

The State of the Schools

October 15, 2024



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Why?

- Provides an update of how and what we are doing as a district
- Communicates a transparent view of operations of schools within the district



Overview of Presentations

- Keansburg High School
 - Presented by Sean Brophy, Principal; Mr. John Bird, Vice Principal
- Joseph R. Bolger Middle School
 - Presented by Mr. Joe LaRocca, Principal; Mr. Ryan Lillis, Vice Principal
- Joseph C. Caruso Elementary School
 - Presented by Mrs. Elyse McMahon, Mr. Sean Henry and Caruso Student Council members
- Keansburg PreK
 - Presented by Mrs. Anne Hazeldine, Principal
- Pupil Personnel Services
 - Presented by Ms. Tara Smith, Supervisor of Special Education
- Office of Curriculum
 - Presented by Ms. Christine Formica



Keansburg High School



Titan Progress

Post Graduation Data: class of 2024

- **Some of the Schools our Graduates are attending!**

- ★ Brookdale Community College
- ★ Middlesex Community College
- ★ Florida Institute of Technology
- ★ Rowan University
- ★ Springfield College
- ★ Monroe College
- ★ Penn State University
- ★ Montclair University
- ★ William Paterson University
- ★ Kean University
- ★ TCNJ
- ★ Delaware Valley University
- ★ Rutgers University

- **Many of our students enlisted in the military and/or have joined the workforce.**

- ★ Air Force
- ★ Marines
- ★ Coast Guard
- ★ Army Reserves

- **Graduation Rate for class of 2023**

- **4 year - 82.9%**
- **5 year - 85.4%**



Keansburg High School

2024-2025 School Year - Goals

- Increase by at least 10% in proficiency by the end of the year in identified standards in Math and English courses.
- 100% of high school staff will be trained in trauma-informed practices, leading to a 10% reduction in behavioral incidents and a 10% improvement in overall student attendance.
- Increase the graduation rate by 10%, reduce the number of students failing core subjects by 10%, and ensure that at least 75% of students participating in the credit recovery program successfully recover their credits.



KHS New Course Offerings

- 17 new courses were offered last school year.
- This year we continued to expand our course catalog with:
 - AP Seminar
 - AP US History
 - Weight Training II
- KLEA Students are working with the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office completing telecommunicator (dispatcher) training.



KHS Supports

- Credit Recovery Program
- School Based Youth Services
- Guidance/CST
- Integrated Care Concepts
- Math Help Available Daily
- After School Study Hall



Titan Community



Titan Happenings and Highlights!

Already underway or eagerly anticipated

- Keansburg Law Enforcement Academy
- Class Officers and Advisors
- College & Military Visits
- PSAT/NMSQT (10/10)
- Fall Pep Rally (10/11)
- Homecoming Dance(10/12)
- Tigger Stavola Foundation Kickoff (10/23)
 - Student Participation
- ESports Gaming Club
- KEY Club
- Film Club
- School Drama/Musical
- Art Club
- World Culture Club
- School Musical
- National Honor Society
- GSA
- Environmental Club
- Big Brothers Big Sister collaborative with Bolger



Titan Happenings and Highlights!

Continued

- Fundraisers
- Fall Sports
 - Girls Varsity Tennis
 - Girls & Boys Varsity Cross Country
 - Varsity & Junior Varsity Football
 - Girls Varsity Field Hockey
 - (Keansburg/Keyport Team)
 - Cheerleading
 - Soccer
 - (Keansburg/Keyport Team)
- Senior Day 10/12 before the Varsity Football Game - Homecoming!
- Guest Speaker - Nate Evans
 - Spoke on Mental Health
 - Mental Health/School Culture
- Winter Sports
 - Wrestling
 - Basketball
 - Bowling
- Celebrating success and academics with Marking period Honor Roll awards
- Embracing positivity through Titan Character assemblies
- Decrease in Chronic absenteeism from last year.
- NEW FURNITURE!!
- NEW SCOREBOARD!!
- NEW HVAC SYSTEM!!



