



KINGS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 16, 2015



Upcoming Events

Jan.19—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-**NO SCHOOL**

Jan.20—Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., KEC.

Jan.21—Kings Celebration, 7:00 p.m., KHS Auditorium.

Jan.22—KJH/KHS Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:30 p.m.

Jan.29-31—KJH Musical "Once on this Island," 7:00 p.m., KHS Auditorium.

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

Kings Local Schools Highly Rated Again

Niche K-12 offers unique insight into more than 120,000 K-12 schools based on dozens of statistics and 27 million

opinions from 300,000 students and parents. Students and parents can explore millions of reviews and rankings and compare educational outcomes across schools and districts.

The rankings from Niche are a bit different than some of the other school rankings. They believe that the quality of a school or district should be measured, at least in part, by the parents and students who actually go there. They should also be measured by hard data and across a number of key factors so that no one factor dominates a ranking.

There are 679 public school districts in the state of Ohio and the Kings Local School District has been ranked by Niche at number 23 in the state. All schools in our district have been awarded an overall Niche Grade of an A.

To see more of the results of our district buildings [click here](#).



Remember— There is
NO SCHOOL on
Monday, January
19th to honor Martin
Luther King, Jr. Day.
Enjoy your long
weekend!



Kings Football Earns Academic All-Ohio

Congratulations to our Kings Football Team for being recognized Academic All-Ohio. The Knights have the 6th highest ranking GPA out of over 715 high school football teams. The top 8 schools will be recognized at the Ohio High School State Clinic in February. This year, the team posted an overall GPA of 3.76 and ended their season 11-1, as well as making the playoffs. Coach

Andy Olds said, "This is a great honor and is an outstanding reflection on our student-athletes, teachers, and parents in our community."



2015 Regional Scholastic Award Winners

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in the U.S., as well as the largest source of scholarships for young artists and writers. Several Kings students received regional awards recently. The Gold Key winners work will continue on to the national competition.

These talented students have been instructed by teachers Kelly Shields, Angie Guilfoyle, Cassandra Barnes, Carrie Cooke, Laura Acierno, and Jan Thomann.

Gold Key Winners- (The highest level of achievement on a regional level. Approximately 7-10% of all regional submissions are recognized with Gold Key Awards).

Sonia Blizzard; Painting, Leslie Bonzella; Digital Art and Art Portfolio, Alex Egan; Drawing and Illustration, Morgan FitzGerald; Digital Art, Stewart LeVan; Digital Art, Mackenzie Mettey; Digital Art, Madison Mettey; Painting, Anthony Mussari; Digital Art, Faith Shields; Film & Animation. (Not pictured: Madison Mettey and Faith Shields).



Silver Key Winners- (Approximately 10-15% of all regional submissions are recognized with Silver Key Awards).

Leah Ball; Digital Art, Kylie Gay; Digital Art, Olivia Hare; Drawing & Illustration, Danielle Johnson; Painting and Mixed Media, Katrina Kessler; Digital Art, Abbey Ketterer; Digital Art, Carissa Kloeker; Photography, Emily Lavagna; Painting, Stewart LeVan; Digital Art, Samantha Reese; Drawing & Illustration, Mitchell Warren; Digital Art. (Not pictured: Leah Ball, Katrina Kessler, and Mitchell Warren.)



Honorable Mention- (This award recognizes students with artistic potential. Approximately 15-20% of all regional submissions receive Honorable Mention Awards.)

Edward Baumann; Photography, Sonia Blizzard; Painting, Aviana DiPasquale; Painting, Morgan FitzGerald; Digital Art, Cassidy Foley; Design and Digital Art, Kylie Gay; Digital Art, Erin Gillott; Design, Olivia Hare; Drawing & Illustration, Emily Hoyle, Digital Art, Abbey Ketterer, Photography, David Lehn, Photography, Clynn Yeoh, Ceramics & Glass and Drawing & Illustration.



To view some of our digital arts student's work [click here](#).

The staff of Kings Junior High School would like to thank the Waffle Houses of the Greater Cincinnati Region for their generous sponsorship to send four KJH teachers to the Ohio Middle Level Association Conference which will be held in Sandusky, Ohio on February 12 and 13, 2015.



Four KHS Students Advance to Overture Semi-Finals

Good luck to our four Kings High School Students who have been named semi-finalists in the Overture Awards Competition. The Overture Awards is a program that recognizes, encourages and rewards excellence in the arts among Tri-state students in grades 9-12. Its mission is to encourage arts education as an integral part of a student's academic experience and to create an environment that encourages training in, and appreciation of, the arts. The Overture Awards Scholarship Competition is the area's largest solo arts competition and offers scholarships in six artistic disciplines: creative writing, dance, instrumental music, theater, visual art, and vocal music. Students may win a \$4,000 scholarship (one awarded in each discipline) or a \$1000 finalist scholarship (a total of 18 awarded). Judges at all levels of the competition are drawn from the professional arts community.

