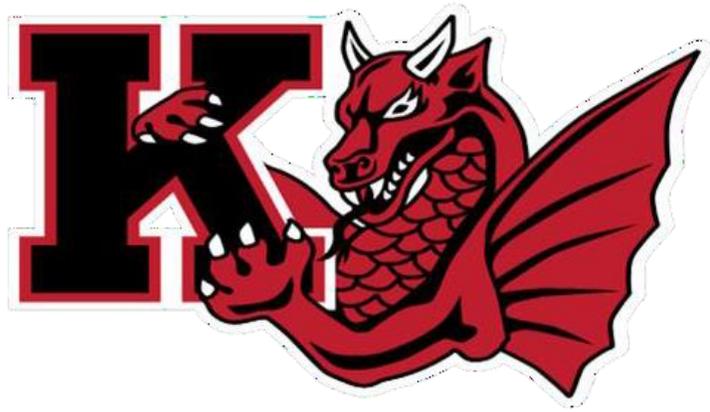


**KINGSWAY  
REGIONAL HIGH  
SCHOOL**



**2020-21  
ACTIVITY-CLUB  
DESCRIPTIONS**

## **ANTI-BULLYING CLUB**

The Anti-Bullying Club promotes a positive school environment at Kingsway High School by organizing the Week of Respect. The club encourages all students an understanding of each other, appreciate our differences, but become united as a Dragon Family. Additionally, the Anti-Bullying Club visits a sending district school as an outreach project to Elementary students in the hopes of preventing bullying. Students from the high school create mini-lessons to teach younger students about the importance of speaking up when witnessing bullying.

## **ART CLUB**

Art Club is a group where students are able to express their creativity through the exploration of a variety of art mediums. Through meetings held both during and after school, students will create art to both keep and sell. Art Club works collaboratively with the National Art Honor Society to create works of art to sell, with the proceeds donated to a worthwhile charity. We will participate in fundraisers and activities in order to make a difference in the world. Trips to museums and art exhibitions explored. It is not necessary for a student to be enrolled in an art class to be a member. The only thing required is a passion for art, helping others, and having fun.

## **ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT AIDES CLUB**

Under her direction of Mrs. Jaramillo, a certified athletic trainer, students will gain valuable experience in a real-world clinical setting, enabling them to utilize skills and knowledge acquired in the classroom. Club meetings will occur during SMART. As students gain experience, they will be placed on a rotating schedule for an after school time slot to work as a student aide in the training room.

## **BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD CLUB (USABO)**

The USA Biology Olympiad is the premiere biology competition for high school students in the United States. It enriches the life science education of nearly 10,000 students annually. It provides the motivation, curricular resources, and skills training to take them beyond their classroom experience to the level of international competitiveness. Students will face two rounds of challenging exams, and 20 finalists invited to a residential training program at the USABO Finals. Students participate in 10 days of biology instruction inclusive of laboratory training and conceptual understanding followed by two days of testing. Four students will earn the right to advance as Team USA at the International Biology Olympiad (IBO), a worldwide competition involving student teams from over sixty countries.

## **BOOK CLUB**

Students in the book club will read one book per month independently and then meet to discuss the book. The advisor will read the selected books along with students and will participate in discussions. Students will have the opportunity to write a book review or create some other reflection as a record of their experience.

## **CHESS CLUB**

The Chess Club at Kingsway helps students learn and enjoy the game of Chess through friendly competition and learning about proper chess strategy. The club helps to develop life-skills such as strategy, respect, and time management through the game of Chess. The club meets about once a week during SMART.

## **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**

Circle of Friends has grown to become one of Kingsway's more recognizable clubs. Our program provides an opportunity for all of our students to participate in an environment where they can meet new people and further develop their social skills. In its current arrangement, the club meets once a month after school and with the introduction of SMART, will now offer meetings during school hours as well. Any student is welcome to come and participate in a variety of activities and games that provide them the chance to increase social interaction with their peers and help promote an inclusive and accepting environment. Some of the activities and games that we have done in past years include scavenger hunts, minute to win it, outdoor leisure games, and cooking.

## **CROCHETING/KNITTING CLUB**

Crochet club is for students of all abilities from experts to amateurs. Knitters are also welcomed. We provide items for the homeless and other people in need. You may provide your own hook and yarn or pick them up from the instructor.

