



## KINGS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

August 22, 2014



Please be aware that our District Calendar for the 2014-2015 School Year includes 5 calamity days-May 29, June 1,2,3, & 4. If needed, those days will be used and your student is expected to attend school or they will be marked with an unexcused absence. [Click here](#) for this years District Calendar.



Just a reminder—  
Early Release  
will begin on  
Wednesday,  
August 27th!

### Upcoming Events

Aug. 25— 4th Gr. Orientation, 6:30 p.m., KME.

Aug. 26— 3rd Gr. Orientation, 6:30 p.m., KME.

Aug. 27—K-2nd Gr. Orientation, 6:30 p.m., SLE.

Aug. 28—3rd & 4th Gr. Orientation, 6:30 p.m., SLE.

Aug. 28—6th Gr. Band/Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:15 p.m., CIS.

Aug. 29— KHS Varsity Football (Home Opener) vs. Lebanon, 7:00 p.m., Kings Stadium.

Sept. 1— Labor Day—No School.

More event information can be found at: <http://www.kingslocal.net/Calendar/Pages/default.aspx>

## WELCOME BACK!!

Its been a great start to the school year! Students and staff are settling into their new routines. Students and their families have been attending ice cream socials, open houses, and orientations. Our schools have never looked better, thanks to our maintenance and custodial staff. It was a smooth transition and the learning has begun. Have a great school year!



## Kings Adds BEARACADE Lockdown Solution to Classrooms

As a part of our safety and security initiatives, Kings Local Schools has added BEARACADE door control systems in all of our classrooms. The device fits on the classroom door and prevents the door from opening in the event of an intruder/lockdown situation.

Kings Business Manager Steve Waldmann said, "The BEARACADE is something we can put in the hands of our faculty and staff members during those critical minutes before safety forces arrive."

Kings is the first in the area to use the BEARACADE system.



## *From the Office of the Superintendent...*

Hello Kings Community.

Welcome back to school! It's going to be another exciting year for the Kings Community. This year our school district is using a new motto: KINGSSTRONG. I feel like Kings is stronger than ever.

I'm proud to be the interim superintendent at Kings. It's been 22 years since I last served as superintendent in this district. I accepted this position because of the love I have for Kings. My children attended school here and received an excellent education. I am confident that your child will receive the same quality education as my children have enjoyed.

We have hired several new administrators and 29 new staff members within our buildings. Many of our staff members have attended professional development seminars over the summer to better enhance their teaching.

We have also worked hard to add safety and security measures to keep our children safe. One new change is the School Access Protocol which requires visitors to our buildings to show a photo I.D. I know this isn't always convenient, but I'm sure you will agree that it is a good way to keep our students and staff safe.

Our Technology Department has worked over the summer to ensure that all the devices in the district are in good working order. We have purchased more Google Chromebooks so we are ready for the computer based Next Generation State Assessments in grades 3-8.

Maintaining excellence year after year is something we strive for here at Kings. We realize it takes a constant effort to maintain quality and we are committed to doing whatever it takes to maintain that for our students.

We look forward to a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

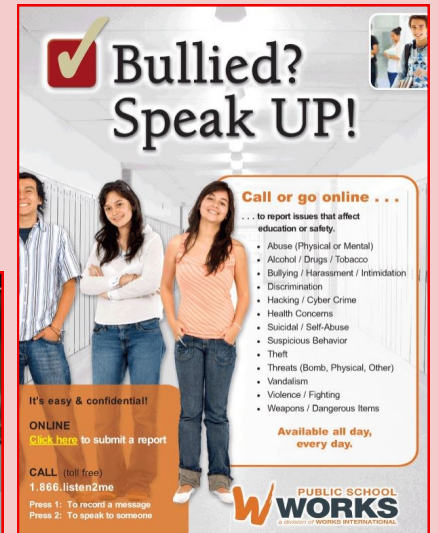
John Lazares  
Superintendent

## Stay Safe Hotline

The beginning of the school year is a good time to remind our students, staff, and community that at Kings, we don't tolerate issues that affect the education or safety of our students. Issues such as bullying, drugs/alcohol abuse, threats, violence, etc., can be reported confidentially at any time.

