



March 24, 2017



Upcoming Events

Mar. 27-31— SPRING BREAK, NO SCHOOL.

Apr. 6— KHS Senior Community Service Night & Senior Art Show, 5:30 p.m., KHS.

Apr. 11— Knight of Innovation, 6:00-8:00 p.m., KHS.

Apr. 14— GOOD FRIDAY, NO SCHOOL.

Apr. 19— Kings Celebration, 7:00 p.m., KHS Auditorium.

More event information can be found at: <http://kingslocal.tandemcal.com/index.php>



Students will begin testing after Spring Break. Please be sure your student gets a good night's rest and a nutritious breakfast on testing days.

Thank you!

Kings Treasurer's Office Earn Auditor of State Award

A recent financial audit of the Kings Local School District by the Auditor of State's office has returned a clean audit report. The Kings Local School District's excellent record keeping has earned it the Auditor of State Award for 2016.

The Auditor of State Award is presented to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit. To receive the award, entities must meet the criteria of a "clean" audit report such as filing on time, an audit that does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings, or questioned costs.

The Auditor of State's office is responsible for auditing more than 5,800 state and local government agencies. Under the direction of Auditor Yost, the office also provides financial services to local governments, investigates and prevents fraud in public agencies and promotes transparency in government.

"Truly a team effort," said Kings Treasurer, Shaun Bevan. "Everybody does a great job. We have a great team and they work hard every day." The Kings Treasurer's Office also received this award in 2014.



Enjoy your Spring Break! School Resumes on Monday, April 3.

KHS BPA Students Compete at State

It was a successful weekend for our Kings High School students competing at the Business Professionals of America State Competition in Columbus, Ohio last weekend.

There were several top ten finishes in the state and **eleven** students have advanced to the National Leadership Conference that will be held in Orlando, Florida May 10-14.

Faith Shields placed first in the state in Computer Modeling which qualifies her for Nationals. Also qualifying for the National Conference are: the Global Marketing Team of Haley McCrory, Ben Smith, Will Johnson, and Josh Kwiatkowski; Celeste Riddell in Digital Media Production; Daniel Lee in Business Law & Ethics; Jared Olberding in Computer Network Technology; Daniel Corcoran in PC Servicing & Troubleshooting; and the Virtual Multimedia & Promotion Team of Faith Shields and Avi DiPasquale.

These talented students are under the direction of KHS Teachers, Cassandra Barnes, Steve Abrell, Brittany Selhorst, Reggie Holtrey, and Kelly Shields.

Congratulations on a great State performance and good luck at Nationals!



March Madness at CIS

Team Discovery at Columbia Intermediate School celebrated March Madness by teaching a cross-curricular arts unit this month! In the Library, students filled out tournament brackets picking their favorite library books in the "CIS Tournament of Books." Students also played "March Madness Library Jeopardy" which helped review library skills.

In Art class, students looked at an artist who creates art that involves sports, an artist who uses a basketball to paint, and an artist who sings the National anthem at sporting events while painting.

Music classes learned about alma maters and fight songs. Then, students wrote lyrics to create their own fight song! In i-Time, students competed in a cyber scavenger hunt about the history of basketball and March Madness, verifying findings with text evidence.

Last week in P.E., students had a class basketball tournament. The winning teams will represent their homerooms in a school-wide basketball tournament with brackets. All 5th and 6th grade students will watch the final four and final game in the gymnasium. The winning team will play a team of teachers.

CIS Music Teacher, Jennifer Reeder said, "We have had a great time learning about basketball through different curricular approaches!"



#KINGSSTRONG

KHS Students Attend Youth Summit

Twenty-five students from Kings High School participated in the Teen Alliance Council Youth Summit 2017 on Friday, March 3, along with students from high schools all across Warren County. Freshmen and sophomore participants were nominated by their teachers for demonstrating leadership, positive relationships, and healthy choices.



During the summit, students received training on stress management, information about healthy relationships and the dangers of substance use, and resources throughout Warren County to promote positive choices. The goal of the summit was for students to bring their training back to their student groups, classes, and friends at Kings High School, to promote healthy decision making.

KHS Guidance Counselor, Katie Mosure said, "This is the first year Kings High School participated in the Teen Alliance Council Youth Summit, and our hope is to continue to grow our student leaders and impact change across the Kings community."

Pea Plants on the Playground at JFB



J.F. Burns Elementary Outdoor Classroom is in full swing thanks to the help of Mother Nature's Classroom! This year, they kicked off their Spring outdoor education by starting a plant race by sowing "Pea Plants on the Playground."