## **CULTURES CLUB**

Cultures Club is a multicultural club for students to help celebrate and learn about the many different cultures present in our community. Throughout the year, the club is involved in many activities such as promoting Hispanic Heritage and Italian Heritage Month, as well as putting together a Black History Assembly in the month of February. To help our own community, the club also runs the Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive where local needy families are provided with a Thanksgiving dinner. Kingsway's Annual Talent Show is another fundraiser, which is in the spring, and highlights our students' many talents with all proceeds going to its scholarship fund. The club is open to all students in grades 9-12 who wish to participate.

## **DANCE TEAM**

The Dance Team is a selected group of students, upon auditions, that perform at football games, basketball games, school events, and community events. The Dance Team shows an exciting and enthusiastic atmosphere in support of the Kingsway football and basketball teams. The Dance Team shows their support and talent by performing jazz and hip-hop dance routines during halftime to encourage the crowd's attention to the field or court. We also perform short dances on the sidelines of home football games to bring the spirit and energy of the game. The Dance Team also represents Kingsway by participating in a high school level dance team competition. Our focus is to dance uniformly in movement, as well as creating bonds with each other through dance and supporting Kingsway. Practices are once a week in preparation for the sports games or events that are planned during the school year.

## **DECA**

The mission of the DECA Club at Kingsway Regional High School is to provide experiences that prepare emerging student-leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. From participating in community service projects, competitive events, educational conferences, leadership positions, and networking events, DECA Club members will gain vocational understanding, learn social intelligence, work on civic-awareness projects, and practice key leadership skills such as goal setting, collaboration, consensus building, and project management. Furthermore, DECA club members will have the opportunity to participate in DECA's Regional Competition, State Competition, and National Competition, which are aligned to National Curriculum Standards in the career clusters of marketing, business management and administration, finance, and hospitality and tourism. The mission of this club aligns with Kingsway's Business Leadership Academy as well as the business field of the career wheel.

## **DRAMA CLUB**

Drama Club meets upon completion of the Play, usually in late January, where a Drama Club production is decided upon as well as a rehearsal schedule. During February through mid-April, the Drama Club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. to conduct acting exercises and techniques, improvisations, monologues, and scenes. The Drama Club performance is usually in late April, which is preceded by a week of dress rehearsals from 2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB**

The Environmental Club, formerly known as the Biology Club, is involved in many school and community activities regarding the environment and biology. We participate in school beautification by planting flowers in the parking lot every spring. The sale of these plants to students and staff helps raise money for the club. The Environmental Club participates in at least one service based field trip a year and donates to a charity each year.

## **FCA (FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES)**

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is a student-led, faith-based group that strives to encourage athletes, coaches, and students to live a life of high character through Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and peer accountability. FCA focuses on the emotional, physical, and spiritual health of the athlete and it is welcoming to all students.

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB**

The Foreign Language Club promotes cultural awareness of foreign languages and diverse cultures with the membership. It also provides cultural enrichment beyond the classroom. The Foreign Language Club encourages the participation of all students to share customs, histories, experiences, and lifestyles of various countries with fellow club members. All high school students are eligible to be in the Foreign Language Club.

## **GALATIC SENATE**

The Galactic Senate of K-Way is a Star Wars fan club. Meetings may include games testing your Star Wars knowledge, discussions of spin-off series, and a chance to celebrate all things Star Wars. No matter your level of interest in the saga, you are invited to participate and share in the fandom. Virtual options will include discussions and zoom meetings to participate in games, as well as posts about upcoming exciting news in the Star Wars realm.

## **GAMING CLUB**

Gaming club is for students of any skill and experience level who enjoy board games, card games, and video games and would like to meet others with similar interests. Members of the club are encouraged to enjoy familiar games and try new games in a friendly and sometimes competitive setting. Values of the club include cooperation, respect, sportsmanship, and inclusivity. Gaming club members will be able to participate in casual and competitive game tournaments, seasonal events, club themed and open play meetings, learn-to-play game sessions, and possibly charity or guest speaker gaming events. Anyone with an interest in gaming and an open mind is welcome.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Habitat for Humanity helps to literally build the community. Students who join will participate in fundraising activities for the Gloucester County Habitat for Humanity Chapter so that materials can be purchased for job sites. As well, students will have the opportunity to participate in local advocacy and build sites throughout the county on Saturdays.

