



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community,

Another summer is winding down, and with it comes the promise of new beginnings, new opportunities, and the momentum we built last year when Kingsway was named one of the **Best High Schools in the Nation** by *U.S. News & World Report*. That recognition reflects the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, and families, and it serves as the standard we will **continue to carry forward into the 2025–2026 school year**.



This summer has been both productive and energizing. Our team has made a number of updates across our campus—especially in the high school—and we cannot wait to share these improvements with our faculty, students, and the school community in the weeks ahead. These efforts ensure that our facilities match the excellence of the people who learn and work within them.

In this edition of [News & Notes](#), along with the [August Board Briefs](#), you'll find highlights of the progress we've made and important updates to help parents and students prepare for the start of school.

Here's to a strong start and another successful year at Kingsway. Should you have any questions as the new school year approaches, please don't hesitate to reach out.

With best wishes for an outstanding 2025–2026 school year!

Looking Ahead to the 2025-26 School Year: Important Highlights

Student Password Changes

On August 28, your child's password for accessing their Google Chromebook and Google account will be changed. You'll be able to find their new password in the [Genesis Parent Portal](#) on that date. A reminder will be sent closer to the reset date.

Chromebook Distribution

Ninth grade students will have the opportunity to receive Chromebooks this summer during the Open House on Tuesday, September 2 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

2025-26 School Calendar

We highly recommend all parents review the [2025-26 School Calendar](#) and mark important dates to ensure a smooth transition back to school. As a reminder, **School reopens to students on Thursday,**

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September 4th, and closes on Wednesday, June 17th. You can also access our bell schedules, athletics and activities calendar, high school calendar by letter days, and information regarding **Emergency School Closings** by clicking [HERE](#).

Back to School Nights

Our [Middle School Back to School Night](#) is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 17th**, and our [High School Back to School Night](#) is scheduled for **Thursday, September 18th**. More information will be sent to you from our principals.

Schoology – Student and Parent Access

Kingsway Regional School District uses Schoology as its Learning Management System (LMS) to support teaching and learning and to streamline student, parent, and faculty interactions in an all-in-one digital environment. Schoology serves as a convenient one-stop shop for students to access courses, assignments, teachers, grades, school counselor support, and more. Through Schoology, parents can view their student's courses, check grades, and communicate with teachers. 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 [SCHOLOGY FOR PARENTS](#) - to learn everything you need to know about this platform.

Genesis Portal is Now Open

Please ensure you access the **Genesis Parent Portal to sign off on all Back-to-School forms by August 11, 2025**. If you have not done this, please complete forms as soon as possible to ensure you will have access to information, such as schedules, bus routes, etc. The **Genesis Parent Portal** is NOW OPEN. Click [GENESIS](#).

Student Bus Passes/Information

Be advised that Bus Passes will be made available in the **Genesis Parent Portal on August 23, 2025**.

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



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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 2025-26 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.](#)

Student Chromebook Insurance for the 2025-26 School Year

Chromebook insurance for the 2025–2026 school year is available now through November 1st for \$25 per student. This plan helps protect you from costly repair bills caused by accidental damage. We encourage all families to take advantage of this protection. More details and enrollment information can be found here: <https://www.krsd.org/departments/technology/11-chromebook-insurance>

Health Office Update

We require current documentation for a child's medical needs for medication administration, physical activity restrictions, or special accommodations. The documentation you provide is **valid for one school year**. Students will be unable to participate in school sponsored interscholastic and intermural athletics, activities/clubs, and field trips, without the proper medical paperwork submitted to the school health office. These forms can be found on the KRSD home page under [Health Services](#) and [Health Services Forms](#).

GYM Uniforms are Now Available for Purchase!

[Gym 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 Friday, September 11th.** Questions can be directed to Shanna Hoffman, hoffmans@krsd.us.

19th Annual Dragon Run 5K and 1 Mile Walk Registration Now Open

[Registration](#) for the **19th Annual Dragon Run on September 27, 2025**, 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 2025-2026](#) 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 [2025-26 School Calendar](#) or the [Athletics & Activities Calendar](#).

