchase a uniform. Throughout the school year, students can purchase uniforms with their PE/HE teacher.

LOCKERS/IDS

Each student is assigned a locker at the start of the school year. The locker is equipped with a combination lock. Students are also issued an ID and lanyard which should be on their person at all times.

SUPPLIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) 2.5" Binders (AM/PM) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pk. Glue Sticks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pk. Loose Leaf Paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Notebook (Science) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) 5-tab Dividers | <input type="checkbox"/> Notebook (Algebra) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pk. Pens (no cap) | <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Pocket Folder w/holes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pk. Pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> Earbuds / Headphones |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pk. Index Cards | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Function Calculator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colored Pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> Box of Tissues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Colored Highlighters (variety pack) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Reading Book/Magazine to be brought every day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 pk. Post-it Notes | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Dry Erase Markers | |

This list is a general supply list. Individual teachers may request extra items for specific classes. An elective course supply list will be made available on the first day of school.

DRESS CODE

While we believe that the primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s), the school will assume the responsibility to establish and enforce a dress code that...

- ...does not interfere with the health or safety of any student.
- ...does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating school environment.
- ...respects the district's intent to sustain a community that is inclusive of diversity.
- ...affords students opportunities for responsible decision-making.

The items below adhere to our district's dress code philosophy and are allowable:

- Pants/jeans or the equivalent are worn at the hips or higher.
- Pants/jeans or the equivalent cannot be any shorter than fist length.
- Shirts that cover the front, back, and sides (i.e. tank tops, including spaghetti straps, off-the-shoulder shirts, and halter tops are permitted);
- Religious headwear and/or headwear that is worn for purposes for which the administration has provided advanced approval.
- School approved athletic uniforms.

The items below do not adhere to our District's dress code philosophy and are not allowable:

- Clothing or accessories with offensive, distasteful or suggestive images or language. (i.e. profanity/vulgarity or disrespectful or erotic language/images).
- Clothing or accessories that denote, suggest, display, or reference alcohol, sex, drugs, or related paraphernalia, weapons, or other illegal conduct or activities.

- Clothing or accessories that will interfere with the operation of the school, disrupt the educational process, invade the rights of others, or create a reasonably foreseeable risk of such interference or invasion of rights.
- Excessively ripped or revealing clothing, that exposes a disproportionate amount of skin (i.e. rips in pants cannot be above fist length).
- Shorts, skirts, dresses that are above fist length.
- Pants/jeans or the equivalent worn below the hips.
- Tube tops, midriff-baring shirts, and crop tops.
- Sunglasses (unless prescribed by a doctor)
- Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon.
- Pajamas or pajama pants, slippers, robes, blankets, and pillows.
- Outerwear & head coverings (heavy jackets, overcoats, rain gear, gloves, hoods, hats, baseball caps, bandanas).
- Costumes, capes, banners and/or flags.

Clothing and make-up that has the potential to disrupt the learning process will not be tolerated. If based on the judgment of the administration a student is found in violation of this policy, the student will be required to change and will be subject to the discipline code.

BULLYING POLICY

Kingsway Regional Middle School has zero tolerance for bullying. Bullying behaviors include written, verbal or physical acts, including gestures and electronic communications (texting and all social networking sites), that insult or demean another student, interfere with the educational environment of another student, or severely cause physical or emotional harm to a student. The act may occur one time (if severe enough) or through a series of incidents.

Kingsway depends on its students to help the school environment remain bully-free. If students know of a bullying situation, they need to report it to a teacher, school counselor, or administrator so that the problem can be resolved. This is done confidentially. Kingsway Regional Middle School is a great place to be, and we must all do our part to keep it that way!

SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES

Social networking sites such as Snapchat and Instagram are a good way to communicate with friends if used responsibly. **Because of the anti-bullying laws in the state of New Jersey, schools may discipline students for inappropriate comments made on social networking sites even if they are made outside of school.** If your child uses these sites, be sure they understand to post comments that do not offend, threaten, harass or intimidate others. In addition, students are not to use such sites to spread gossip or rumors about other students. Any student engaging in inappropriate behavior will be disciplined according to the discipline code outlined in the student/parent handbook.