## **INTERACT CLUB**

Kingsway's Interact Club, sponsored by the Mullica Hill Rotary Club, seeks to provide opportunities for outreach in the school, in the local community, and even in a nationwide and worldwide way. The events that we sponsor throughout the year all work toward that mission. Some events include, but are not limited to, coordinating a food drive for local community groups, participating in a community clean-up, selecting and donating birthday gifts for children through the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, promoting Operation Beautiful, and hosting our hallmark event, Kingsway Idol! While as individuals we may not have as great an impact, as a club, we are truly able to influence our school building, our local community, and ultimately, our world.

## **K.D.T.V.**

The purpose of this club is to involve interested students in the many facets of the video medium. Club members will gain experience and obtain skills needed to plan, produce, shoot, and edit school activities such as classroom activities, sporting events, social events, and school ceremonies. Members will also have the opportunity to gain "on air" experience with the production of informational programs and announcements. Members of the club will also be able to assist with shooting, duplicating, and editing requests from the faculty and administration. Club members will have access to the new state of the art studio, control room, and editing suites to work on school/class projects and independent works. The club will assist students in preparing to be college and career ready for a career in television/media communications.

## **KEY CLUB**

Key Club International is a youth service-leadership organization sponsored by Kiwanis International. It is the oldest and largest service program for high school students. Kingsway's Key Club members are passionate about making a difference in the world. Members work together on projects that improve their schools and communities. Monthly meetings will take place during SMART, with sub-committees meeting on an as needed basis. Service projects could take place outside of school and/or on weekends. Fundraising projects will be discussed throughout the year.

## **MARCHING BAND**

The marching band is an after school performance ensemble that consists of wind, brass, percussion, and color guard members. The marching band is a competitive activity that travels on weekends to competitions that include State and National Championships. The marching band performs at school functions such as football games, pep rallies, and anything else we may be called upon to perform for the school. The marching band performs at community events throughout our sending districts (Swedesboro-Woolwich, East Greenwich, South Harrison, and Logan). When given the opportunity, the marching band will perform at major venues such as national parades (Thanksgiving, Cherry Blossom, Fourth of July, etc).

The marching band season begins in July with summer practices ending with a two-week band camp the last two weeks of August. The marching band season (competitive and other events) runs from September through the beginning of December. When available, the marching band may perform at events throughout the remainder of the school year.

## **MOCK TRIAL**

Mock Trial is an activity that brings the courtroom to life! Student members act as lawyers and witnesses in preparing, adapting, and performing the statewide case in county, regional, and state competitions. With county competitions taking place at the Criminal Justice Complex in Woodbury, student members get a chance to experience real-life courtroom situations. Student members are introduced to both criminal and civil proceedings, and what is needed to prepare arguments that reach their level of burden.

Student members develop skills in law, public speaking, and working together as a team for a common cause. Meetings begin in the early fall, with competitions taking place between early January and late February. Kingsway has fielded a team that has been successful at both the county and state levels. All grade levels are welcome to join, with meetings taking place that adapt to student schedules.

## **MODEL UNITED NATIONS**

Model United Nations, also known as Model UN or MUN, is an extra-curricular club in which students typically role play delegates to the United Nations and simulate UN committees. This activity takes place at MUN conferences, which are usually organized by a High School or College MUN club. If you are interested in POLITICS, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEBATING, DIPLOMACY, or DEVELOPING LIFELONG COMMUNICATION SKILLS, then MODEL UN is for YOU!

## **MODEL CONGRESS AND DEBATE CLUB**

The prerequisite for being in the Model Congress and Debate Club is that you must take the *Public Speaking and Debate* course. Students are then eligible throughout their high school career. Student selection is based upon student passion for competitive debate and student effort in the Public Speaking and Debate class. Students are chosen in early fall and then prepare for their first major event, *Princeton Model Congress*, in November in Washington, DC. From December to March, students are selected and prepare for various winter events. The *NJDFL Competition* takes place at a NJ high school in February. *NJ Model Congress Party Day* and *Leadership Day* take place at the State Capitol Annex in Trenton in December and late February respectively. The culminating activity is *NJ Model Congress* at Rider University in late March. Participation fees are the responsibility of the student participants.