- August 20 – New Teacher Orientation Begins
- August 21 – Welcome Back Bus Drivers!
- August 21 – Board of Education Meeting. 6:30 p.m.
- August 26-28 – Senior Parking Tag Distribution 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- August 28 – Middle School Self-Guided Building Tour, 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



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- September 2 – Teacher Inservice
- September 2 – High School Open House, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- September 4 – School Opens – Welcome Back Students
- September 8 – Senior Sunrise, 6:30 a.m.
- September 8 – Middle School Renaissance Kick Off
- September 8-9 – [Picture Day](#) (Grades 9-11)
- September 10 – [Middle School Picture Day](#)
- September 11 – Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- September 17 – Back to School Night (Middle School), 6:30 p.m.
- September 18 – Back to School Night (High school), 6:30 p.m.
- September 19 – Varsity Football Home Opener vs. Delsea, 6:00 p.m. (Salute to Service)
- September 27 – 19th Annual Dragon Run
- October 9 – Senior Class Picture (during S.M.A.R.T.)
- October 11 – Junior Class Movie Night (during S.M.A.R.T.)
- October 13 – Staff In-service, No School for Students
- October 15 – Make-up Picture Day (Grades 9-11)
- October 16 – Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 pm
- October 20-24 – High School Spirit Week
- October 24 – Homecoming Football Game vs. Washington Twp., 6:00 pm
- October 25 – Homecoming Dance, 6:00 pm
- 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 2025-26 school year.



James J. Lavender, Ed.D.
Superintendent



You May Have Missed....

- [Connor's Crew: Kingsway Students Turn Personal Tragedy into Hopeful Mission](#)
Born out of personal tragedy, **Paige Oatman** and **Audrey Klieger** have transformed grief into action, hope, and healing for others. Their story is a reminder of the extraordinary impact young people can make when they lead with empathy and heart.
- **Committed to Excellence: Perez & Mopal Stand Out**
The Kingsway Regional School District proudly congratulates Senior [Jayden Perez](#) on his remarkable achievement—graduating from the **Gloucester County Fire Academy**. This milestone reflects Jayden's dedication, perseverance, and passion for public service. We also extend our heartfelt congratulations to [Mahi Mopal](#), an 11th-grade student at Kingsway Regional High School, for being featured in the **American Journal of Lifestyle Medicine**!



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- **[“Commended Students” in the 2025 Merit Scholarship Program](#)**
Daniel Houck, Evan Frederick, Natalie Ficarra, and Kai Tolley have been named Commended Students in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program.
- **[Three Seniors Achieve the Prestigious Eagle Scout Rank!](#)**
Celebrating the remarkable achievement of three best friends—Seniors *Devin Soffy*, *Robert “Bobby” Rittershausen*, and *Anthony Barone*.
- **[Kingsway Celebrates Excellence at This Year’s NHS Induction Ceremony!](#)**
A record 168 new inductees alongside 159 returning members, celebrating their achievements and bright futures. These students exemplify the values of leadership, learning, and character, standing as tomorrow’s leaders and compassionate citizens.
- **[Kingsway’s Commitment to AP Courses Drives 37% Growth in Enrollment](#)**
Kingsway Regional School District is proud to announce a significant increase in student participation in [Advanced Placement \(AP\) courses](#) and exams. For the 2024-25 school year, AP course enrollment has climbed to 2,183 seats, representing a 37% increase from the 1,375 seats filled during the 2022-23 school year. Additionally, AP exam registrations have risen by 46%, from 627 in 2022-23 to 913 this year.
- **[Kingsway Recognized as Gloucester County’s Best High School by NJ.com](#)**
Kingsway Regional High School has been recognized as the top high school in Gloucester County, according to a recent NJ.com article published on September 5, 2024.
- **[Quilts of Valor Honorees Celebrated at 4th Annual Veterans Day Program](#)**
Representatives from the South Jersey Quilts of Valor Foundation participated in Kingsway’s 4th Annual Veterans Day Breakfast on Friday, November 15, 2024, to bestow upon Kingsway employees who have served in the United States Armed Services a handmade quilt. Honored this year were Bus Driver Henry Olinsky (U.S. Army) and School Resource Officer Billy Franklin (U.S. Marine Corps). Kingsway’s Navy JROTC Cadets, Middle School Choir, Band, Student Council Members, and the Woolwich VFW Post 10886 also participated this year.
- **[Celebrate Students' Academic Honors from College Board's National Recognition Program](#)**
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 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 Offers More than 20 Advanced Placement \(AP\) Courses](#)**
- **[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](#)**



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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.



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