Our students will compete this weekend January 16 & 17 at the Aronoff Center for the Arts. Four students from each discipline will be selected to compete at the Final Competition. Cassidy Foley and Carissa Kloecker will be competing in the Visual Art competition. Alexa Murray will compete in the Creative Writing competition and Maddi Kilgore will compete in the Theatre competition.

Dance, Instrumental Music, Theatre, and Vocal Music competitions are open and free to the public. Creative Writing and Visual Art are closed competitions. If you would like to check out Cassidy and Carissa's work [click here](#). For more information on times and spaces of the competitions [click here](#).

Kings BOE Elect Officers

This week at the Kings Board of Education's Organizational Meeting the members voted on this year's president and vice-president. Congratulations to Mr. Bill Russell who was re-elected as president and Mr. Todd Overturf who was elected vice-president by their fellow board members. At this week's meeting, the board also continued the discussion on the hiring of potential superintendent search firms.

The Kings Board of Education's next meeting is Tuesday, January 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Kings Education Center, Conference Room 2.

Mr. Spinner Reads to KME Kindergarteners

This week Kings Superintendent Timothy J. Spinner was invited to spend some time in Ann Farris' kindergarten class at Kings Mills Elementary. While he thought he would only be reading one book, the students were so well behaved and having so much fun, he read three of his favorite books! All of the students agreed that they would like Mr. Spinner to come back another time to read to them!



No Snow Outside? No Problem!

The students in Becki Blumer's class at Kings Mills Elementary are studying the season of winter. They have been reading stories such as "The Jacket I Wear in the Snow" and "The Mitten." They learned about ice and snow, and making snow globes as a craft. This week, they followed a recipe to make indoor snow, and created snowmen!

Pictured are Madonna, Alex, and Aryan.



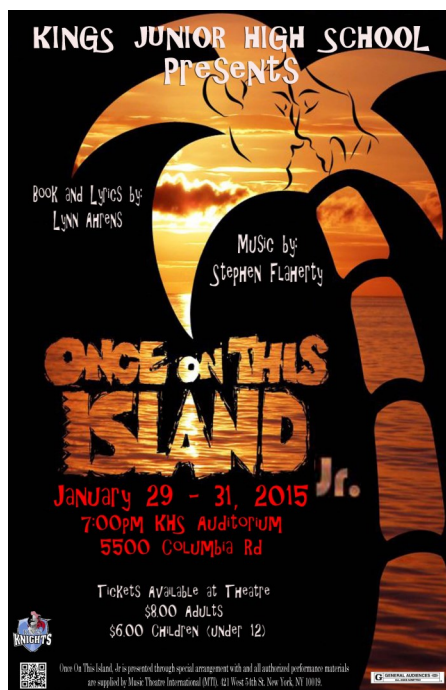
Kings Preschool Registration 2015-2016

It's time to register for Preschool! The Kings Preschool & Childcare will be accepting registrations for the 2015-16 school year beginning January 20th. The preschool/childcare program meets in the King Local School District's Kings Education Center (KEC) located in Kings Mills. Kings Preschool offers both preschool and childcare for 3-5 year olds. Two, three, four & five day classes are available. All programs are licensed by the Ohio Department of Education.

More information may be obtained on the Kings Local School District website at www.kingslocal.net. Click on the "Departments" heading at the top of the page, and then follow the Childcare/Preschool link. [Click here](#) to obtain the registration forms . To schedule a tour or ask questions regarding the program, call Susan Guckert at 398-8050 ext. 10043.



KJH Musical Once on This Island



Kings Junior High will present "Once on This Island" on January 29, 30, and 31st. This is a story about Ti Moune, a peasant girl, who rescues a wealthy boy from the other side of the island, Daniel, with whom she falls in love. Unbeknownst to Ti Moune, the pompous gods who preside over the island make a bet with one another over which is stronger, love or death, the stakes being Ti Moune's life. When she pursues Daniel, who has returned to his people, Ti Moune is shunned because of her lowly status. Her determination and capacity to love, though, is not enough to win Daniel's heart and Ti Moune pays the ultimate price; but the gods turn Ti Moune into a tree that grows so strong and so tall, it breaks the wall that separates the societies and ultimately unites them."

Tickets will be available during one advanced ticket sale on Wednesday, January 28th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in front of the KHS Auditorium. All other tickets will be available beginning at 6:00 p.m. on day of show. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for adults/students/staff/seniors and \$6.00 under age 12. All shows begin at 7:00 p.m.

DEAD SERIOUS ABOUT LIFE

Mishpachah is a non-profit group that travels 8 months out of the year on week-ends performing in high

schools across the country. They perform a musical called "Dead Serious...About Life." This musical is performed by youth for youth and reflects the culture and diversity among American teens today. Although the main storyline is teenage suicide, it also deals with all of the other issues teens face today such as drug addiction, sex, bullying, cutting, alcohol abuse, self-esteem, and pregnancy.