## **MUSICAL**

The Musical program at KRHS is open to any student interested in performing or working backstage for the spring musical theatre production. The organization appeals to many different students: actors, singers, dancers, costumers, hair and makeup artists, prop masters, lighting and sound technicians, and stage managers. Meetings for this activity may include guest speakers, theatre games, masterclasses, and more.

## **NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY (NAHS)**

National Art Honor Society is a club at Kingsway for talented junior or senior art students who take at least one art class, maintain an A average in that class, and participate in club or activity meetings. NAHS strives to use their artistic abilities to enhance the school community and frequently uses fundraisers selling their own artwork to benefit non-profit charities, as well as bring arts awareness to the forefront of the Kingsway community.

## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (NHS)**

The National Honor Society encompasses some of Kingsway's outstanding students. Students must show excellence in the following four areas: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. In order to be qualified, juniors or seniors must have and maintain a 90% overall GPA, un-weighted. Students who are qualified then complete an Activity Form, which is analyzed by the NHS Faculty Council. To retain membership, students must complete community service activities throughout the school year. Students also peer tutor and raise money for different community service activities throughout the school district.

## **NEWSPAPER—THE FLAME**

The school's newspaper staff is a group that meets regularly during SMART and after school to brainstorm ideas, write and revise articles, take photographs, create artwork, and layout pages for the school's written and online publication *The Flame*. Students can become writers or editors either by applying to the adviser or taking the journalism class offered during the day.

Students learn effective communication skills by interviewing and meeting a variety of school officials, athletes, teachers, and community members. They become better writers and artists and gain valuable life experience that enriches their education. Student articles, artwork and photographs are published in the school newspaper, *The Flame*, which comes out seasonally. The paper is also posted online. Additionally, students may write or have photographs published for an online version planned for this school year. Former students have had photographs or articles published in the *Newtown Press* and the *South Jersey Times*.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB**

Photography is an ever growing field and is used by amateurs and professionals every day. Even with something as ordinary as a cell phone, individuals can create amazing compositions. Kingsway's Photography Club has been created to assist amateur photographers in their efforts to unlock the true potential of a camera. Students learn how to utilize Canon DSLR cameras and their key functions, as well as the basics of taking creative photographs. Club members not only learn how to operate professional DSLR cameras, but they also learn how to transfer everyday candid shots into a work of art. In addition to developing professional skills with a camera, these students serve an important role in our school, in that they are often charged with the responsibility of taking photographs for our website, newsletter, and other purposes.

## **PRISM**

Prism is Kingsway's Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), and is made up of both allies (*straight students who support equal rights*) and students who identify as LGBTQ. Our mission is to promote tolerance and acceptance throughout the school community and to provide a safe, non-judgmental space as a support network for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Straight youth who share a common vision of social equality. We work to put an end to discrimination, harassment, bullying, and violence. Members help to educate the school community about homophobia, transphobia, gender identity, and sexual orientation issues. At meetings, members share and discuss current events, issues in the school climate, or personal experiences. Our club will meet at least once a month, and we promote awareness through activities involving Ally Day, No-Name-Calling Week, and the Day of Silence.

## **SELECT JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

The Select Jazz Ensemble is an auditioned group which performs at various school functions and area jazz festivals. Selected students should possess a background in jazz studies at the middle school and/or high school level as the ensemble performs the most advanced repertoire of any of our performing ensembles. Auditions are held in November each year with rehearsals beginning in mid-December and running through the competitive season; ending in mid-April. The band rehearses one night per week during the season in order to prepare for our performances, which include the jazz bistro, the annual Kingsway Jazz Festival, as well as participation in several area jazz festivals. The season concludes with performances at the New Jersey Regional Jazz Championships and the Cavalcade of Jazz Championships.

## **SCHOOLS UNITED FOR RESPECT AND EQUALITY (S.U.R.E.) STUDENTS IN ACTION (S.I.A)**

The mission statement of Gloucester County SURE organizations is as follows: "The SURE Mission is to impact the community through our ideals of respect and equality by portraying these values in everyday life, through student involvement and teamwork." The program is run with the support of the Gloucester County Prosecutors office. Gloucester County SURE Summit planning meetings occur monthly and culminate in the SURE Summit at Rowan University. Club officers and select members participate at this level and also attend workshops with the intent of bringing this material back to Kingsway. Within Kingsway, SURE members serve as examples in promoting respect and equality throughout the building and work in conjunction with clubs with a similar mission, e.g. Cultures Club, Anti-Bullying Club, Spectrum, Foreign Language Club, Interact, and STAFF.