The students will grow and observe pea plants that have been planted along the chain link fence in the playground garden. Each grade level was given a different variety of pea to plant. They will make predictions, measure and record growth of their plant, keep observation journals, and harvest their peas when their plant produces pods.

KHS Students Win Scholarship Money in Contest

Four Kings High School Math students participated in Moody's Mega Math Challenge 2017, a mathematical modeling contest for high school juniors and seniors that encourages students to experience what it is like to work as a team to tackle a real-world problem under time and resource constraints.

The team consisting of Brendan Guerin, Katie Waissbluth, Anders Wikum, and Nathan Gurley had exactly 14 continuous hours to submit a solution to the problem given. Team Adviser, KHS Math Teacher, Lynn Brant was on-call for the students during the contest. More than 225 Ph.D.-level applied mathematicians served as judges throughout three rounds of judging. Competing teams vied for team prizes of between \$1,000-\$20,000.

The team was notified this week that out of the 1,121 papers submitted, they were selected to receive one of the 78 honorable mention awards. Only 8% of the submitted papers were selected for recognition. The team will receive a scholarship prize of \$1,000, to be divided equally among the team's members. Brant noted that this is the first time that a Kings team actually earned money. Congratulations! #KingsSmart



SLE ECLUB Clearing Trails

On Monday, March 13, the ECLUB students at South Lebanon Elementary observed the TPC Riversbend grounds crew clear the nature trail of SLE, under the supervision of Ian Schlather.

The trail has been unable to be used for the past couple of years due to overgrowth. Juli Elder, ECLUB Adviser said, "We are very excited to be able to use this space more as an outdoor learning area as part of our Eco-Schools goal to increase the number of minutes students are spending outside."



KHS/WCCC Aviation Students Prepare for Tech Prep Showcase



Kings High School students participating in the Warren County Career Center Aerospace Academy/Aviation program are working on their projects for the upcoming Tech Prep Showcase. Business advisory members Hale Husband, retired from GE Aviation, and Alan Wolfson, Warren County Airport Manager, have been mentoring the students. Mr. Husband is also a former school board member from Kings who previously served on the WCCC board.

KHS Juniors Brandon Hillis and Alex Ready are pictured working on a rocket propulsion project in which their goal is to design fins that will support the payload of their triple-engine rocket. The fins will be printed on their 3D printer once the final design is completed.

KME 4th Grade Wax Museum of Ohio Heroes

Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon, Toni Morrison was the first African-American woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize, and Jesse Owens won four Olympic gold medals in 1936. And what do all these people have in common? Well, they're all from Ohio.

On Thursday, March 16, the 4th graders at Kings Mills Elementary dressed up as Ohio heroes for a wax museum as part of the Ohio Heroes program at KME. At the wax museum, family and students could make their way around the gym and cafeteria and talk to the dozens KME students dressed as Ohio Heroes ready to tell their history.



Learning About Clouds in Preschool

The students in Mrs. Combs' preschool class at Kings Preschool have been learning about rain clouds. They used water and food coloring to make "rain" and used shaving cream for a cloud. They poured the water into the shaving cream to facilitate rain.

Mrs. Combs explained to her students that when a cloud fills up with water, we get rain.

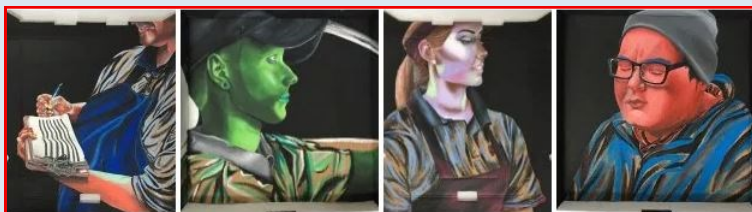


KHS Art Student's Work on Exhibit in Columbus

Congratulations to Kings High School Art student, Olivia Doyle whose artwork was selected to progress to the National level of the Governor's Art Exhibition. She had five pieces chosen; four of which are part of a series, in addition to one single piece. The series are all portrait paintings of her Marco's Pizza co-workers that she painted with acrylic paint on actual pizza boxes.

Olivia's works made it into the top 275 in the state and they will be framed and on display at the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower, 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215 daily from April 23 through May 18 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Approximately 2,500 entries advanced to state judging. State jurors then selected 300 pieces of art for the actual Governor's Exhibition. Great job, Olivia!