"Dead Serious...About Life" is coming to Mason Middle School on Saturday, January 24th at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday January 25th at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door.

For more information visit mish-inc.com or call 513-459-7268.



Get Ready for Winter!

The winter weather has caused us to use three calamity days so far. In case of inclement weather and possible school closings or delays, we will use our school notification system and you can always check www.kingslocal.net for the latest information. We also utilize our [Facebook Page](#) and [Twitter](#) to help spread the word with the most up-to-date information. Click the following link for information on how the district decides to close or delay school due to inclement weather: [Inclement Weather Guidelines](#)

****Early Release will be canceled if there is a 2 hour delay on Wednesday****

Keeping Our District Healthy



According to the CDC, the flu is increasing in intensity and spreading throughout much of the country. In fact, they say the country is likely to continue experience several more weeks of the flu.

With that in mind, the Kings Local School District would like to share our [Guidelines for Illness](#). Please remember that students should be free of fever for 24 hours, as well as vomiting, before returning to school. Please refer to our guidelines if you are unsure whether to send your child to school or not. THANK YOU!

Kings LIVE Twitter Chat



Do you follow @Kings_Schools on Twitter? Mark your calendars to join us for our first LIVE Twitter chat

with Superintendent Tim Spinner and Assistant Superintendent Larry Knapp on Thursday, January 29th from 6:00-6:45 p.m. We will be using #KLSDchat. We would love for you to join in our conversation!



Firecrackers THE MOVIE

FirecrackersTheMovie.com



#ImAFirecracker

Did you know our own Kings Firecrackers are set to be featured in a Hollywood Movie?

Check out the latest movie trailer and sign up on the movie site to get exclusive updates and insider information as Firecrackers The Movie is made! Go to FirecrackersThemovie.com and check it out!

The Firecrackers will be performing at half-time of tonight's Men's Basketball game versus Turpin at 7:30 p.m.

Get Your KJH Yearbook

Your last chance to pre-order your KJH yearbook is Wednesday, January 21st. The cost of the book is \$40. It's a great way to remember the year! [Please click](#) here to order.



The KHS yearbook is a great gift! You can purchase online for as low as \$70. You can also have the yearbook personalized for a small fee. Yearbooks are also a great way to recognize your student and show your support by buying a Senior Ad. [Click here](#) for more information.



All About Kings Athletics



Did you know that Kings Athletics has its own website? You can find out schedule information, upcoming events, news about teams, and even get directions to away venues. [Click here](#) to get to the Kings Athletics Webpage.



Kings Day at Xavier Basketball

Discounted tickets are still available for Kings Fans to see the Xavier Musketeers take on Depaul at the Cintas Center on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. Our own Kings Firecrackers are the half-time entertainment that day!

Tickets can be purchased by clicking the special link below. Cost of the tickets is \$17 or \$22 depending on seat location. Click [this link](#) and enter promo code: Kings.

We hope to fill the Cintas Center with our own Knight Nation and support our Firecrackers that day! #KingsStrong

Spirit Store is now ONLINE!

We have a new online spirit wear store available for all Knights Fans! The store features school sports apparel, spirit wear, and clothing. Every purchase supports Kings Athletics. [Click here](#) to check it out!



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Kings Women's High School Basketball Program
TEAM H // Expires: 2/28/15

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Kings SAY Soccer Registration

Kings SAY Spring Soccer Registration is underway. Registration is open through January 31st for students ages 5-18, including seniors in high school. Go to www.KingsSoccer.org to register today.



Outdoor Track & Field Parent-Athlete Meeting

Any student in grades 7-12 who plans to participate

in track and field in the spring should attend a **MANDATORY** meeting on Wednesday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the KHS Auditorium.

For questions contact Coach Lynn Brant at lbrant@kingslocal.net.

The Mason Challenger Division of Little League is a baseball program for boys and girls with physical and developmental challenges. Players enjoy the full benefits of baseball participation and are also matched with a Baseball Buddy if needed. The program is open to boys and girls from ages 5-18.

Registration is currently open for the 2015 season. Log on to www.masonryouth.org and complete a secure on-line registration.



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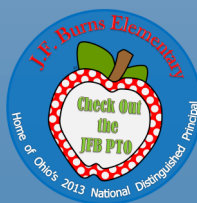
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St. Margaret of York
Knights of Columbus Council 13429

Basketball Free Throw Championships

ALL Boys & Girls
Age 9-14 Participate

Saturday, January 17
St. Margaret of York Gymnasium
Registration starts at 5:30 PM

NO COST to Participate

Winners in each age division
will compete in the

District Free Throw Championship

Questions?

Call: 513-504-8442

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Don't forget to use the #KINGSSTRONG when you post pictures from Kings events on social media!

There is no significant LEARNING, without significant RELATIONSHIPS.