Bolger Middle School



Bolger Building Up-Grades



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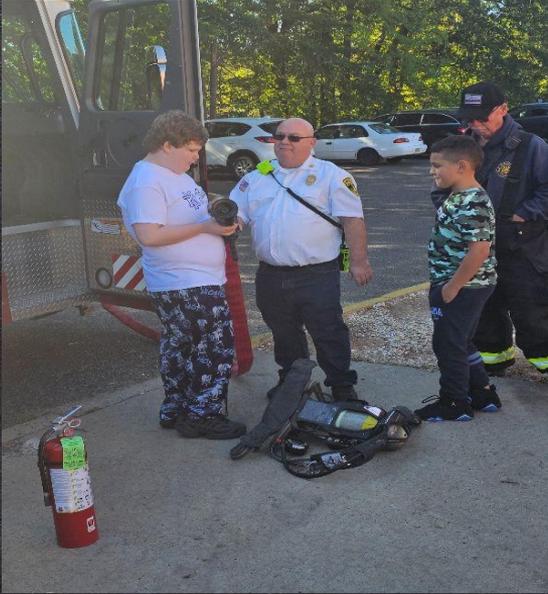
Titans in the Community



Visit to Dixie Lee



Titans in the Community



Keansburg Fire Department



Titan extracurriculars are underway

Cross Country Team is off and running...



Titan extracurriculars are underway

- Drama Club
- Jr. National Honor Society
- Student Council
- Yearbook Committee
- Fitness Club



Titan Student Services

- Why-Try Leadership Program
- Bolger guidance/CST department.
- YMCA Counseling
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Informed Care Concepts (ICC) Counseling



Titan Climate and Culture

- Dean of Climate and Culture
- Increased student counseling and support
- Addition of increased school wide programs and educational opportunities.
- Increased community and family involvement



Joseph C. Caruso School



So Far

- Currently 601 students K-5
- Year 1 of the Savas ELA program
- Benchmark A has been administered
- Continuing with Academic Loss support as well as Wilson Reading Intervention for students in need, as well as having 21 students in grades 3-5 who tested into the G&T class
- We just rewarded our students who completed the summer reading assignment with a movie and popcorn in our theater.
- Picture Day and Back to School Night were a success
- Interactive Family Feud Assembly for students took place on October 10th
- Caruso Zen Den is now open



Popcorn and movie celebration for all students who completed their summer work



Family Feud Assembly



The Zen Den Calming Room



ICC Art Therapy Partnership

We are happy to be offering art therapy two days a week at Caruso School through a partnership with Integrated Care Concepts.



ELA Highlights from 2023-2024

- On average, students improved 3 reading levels
- 90 students achieved the LinkIt incentive reward for improving 20 points from test A to test C.
- On average, students improved 8 points on their reading benchmark assessments and 14 points on their writing assessments
- Many staff members completed a 30 hour Orton Gillingham phonics training as a multisensory approach to phonics



Math Highlights From 2023-2024

- Students scored an average of 8 points higher from 3rd to 4th grade on the math portion of the NJSLA from the previous school year.
- Students scored an average of 4 points higher from 4th to 5th grade math LinkIt Benchmark C from the previous school year.



We are celebrating the positive here at Caruso!

- We are continuing our Titans of the Week Awards where two students are chosen from the Golden Ticket raffle for demonstrating extreme kindness and get a book machine coin and Gems gift card. Two students are chosen weekly.
- Our Halloween Parade is coming up at 9:30 on October 31st
- We just honored the first group of students of the month.
- We just completed a week of respect focusing on what we are looking for in our respectful Titans.
- Each trimester we will celebrate student successes at an evening recognition ceremony. Attendance, positive behavior, and academic achievements are just a few of the highlights. Our first one is on December 5th at 6:00.