KHS Math Students at UC Math Bowl 2017

Five Kings High School students recently participated in the University of Cincinnati Department of Mathematical Sciences 32nd Annual Academic Competition in Mathematics, famously known at the Math Bowl.

More than 80 teams from 27 schools in the Cincinnati area gathered on UC's Clifton Campus on Saturday, March 4, 2017 to compete. Students worked collaboratively in teams to explore interesting and challenging math problems. The contest included three levels, from pre-algebra to Calculus.



Alex Kinkelaar, Spencer Kinkelaar, Tyler Rodenberger, Anders Wikum, and EeYeoh Wong represented KHS in the Calculus level and earned the highest rating of a SUPERIOR! Congratulations! #KingsSmart



Learning Computer Coding at CIS

During the last two months of school, Mrs. Kelly McKiernan, Columbia Intermediate School Media Specialist has been piloting some new activities that she will incorporate into Columbia's new "Makerspace" next school year. Makerspace is a program that dedicates an area in the building where students are encouraged to explore ideas, learn technical skills, experiment, collaborate with others, and problem-solve.

The students pictured are working on their "coding" skills to maneuver through a maze. Mrs. McKiernan said, "They were very creative with how to code their moves to avoid obstacles and to make the game fun for others to play. We are very excited at Columbia to offer and implement our new Makerspace."

KHS Senior Speaks at Good Scout Awards

Kings Senior and Eagle Scout, Evan Bowman was invited to speak at this year's Good Scout Award Luncheon at the Duke Energy Center this week. The award luncheon is the largest local fundraiser for local Scout youth.

Evan was the only Scout invited to speak at the event. He was chosen after one of the leaders heard him speak at another Scout function. Evan gave the invocation and youth message speech. Evan's speech centered around his experiences in Boy Scouting and how it has helped him realize his leadership potential.

The keynote speaker of the event was Astronaut Captain Mark Kelly. The luncheon was attended by all of the large corporations of Greater Cincinnati and raised over \$500,000 for the Dan Beard Council, our local Boy Scouts of America Council.

Great job, Evan!



Pictured: Evan with Captain Mark Kelly.

KHS Musician Represents Ohio in Honor Band



Kings High School Senior, Isaac Slavens joined other outstanding musicians from across the nation as part of Music for All's 2017 Honor Band of America. Isaac was selected from numerous applicants from across the nation for membership in this prestigious honor ensemble.

Isaac plays the Euphonium and was selected by audition to rehearse and perform in concert as part of the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, March 9-11 in Indianapolis. The Honor Band of America represented 26 states and 66 high schools. They performed a concert at Clowes Memorial Hall at Butler University under the direction of Michael Colburn, Director of Bands, Butler University.

"To be selected for membership in this elite national ensemble is a great achievement and honor," said Eric Martin, Music for All President and CEO.

Congrats, Isaac!

John Lazares Receives Character Award

Former Kings Superintendent, John Lazares recently received the Heroes of Character Award from the Character Council of Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky. Nominated by Kings High School Teacher, Dustin Goldie, Lazares was honored among 9 other adults and 10 students at the sixth Heroes of Character Celebration on March 15.

The mission of the Character Council of Greater Cincinnati & NKY is to foster character development in children and adults as a foundation for success. The Council noted that this year's celebration was "Quite possible the best."

Congratulations, Mr. Lazares!





Celebrating STEAM Education at Knight of Innovation

Kings High School will celebrate STEAM education at their **Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead Knight of Innovation** on Tuesday, April 11 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This community event will showcase our STEAM projects that will feature interactive booths in the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics subjects such as: an electric car, geocaching, arcade machine programming, 2-D animation, paper airplanes, 3-D printing, bridge building, hydraulics, resistors, and playing music on bananas and cheese!

The exhibit is open to the public. To apply to exhibit at the event [click here](#).

This inaugural event will also feature 1776 Grill Food Truck! Come enjoy a delicious dinner while experiencing STEAM at Kings!

You don't want to miss this great night at KHS! Bring the kids!