RENAISSANCE PROGRAM

Kingsway Regional Middle School is a proud Renaissance School. Partnering with local businesses, the community, and parents, this incentive program recognizes students for their hard work and effort in a variety of ways. The program highlights and rewards students in the following areas:

academics, behavior, attendance, community service, and after-school participation. A celebration occurs each semester once students qualify for the program; additionally, once students become members of the program, students are awarded their Renaissance card to use in the community.

GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All As • Maximum of four unexcused absences • No discipline referrals • Submit application by announced deadline with ten participation hours (including two community service related hours). 	Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All As and Bs • Maximum of four unexcused absences • No discipline referrals • Submit application by announced deadline with ten participation hours (including two community service related hours). 	Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All As, Bs and Cs (no C-) • Maximum of four unexcused absences • No discipline referrals • Submit application by announced deadline with ten participation hours (including two community service related hours).
Rewards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to an end-of-semester field trip • Access to an end-of-semester raffle • Three raffle tickets • One QUIZ exemption • One HOMEWORK exemption • Incentives/discounts from businesses in the community • Free/discounted pass to dances, the semi-formal, Talent Show, high school sporting events, etc. 	Rewards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to an end-of-semester field trip • Access to an end-of-semester raffle • Two raffle tickets • One HOMEWORK exemption • Incentives/discounts from businesses in the community 	Rewards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to an end-of-semester field trip • Access to an end-of-semester raffle • One raffle ticket • One HOMEWORK exemption • Incentives/discounts from businesses in the community

*In addition to attaining entry into the Renaissance Program at the conclusion of each semester, there will also be opportunities for students to attain mid-semester (“middie”) celebrations. Student who are on-track at the midway point of the semester will be eligible to attend these celebrations.

For more information, please view the Renaissance Program webpage [here](#).

AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Kingsway Regional Middle School offers a host of after-school clubs and wellness activities. We strongly encourage your child to get involved and make the most of his/her middle school experience. According to District Policy [5536](#) regarding random drug testing, to attend KRMS after-school clubs and wellness activities, parents must provide consent to participate in our random testing for alcohol and other drug use program. This can be done during the online registration process. Finally, all students must be in “Good Student Standing,” have all obligations cleared, and have less than 8 unexcused absences.

How to Sign Up for Clubs/Wellness Activities

- Locate the list of clubs/activities [here](#).
- Log into Schoology. Locate the “Groups” tab, click “My Groups”, and click the option to “Join Group”.
- Enter the appropriate club or activity code to join. All codes will be provided.
- Sign-up for the club/activity on a Google Form after being notified by the advisor. Only students who joined the Schoology group will be invited to sign up to stay after school.

Clubs	Art	Wellness Activities	Basketball
	Writers		Pickle ball
	Book & Movie		Flag Football
	Business		Lacrosse
	Chess		Tennis
	Circle of Friends		Ultimate Kickball
	Community Service		Volleyball
	Cultures		Wiffle Ball
	Dance		Yoga
	Debate		
	Fashion		
	Future Teachers of America		
	Game		
	Environmental		
	Yearbook		
	KRMS News		
	Math Counts		
	STEM Science		
	Pep Band		
	Video Production		
7 th Grade Student Council			
Get Involved!		Sports	Boys/Girls Cross Country
			Boys/Girls Soccer
			Girls Field Hockey
			Boys/Girls Basketball
			Boys/Girls Track
	Girls Volleyball		
		On Stage	Musical
			Play
			Talent Show

*An updated list of sports, clubs, & activities for the 2026-2027 school year will be released during the summer.

For more information, please view the Clubs & Activities webpage [here](#).

PARENT/GUARDIAN TIPS

Most parents/guardians truly desire to help their child acquire the maximum benefits from their school experience. Here are some ways in which you can help:

- Encourage your child to be his/her own advocate.
- Assume the role of “primary educator” of your child and work collaboratively with the school to ensure the success of your child.
- Show your child how to work efficiently and effectively.
- Provide structure and routine with respect to where, when, and how nightly homework and studying will be done.
- See that your child has the proper amount of sleep. A child in middle school should have at least 8-10 hours of sleep each night.
- Ensure that your child maintains good health and nutritional habits.
- See that your child has the proper materials and resources in order to tackle the job of studying.
- Monitor your child’s progress by utilizing Genesis and Schoology, and stay in regular contact with your child’s teachers.

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

Summer assignments will be posted to the website in late June. Students are expected to turn in completed assignments on the first day of school, September 3, 2026.

For more information, please view the Summer Assignments webpage [here](#).