The number to call is 1-866-listen2me. You can always find the number and information on the main page of our website that says, "Stay Safe, Speak UP!"

For more information [click here](#).



## Welcome Class of 2027!

Our Kindergarten classes joined us today at our 3 elementary schools. The rain didn't stop the students from smiling and being excited to start their day. Have a great year Kindergarteners!



## Get Soaked for Sammy

You've seen the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge where you see people dumping buckets of ice water on their heads in the name of charity. Some Kings families would like you to do the same for one of our own, Kings 6 year old, Sammy Simonson. Sammy has severe epilepsy, struggling with over 100 seizures a day. He has endured one major brain surgery and will soon have to go through another in hopes of stopping his seizures.

To ease the burden of medical bills for the Simonson family, a "Get Soaked for Sammy" campaign has started. [Please click](#) here and join the challenge to help to help Sammy and his family. #KINGSSTRONG



## SLE Back to School Picnic

The South Lebanon Elementary Back to School Picnic last Friday night was a success! It was a fun time for kids, teachers, and staff to meet and greet each other. The kids enjoyed a bouncy house and especially loved seeing the band and cheerleaders perform. A big thank you to Agenter Orthodontics for providing ice cream and thank you to the Kings High School Band and Cheerleaders for performing! A great start to the school year!



## KINGS



## BAND

### Tag Day

This Saturday August 23rd, the Kings Marching Band will be hitting the streets in Kings District neighborhoods asking for donations to help support our award winning band. Donations from the community help defray costs, and help us to be able to offer the band experience to more students. Our annual event, known as Tag Day, will take place from 1:00p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tax deductible donations can also be sent to Kings Band Boosters, P.O. Box 913, Kings Mills, OH 45034. Please come out to support the band at the High School football games, and during the Kings Invitational Band Competition held in the Kings Stadium on September 6th.

### Senior Picture Guidelines

Seniors have until November 25, 2013 to submit a picture for the yearbook. Photos must be in color and in jpg form. They can be submitted by attaching the picture to an email to Mrs. Shields, or submitting the image on a CD. [Click here](#) for more detailed information.

### Do You Follow Kings on Social Media?

You can keep up-to-date on what's going on around the Kings School District by "liking" us on our [Facebook](#) page and following us on [Twitter](#). We also have a new hashtag for the district. If you are tweeting positive stuff about the district, don't forget to add #KINGSSTRONG!



COMING SOON-Kings' Mobile App! More details later.



## Kings' Students Starring in Local Production of Beauty and the Beast

Acting Up, an all-volunteer, young performer's community theater in Mason, will present four shows of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* in September. There are six Kings' students starring in the show. CIS 5th grader Ellie Toadvine plays an Enchanted Object and a Young Townsperson, KJH 8th grader Zoey Fitzgerald plays an Enchanted Object, KJH 8th grader Amy Helms plays a dual role of a Wolf and a Napkin, KHS sophomore Tess Hogan plays Madame de la Grand Bouche, KHS sophomore Michael Kaper plays LeFou, and KHS senior Mac-Kenzie Powell will play a dual role of a Wolf and a Napkin.

The shows will be held on September 19, 20, 21, at the Mason High School Theater, 6100 Mason Montgomery Road, Mason, OH 45040. Performances will be Friday, September 19 at 7:00 pm; Saturday, September 20 at 2 pm. (sign language interpreter will be provided), and 7:00 pm; and Sunday, September 21 at 2 pm.

Tickets are \$12 each and they are for reserved seating. You can purchase your tickets online at [www.ActingUp.com](http://www.ActingUp.com) or at the box office starting one hour before the show. For more information, visit [www.ActingUp.com](http://www.ActingUp.com) or call 513-494-6062.