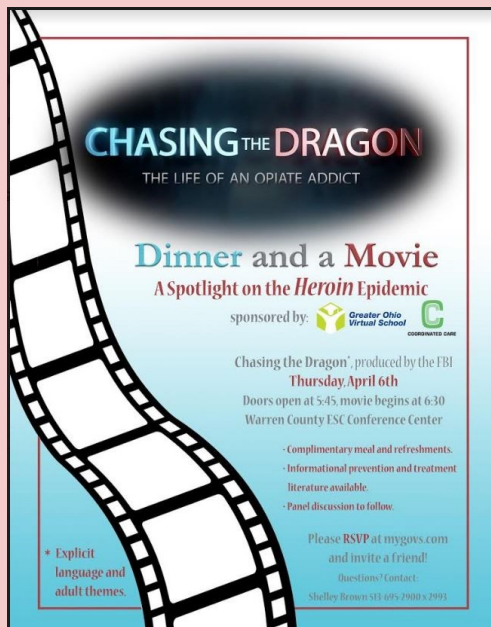
KHS Senior Art Show

You are invited to this year's Kings High School Senior Art Show! It will take place on Thursday, April 6 in the KHS Bradford Media Center. The media center will be open during Senior Community Service Reflection Night and there will be a reception beginning at 7:00 p.m.

This year's show includes the works of 29 talented KHS Seniors: Nigel Adams, Mikaela Allee, Kate Baxter, Jessie Bilbrey, Hunter Blair, Sonia Blizzard, Kyra Burson Sofia Camarillo, Jenna Cooper, Bridget Davis, Olivia Doyle, Alex Fliegel, Claire Galberg, Lauren Goslee, Lauren Huhn, Kiley Jermont, Ben Kessler, Jillian Krynock, Carlos Melendez Porras, Andrew Nishimori, Tiana Onnen, Emily Poole, Kalie Reaves, Austin Rowe, Erin Ryan, Henry Strosnider, Betsy Strunk, Piper VanDerveer, and Mikayla Werner.



Dinner and a Movie to Spotlight the Heroin Epidemic



The Greater Ohio Virtual School partnered with Warren County Coordinated Care to present information regarding the evils of the heroin epidemic. The documentary film, "Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict" will be presented on Thursday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Warren County Educational Service Center. Organizers say that the film is raw, but they feel that this is a nationwide epidemic and the story must be told in real world experience. This FREE evening will offer a complimentary meal and refreshments, information on prevention and treatment, and a panel discussion.

Please RSVP at mygovs.com or contact Shelley Brown at 513-695-2900 ext 2993. Please feel free to invite anyone you feel may benefit from this event.

This film contains explicit language and adult themes and should be considered inappropriate for children.

KHS Senior Yard Signs

Graduation is right around the corner. Don't miss your opportunity to purchase a Senior Yard Sign! For the 16th year, the Kings After Prom Party Committee is selling the signs for seniors.

The 24x18 signs are printed on both sides with your student's name hand printed by parent volunteers and then stapled onto brackets. You can personally pick up your sign or have your senior bring the sign home from school.

Pick up date will be Monday, May 8, between 6:00 – 7:00pm, in the KHS Cafeteria, or seniors will bring signs home from school on May 9. We know how proud you are of your student's accomplishment in graduating and this is such a fun way to show it to family, friends, neighbors and the community in general!

Simply complete [this form](#) and return by Monday, April 17 along with a \$10 check made payable to KAPP (Kings After Prom Party). Feel free to order as many as you want! ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 17.

The KAPP is looking for volunteers to help with the printing of the student's names on these signs, please indicate if you can help on the order form. If you have questions, please feel free to call Diane Westaway at 513-543-3371 or email at westaway@fuse.net.



The recent Kings/Hoxworth Blood Drive was a success. Organizer, Jorge Gonzales tells us that 45 registered donors gave 28 pints of whole blood and one collection of double red cells, making a total of 30 pints collected. He said, "This is a very good number, especially for a Spring blood drive."

The next blood drive will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2017.



2017 SUMMER ENRICHMENT CAMPS

Looking for summer camp ideas for your child? The Warren County Service Center has released their 2017 Summer Enrichment Camp schedule. [Click here for a complete list of WCESC Summer Camps!](#)

Check out our [Summer Camp Page](#) in our Virtual Backpack. We will update as we receive information.



Check Out Our Virtual Backpack

We have added a lot of NEW flyers to our Virtual Backpack! If you are looking for activities for your student, check out the [VIRTUAL BACKPACK](#) on our website. All flyer requests from our district organizations and non-profit organizations are now in one location! You can always find it on the homepage of our website or under the Resources tab.

Our Kings High School [Knight Times Online Newspaper](#) features great articles written by our own KHS students. Take some time to check out their website and read some of the terrific stories written by our talented students!