## **SCIENCE OLYMPIAD**

An American team competition in which students compete in 23 events pertaining to various scientific disciplines, including earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. Over 7,800 middle school and high school teams from 50 U.S. states compete each year. U.S. territories do not compete; however, since 2012 high school teams from Japan have competed at the national tournament as unranked guests. There are multiple levels of competition: invitational, regional, state, and national. Invitational tournaments, run by high schools and universities, are unofficial tournaments and serve as practice for regional and state competitions. Teams that excel at regional competitions advance to the state level; the top one or two teams from each state (depending on the state) then advance the national level. Winners later receive several kinds of awards, including medals, trophies and plaques, as well as scholarships. The mission of this club aligns with Kingsway's STEM Leadership Academy.

## **STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS (SADD)**

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) is the only student based, activist organization dealing with underage drinking, drug abuse, and death due to drinking and driving. SADD is dedicated to educating students of the dangers of the use of alcohol and drugs and to encouraging students, through positive peer pressure, to abstain from their use. This program is designed to reduce the likelihood of students becoming involved in a DUI incident and to make positive decisions that lack negative consequences. SADD is open to all high school students. It meets one to two times monthly and runs five or six major projects a year, including Homecoming, holidays, prom, and graduation.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Student council is the student-run government of KRHS, and is involved in a majority of spirit, charity, and fundraising activities. Members are responsible for Homecoming/Pep Rally, Mr. Kingsway, blood drives, powder puff, Head Start charity work, and the Student Ambassador program. Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/krsd.us/kingsway-high-school-student-council/>

## **TRI-M MUSIC NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

The **Tri-M Music National Honor Society** is the international music honor society for high school students. It is designed to recognize students for their academic and musical achievements, reward them for their accomplishments and service activities, and to inspire other students to excel at music and leadership.

The qualifications for membership are:

- Junior or Senior
- Member of a curricular music ensemble: Senior Chorus, Gospel Choir, Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble or Orchestra
- Academic average of 90.0 or higher
- Students must maintain their grade average, membership in a curricular musical ensemble, and attend scheduled induction ceremonies to maintain their membership.
- Prospective members will be invited to join during the month of February. The induction ceremony is held in April

## **WORLD LANGUAGES NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Being part of The World Language National Honor Society is a wonderful way to demonstrate the dedication and talent that someone has in French, Italian, or Spanish. In order to be inducted into this society, students must show excellence in the language of their choice (had obtained A's in the first three years of their language) and show great character. Students who are qualified then complete a form, which is analyzed by the WLNHS Faculty Council. To retain membership, students must maintain A's in subsequent years of the language as well. Students will also be involved in peer tutoring.

## **WORLD WILDLIFE FUND**

The mission is to help preserve the animal species on an international scale. Students will gain experience in entrepreneurial skills such as fundraising, advertising, and leadership that would help them in future careers in fields like animal science, environmental engineering, and environmental science.

## **WRITERS' BLOC CLUB**

The purpose of this club is to:

- Develop skills of students who have an interest in writing and to cultivate friendships
- Discuss and experiment with different writing genres
- Share current pieces of writing with interested peers
- Collaborate and engage in peer “round table” discussions to improve writing selections
- Become aware of publishing opportunities and websites for students works
- Share favorite media websites that focus on poets, authors, and writing forums
- Work together to create and publish a student writers’ literary magazine as a culminating project.

## **YEARBOOK—*LANCER***

The Yearbook Club carries on the tradition of recording and publishing a chronicle of the school year by producing Kingsway Regional High School’s annual yearbook, *Lancer*. Students in grades 9-12 who are interested in journalism, photography, and/ or graphic design are encouraged to join as members of the staff. The Yearbook Staff and Executive Board are responsible for developing a yearbook theme, layout of the yearbook, photo content and composition, copy writing, setting up page design with the publisher’s online program, meeting strict deadlines, ad sales and marketing and distribution of the book. Yearbook meetings will be held every C day as deadlines need to be met. Involvement in the Yearbook Club offers students the opportunity to gain life skills, assume the responsibilities of working with clients and deadlines, and have fun working as a team at the same time.