## Kings Athletic Season Passes Now on Sale

It's that time of year again to purchase your Kings Athletic Season Passes for 2014-2015.

Kings athletic season passes are a great way for you to support the Kings Athletic programs.

Not only does this money go directly to helping our student-athletes and the programs they participate in, but you also gain entry to all Kings athletic home events (High School and Junior High), excluding playoff and tournament contests. You can select the level appropriate for you and your family and these are described in detail on the printable order form.

Families that select the "Kings Club" package will also receive four (4) reserved seats for home football and basketball games, along with a reserved parking space for the fall season at Kings Stadium. You can pick out your reserved seats and parking space on Wednesday, August 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Kings Stadium.

Season Passes will be available for pick up after August 18th in the Athletic Office at the high school or at any fall stadium event. For orders after August 18th, please allow 48 hours for processing of your season passes.

You can order online [here](#) or print the [order form](#) and return to the Kings Athletic Department. GO KNIGHTS!.



# ONE FOR THE TEAM



**CHIPOTLE**

MEXICAN GRILL

## Kings Women's Soccer Chipotle Fundraisers

Show your team spirit by joining us for a fundraiser to support Kings women's soccer. Just come into the 2365 Kings Center Court Chipotle on Tuesday, September 2nd and/or Tuesday, September 30th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm, and bring in [this flyer](#), show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier and 50% of the proceeds will be donated to the team.



## Kroger Community Rewards for CIS



How about raising money for your child's school just by shopping for groceries, gas, or prescriptions? If you shop at Kroger, then raising money for CIS is as easy as swiping your Kroger Plus card. When you shop, Kroger donates proceeds to the fundraising account connected to your Kroger Plus card, so simply log onto your Kroger account, and either search for Columbia Intermediate School, or enter their code 81346, and Kroger sends us money! How cool is that?

If your child attends one of our other school's in the district, you can use the following Kroger Community Rewards code for each prospective school.

**KHS- 83058**

**JFB-83795**

**KME-80985**

**SLE-81134**

link here: [Kroger Community Rewards](https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards)  
or type in <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>  
**Columbia Intermediate Code is 81346**

For more info, check our website <http://cis-pti.blogspot.com/>



### Fastpitch Putt-Putt Fundraiser

Kings Fastpitch Softball Annual Putt-Putt Golf Outing will be held at the Southwest Golf Ranch on Sunday, September 7th at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 per player or \$50 for a team of four. First place team will win 4 tickets & a parking pass to the Kings Homecoming football game against Milford on October 10th. They are still looking for hole sponsors for the event. Click [here](#) for more information and the registration form.

### Support Kings Women's Soccer

When you eat at Buffalo Wild Wings at Harpers Station, 11363 Montgomery Road, through October 31st, you can have a great meal AND support Kings Women's Soccer at the same time. Tell your server before you get your bill that you are supporting Kings Women's Soccer (Team C), and 10% of your entire bill will be donated to the team!





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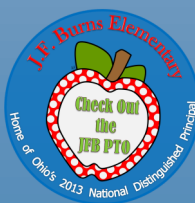
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Did you know that many of our schools and their PTO's have social media pages? Click on the icons below to take you to their pages!



Sign ups have begun for Mason Bowl Youth Leagues. High School League starts on Saturday, August 23rd. Junior League will start on Saturday, August 30th. Both leagues begin at 9:30 a.m. Leagues run 13 weeks and are instructed by a certified bowling instructor.

Mason Bowl is located at 763 Reading Road.

For more information, contact Mason Bowl at 513-398-4956.

### MASON BOWL



Statshub Sports is looking for Kings' students who would be interested in attending and reporting on our teams this year. Statshub is a ground-breaking sports site that will be covering all high school games this coming year in the Cincinnati area.

Reporters will earn money, free sportswear, an athletic letter for the sport covered, free admittance to the games, and a chance to build your resume.

If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, please contact [now-ens@statshub.com](mailto:now-ens@statshub.com) and list your school and sport you'd like to cover.