JOIN US FOR A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT:
**Kings Men's
 HS Soccer Team**

Come into the Pizzeria Locale at 9540 Mason Montgomery Rd
 on Tuesday, April 18th from 5 - 9 pm

Mention this fundraiser at the register and 50% of your
 purchase will be donated to
 Kings Men's HS Soccer Team

PIZZERIA LOCALE

Kings High School **SUSHI TUESDAY**



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TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH

Choice of Sushi Offerings:

California Sushi Roll

Chicken Sushi Roll

Vegetable Sushi Roll

Shrimp Sushi Roll

Mozzarella String Cheese

Fresh Vegetable Cup

Fresh Fruit Cup

Fresh Garden Salad with Crackers

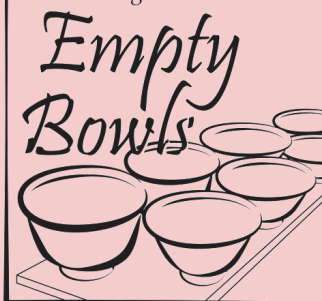
Milk-8 oz

Student Meal (full price) - \$5.00 Reduced Student Meal—\$4.40

Free Student Meal—\$0.00

Special thanks to Sysco Cincinnati and Chef Kikumori

Mason Grange hosts:



Support Kings Local Food Pantry

On Saturday, April 8 a special fundraising event will take place in Mason to benefit the Kings Local Food Pantry and St. Susanna Schuh Center Food Pantry. Mason Empty Bowls 2017 will feature the creations of local chefs and artists.

The event began more than 25 years ago in Michigan and since has grown into an international, grass roots effort to combat hunger and food insecurity.

The Mason Grange will host for the third year at the Grange Hall, 209 N. Mason Montgomery Road. In exchange for a cash donation, you will receive a simple lunch of soup, bread, dessert, and beverage and your choice of a handcrafted bowl. For more information visit [Mason Empty Bowls 2017](#).

Together, the Kings Local Food Pantry and the St. Susannah Schuh Center Food Pantry help feed at least 800 households per month in the Kings, Mason, Lebanon, and Lakota school districts.



Our Kings High School Digital Media Arts Students have been creating great projects all year long. Here is their latest video which is similar to the Honda commercial you may have seen during the Super Bowl. Students brought KHS Staff member's yearbook photos to life.

Check out [Our KHS Staff Wants You to Buy Your Yearbook!](#)



KINGS ATHLETICS NEWS

Check out Kings Athletics NEW website! You can find out schedule information, upcoming events, news about teams, and even get directions to away venues. [Find us on Facebook!](#)
[Click here](#) to access the Kings Athletics Webpage.

Don't miss this week's [KHS Roundtable](#)

Read more exciting athletic news in this week's [Knight's Weekly](#).

Firecrackers Tryout Meeting

There will be a very important parent meeting for new girls wanting to tryout for the Firecrackers on Tuesday April 4 at 4:15 p.m. in the South Lebanon Elementary School gym. Tryout lists will be handed out and you will have the opportunity to ask Coach Kelley questions about the program. If you have questions, please contact peterskatina@gmail.com.



The tryouts are open to all 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students in the Kings Local School District. Check out their website at www.kingsfirecrackers.com.

MULCH MADNESS 2017



KINGS FOOTBALL MULCH SALE

Kings Football MULCH MADNESS

Spring is right around the corner, so it's time to start thinking about MULCH! The Kings Football Team is holding their Annual Mulch Sale. This year, you have a choice of Hardwood, Black Gold, and Black Dyed mulch. All mulch comes in 2.0 cubic foot bags and the cost is only \$4.50 a bag.

The Football Team offers FREE DELIVERY to your home or place of business on April 22-23. To be eligible for free delivery, you must be within a 5-mile radius of the Kings School District with a 10 bag minimum.

To order contact a Kings Football player or call/email Coach Garvin at 513-398-8050 ext. 11003 or agarvin@kingslocal.net or Coach Olds at 513-398-8050 ext. 12021 or aolds@kingslocal.net. Deadline for orders is April 14.

Kings Athletics Summer Camps

Kings Athletics Summer Camp Dates are now available! You can check out the [Summer Camp Flyer](#) or register online [HERE](#).



KYO Cheerleading Registration will take place on Tuesday, April 18 and/or April 26 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Columbia Intermediate School.

They will hold a Uniform Resale Night on Tuesday, April 11 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Columbia Intermediate School. For more information [click here](#).

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