Kearsburg Early Learning Center





- Current Enrollment is 161 students
- 12 inclusion classes
- 2 self-contained special education classes
- 20% Multi Language Learners



Current Initiatives

- Tools of the Mind will work with teachers and paraprofessionals to refine their classroom implementation and knowledge of best practices during this year's professional development.
- Two classes will be piloting the Tools of the Mind SEED assessment. This assessment focuses on literacy and self-regulation.
- TS GOLD Assessment Data collection will be used as part of multiple measures to gain information for family reports and for the Child Outcomes Summary.
- The Child Outcomes Summary is part of a data collection process that the state special education office has asked us to use to collect data on 3 key indicators of child development for students with special needs at their entry if they qualify for an IEP and upon exit of our program. (Positive Social Emotional Skills, Acquisition and Use of Knowledge and Skills & Use of Appropriate Behaviors to Meet Needs.)
- NIEER conducted classroom observations for the New Jersey Preschool Quality Study (NJPKQ) in the month of September.
- NIEER conducted a classroom observation for the Classroom Assessment of Supports for Emergent Bilingual Acquisition (CASEBA) in October.



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BUILDING EARLY LEARNING LATINÉ EDUCATORS

A professional development
program to identify and nurture
exceptional teachers and support
their growth as future leaders

Our district was selected to participate in the Building Early Learning Latiné cohort. Not all that applied were selected. Mrs. George and Mrs. Hazeldine are working throughout this school year to learn best practices in supporting multilingual learners through the use of a coaching tool called the SESEBA. This tool takes the best of the last 20 years of educational research and teaches us how to put it into practice to support early literacy. The cohort also provides the opportunity for networking and leadership training in collaboration with educational leaders throughout the state of NJ and is expanding to Florida.



Highlights

- The KHS Football Team helped walk our youngest Titans in the first week of school! We appreciate their help in this annual tradition!
- Preschool Orientation and Back to School Night invited over 90 families into the ELC to meet and greet teachers and visit the classrooms each night.
- Titan Gear fundraiser occurred this month in time to have swag for Week of Respect!
- We celebrated Spirit Week for Week of Respect 10/7-10/11 by doing multiple activities including Titan Pride Day and Putting the “I” in KIND!
- We will learn about Fire Prevention Month with a visit from the fire department on 10/16th!
- Families are invited for pumpkin painting on October 24th. Students will “pick their pumpkins” at school during the day and paint them with their families in the evening starting at 6 pm in the ELC.
- Tender Smiles Dental Screenings are scheduled for October 25th.
- Halloween Parade will be at 10:30.
- We have a Community Resource Fair scheduled for November 18th with Bayshore Resource Network.
- We will be offering a 6 week Parenting Class with Bayshore Resource Network starting in January.



Pupil Personnel Services

IEP



ENCOURAGE PROGRESS



Department of Pupil Personnel Services

- Child Study Team (Psychologists, LDT-C, Social Workers)
- Related Service Providers (OT, PT, Speech)
- Nurses
- Paraprofessionals



Special Education Department

District Special Education Population is 28%

Out of District Placements

26 Students (Down from Last Year)

Pre-K

2 Self Contained (Autism & PSD)

12 General Education Inclusion

Caruso

11 Self Contained (4-Autism, 1-BD, 6-LLD)

In Class Support ELA & Math K-5th

Resource 4th & 5th Grade ELA & Math

General Education



Special Education Department

Bolger

5 Self Contained (1-MD, 3-LLD, 1 BD)
In Class Support ELA & Math
Resource ELA & Math

KHS

Self Contained (1 MD, 1 BD, LLD)
In Class Support ELA, Math, Science, History
Resource ELA, Math, Science, History
General Education



YMCA Mental Health Services

The YMCA of Greater Monmouth County will work in collaboration with the Keansburg School District to provide children's mental health services to special needs and emotionally challenged youth during the 2024-2025 school year.



YMCA School Contacts

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Caitlin McDonald (3-5)

Bolger

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Stefania Kohler (7 & 8)

KHS

Amanda Volturo (A-K)

Kelly King (L-Z)



Dynamic Learning Maps Assessment

Special Education Students in the Keansburg School District participated in DLM testing, which is an alternative assessment for students with the most significant intellectual disabilities in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science.



Special Education News

SEPAG-Special Education Parent Advisory Group
Titan Friends of Diverse Learners

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Curriculum and Instruction

