



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*Dr. James J. Lavender
Superintendent of Schools*

June 17, 2020

Dear Parents & Students,

As yet another school year comes to a close this Friday, it is apparent that this was no ordinary year. Stealing a phrase from this year's Virtual High School Graduation theme – it was certainly *A Year to Remember*. We opened last fall with excitement for the start of the school year and never expected to end the year in a virtual setting. We were thrust into a largely unfamiliar environment and encountered challenges we could never have imagined. Through it all we remained steadfast in our support of our students. What we would have thought was impossible in September, has become routine in June.

Our faculty and staff discharged their responsibilities with compassion, flexibility, and unmatched dedication to our students. Our students matured beyond their years and demonstrated resilient and positive attitudes throughout the pandemic. And, our parents, could not have been any more kind, supportive and understanding throughout these unprecedented times. I am proud to serve as Kingsway's Superintendent and to join all of you as a proud member of the dragon family. I wish you all a safe, fun and fulfilling summer.

I am providing our school community with a few key updates as we close this year and transition into summer recess. I will continue to update our school community on reopening plans and other updates throughout the summer.

High School Virtual Graduation Invitation

On June 19th, we will debut Kingsway's 57th Graduation Ceremony at 6:00 pm. You will gain access to the viewing options by going to our main website at www.krsd.org or by clicking on the invitation. This virtual production will be unlike any ceremony in our school's history and captures the tenor of this unprecedented time while recognizing each one of our seniors. Tradition meets Hollywood on June 19th and I am certain this production will evoke powerful and positive emotions. To view the *Virtual Graduation Trailer*, click [HERE](#).



Home of the Dragons

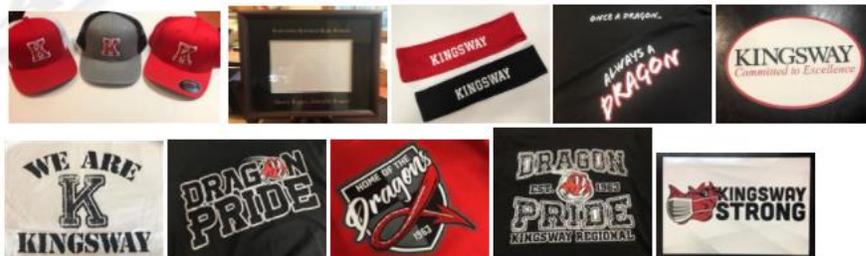
We Celebrate Our Retiring Dragons

Our success as a school system is the result of the talented, dedicated and hardworking faculty and staff members who make up our dragon family. While we cannot honor them in person this year, I want to recognize several of our colleagues who have or will be retiring in the coming days. Thank you all for your long and distinguished careers dedicated to teaching, guiding and supporting our children. Your impact is immeasurable. We wish you all long, healthy and happy retirements.

Maintenance	Ken Burr
High School Secretary	Stephanie Champion
Teacher of Music	Jane Dalton
Teacher of Family & Consumer Science	Carol Ewald
Teacher of Health & Physical Education	Marsha Lindsey
Buildings & Grounds Supervisor	Larry Lore
Learning Disability Teacher Consultant	Ingrid Luongo
Teacher of Business	Len Pospiech
Network Technician	Joe Scaffo

School Store – Online Options

Celebrate your favorite DRAGON with Kingsway spirit wear! Martell's Corner is now online. All prices include shipping. Use the online ORDER FORM to select your items & submit payment via PayPal @ www.krsd.org/MartellsCorner.



Important Dates

The following important events/dates are listed below.

- Senior Trip Refunds – Will be mailed to families on June 19th**
 Seniors who were registered to attend this year's Senior Trip to Disney, will receive a 100 percent refund. Payments will be processed on June 19th and mailed to families.
- High School Yearbooks and Senior Facemasks – Anticipated Week of June 22nd**
 Production delays pushed the delivery of these items until after the close of the school year. A separate invitation will go out from Mr. Allen's office to coordinate pickup.
- 4th of July Recess – Begins Monday, June 29th**
 The District will close on Monday June 29 through Friday, July 3rd for an extended holiday recess.
- Extended School Year (ESY) – Begins July 6th**



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Parents of students attending virtual ESY will receive an email from the teacher prior to the start.

- **Live Graduation – Friday, July 17th (Save the Date)**
We have been resolute in our commitment to celebrate our seniors at graduation and we are excited to finally announce July 17th as the date for a live, in-person ceremony. However, the [NJ Department of Education's](#) update sent to all schools has been less than clear so, once we have updated guidance, we will be better prepared to provide more specifics regarding this ceremony. Until then, please save the date! (Rain date is Saturday, July 18th.)
- **Campus Remains Closed through Friday, July 31st**
Kingsway's campus, including the stadium/track and tennis courts, remain closed through July 31st. We are asking the school community and our students to respect these restrictions at this time. We will re-evaluate access after all construction/repairs are made and we receive further state guidance regarding school openings.
- **Facility Use Requests**
Facility Use Requests for all Community/Outside Groups are canceled through August 31st. Facility Use Requests for all Kingsway/Inside groups are canceled through July 31st and will be re-evaluated next month.
- **Amazon Summer Work**
Visit amazon.com/delivers/jobs to learn more about summer employment or text JERSEYJOBS to 77088 for job alerts.

Re-Opening Plans

We are presently faced with considerable uncertainty regarding re-opening in September. Communication from the State of New Jersey has been either absent or vague and the larger conversation nationally lacks uniformity. Nonetheless we are positioning our school system to be ready for a variety of circumstances. The coming weeks will be dedicated to this collaborative planning initiative and communication to all of our stakeholders will remain a priority.

- **Reopening Committee**
Our planning committee will anticipate the following scenarios as we look forward to September: (a) *return to in-person school*; (b) *continue virtual school*; (c) *open school with a hybrid model*; and/or, (d) *implement intermittent virtual school as necessary*. The larger committee will be comprised of the following four sub-committees: (1) Operations, (2) Academics, (3) Student, Family and Staff Support, and (4) Professional Development. More information to follow as the planning process unfolds.
- **Survey: Essential Questions to Help Guide Re-Opening Plans**
As we prepare to close this unprecedented school year and work collaboratively with our school community to develop a re-opening plan, we are asking that you take a moment to complete the survey. Go to the [Parent Survey](#). Surveys close Friday, June 19th.



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Thank you for your prompt attention to this communication. As a reminder, you can continue to monitor updates on our website by clicking the link [HERE](#). Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Very truly yours,



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