May 19, 2017



You are cordially invited to Kings High School Class of 2017 Graduation. This year's ceremony will be held tomorrow, Saturday, May 20 beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Cintas Center at Xavier University. If you are unable to make it to the Cintas Center you can watch it livestreamed!

Congratulations to the Class of 2017. Click this link from The Knight Times to see where our seniors are heading to college. Oh the places you'll go!



Upcoming Events

May 20— KHS Graduation, 11:00 a.m., Cintas Center.

May 26— LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

June 13 — Kings Board of Education Work Session, 5:30 p.m., Kings Education Center, Conf. Rm. 2.

June 20 — Kings Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Kings Education Center, Conf. Rm. 2.

LOOKING AHEAD:

August 16 — First Day of School 2017-2018 School Year.

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

Senior Scholar-Athletes Recognized

For the past 22 years, the Kings Athletic Booster Club and the Kings Athletic Department have honored student athletes who have maintained excellent academic standards while dedicating their time and energy to Kings athletics. On Wednesday, May 17, the Annual Senior Scholar-Athlete Luncheon was held at TPC Rivers Bend. Twenty-five students were recognized at the luncheon with their parents and a Kings staff member who has particularly influenced their academic and athletic success.

To qualify for this award, an athlete must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.850 or better for seven semesters at KHS while earning a minimum of five varsity letters in multiple sports, or four varsity letters in one sport.

Every scholar-athlete honored is attending college and many of them will also play sports.

This year's Scholar Athletes are: Dylan Bird, Taylor Brant, Sarah Bruns, Hannah Rasmussen, Nigel Adams Rey Peña Canteria, Kelly Hock, Davis Jenkins, Alexander MacNeil, Andra Malburg, Foster Martin, Tyler Mitchell, Hunter Nosek, Katie Pihl, Kyle Rhodes, Michaella Ruschau, Max Schowalter, Dan Sichterman, Matt Sichterman, Megan Sichterman, Avery Smith, Laurel Smithson, Kaitlyn Snow, Anders Wikum, and Thomas Yoder.





Ohio Politicians Visit KHS

On Friday, May 12, State Congresswoman, Sarah LaTourette (District 76) and House Representative, Scott Lipps who represents district 62, including part of the district that serves Kings, visited Kings High School. LaTourette talked about her role as the Assistant Floor Majority Leader for the Ohio House of Representatives. She also gave a snapshot into her life of politics and the role she plays in helping her district and the state of Ohio.

Lipps discussed the importance state politics plays in any Ohioan's daily life.

They spent the second half of the visit answering student questions such as, "What is the piece of legislation you created that you are most proud of?" and "What are you doing to help keep kids in school and our schools funded?"

Drop Everything and Read!

The 3rd grade at J.F. Burns Elementary enjoyed DEAR day (Drop Everything And Read) on Tuesday, May 16. There were several activities throughout the day including partner reading, outside reading, and read alouds. They also had special guest readers like Assistant Superintendent, Tim Spinner, J.F. Burns





Principal, Cheryl Montag, and parent Mrs. Brandi. Mrs. Gray said, "The gorgeous weather allowed us to spend time outside enjoying a good book!"

Kings Offers FREE Summer Lunch Program

The Kings Local School District, in partnership with the South Lebanon Community Center/Joshua's Place Community Outreach Organization, is participating in a Summer Meal Program. The program will provide FREE meals to children between 1 and 18 years of age. Youth ages 19-20 with a mental or physical disability who participate during the school year in a public or private non-profit school program are also eligible to receive free meals. No registration is required.



Free lunch will be available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday's at the South Lebanon Community Center, 83 N. Section Street, South Lebanon, OH from June 5-July 28 from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (No weekends)

Petermann/Kings Local Transportation Department will be providing bus service for school aged children only. Please click here for bus schedule.

For questions regarding the program please contact Kings Food Service Director, Jennifer Arlinghaus at 513-398-8050, ext. 10027.

Kings High School 2016 Baccalaureate

On Wednesday, May 17, the Kings Baccalaureate Ceremony took place at Crossroads Mason. It was a very special night for the Kings High School Seniors. The student–led Baccalaureate Ceremony is a non-denominational event that provides a personal opportunity for students and their families to reflect on graduation as a rite of passage. Students gave speeches, sang, and performed for their parents, teachers, and peers. To view a gallery of pictures from the night click here.



KHS Students at BPA Nationals

Ten Kings High School students traveled to Orlando, Florida May 10-12 for the Business Professionals of America National Conference. Thousands of students from across the country gathered to compete, showcase their business skills and build leadership.

Faith Shields placed 5th in the nation in Computer Modeling, Avi DiPasquale and Faith Shields placed 8th in Virtual Multimedia & Promotion, Jared Olberding placed 13th in Computer Network Technology/MTA Networking Fundamentals, Daniel Corcoran placed 15th in PC Servicing & Troubleshooting/MTA Windows OS Fundamentals, Daniel Lee placed 16th in Business Law & Ethics, the Global Marketing Team of Haley McCrory, Ben

Smith, Will Johnson, and Josh Kwaitkowski placed 21st and Peyton Riddell placed 29th in Digital Meda Production. Congratulations!

JFB Laps for Literacy

For the past 17 years J.F. Burns Elementary Principal Cheryl Montag has encouraged her students to read with the Laps for Literacy Program. From January to April students log every minute of extra-curricular reading they do. Those minutes are added up and calculated into laps that Mrs. Montag has to walk. This year students read a total of 1,149,050 minutes!

This year's Top Readers were Isabelle Horsely, Josh Earle, Callie Rose Powell, Rachel Girling, and Nathan Edwards. Top Classes were Mrs. Rumelhart, Mrs. Sova, Mrs. Bogard, Mrs. Gray, and Mrs. Bowman.

Mrs. Montag walked six laps around Landen Lake – 18 miles! The entire student body lined the J.F. Burns drive to cheer on Mrs. Montag ,the top readers and classes, Superintendent Tim Ackermann, and Assistant Superintendent Timothy J. Spinner as they began the first lap.





KHS Academic Awards

Monday, May 15 was a day of celebration at Kings High School. Students from throughout KHS were honored for various achievements and the seniors were honored that evening at the annual Academic Awards Night. Students were recognized for being top students in specific subjects, earning scholarships, and earning straight A's, as well as the winners of the Kings Character Award, military appointees, and much more!

The staff at KHS also recognized the Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Merit Scholars, and those with four years of perfect attendance. Seniors who have already found a college were invited to wear a t-shirt from their college or military. Before the awards program began, these seniors walked onto the stage to be recognized. Congratulations KHS Seniors and KHS students!





Please remember to pick up any medications that your child may have at school. Medications need to be picked up by Friday, May 26 from the health clinics in each building.

Animal Wax Museum at SLE

Last week, the first grade classes at South Lebanon Elementary participated in an Animal Wax Museum. The students researched an animal, wrote a report, and presented on their chosen animal to parents, friends and teachers.

The students were very creative with their presentations and costumes. You could find many different animals such as a peacock, frog, koala bear, penguin, and chameleon.



KJH 8th Grade Band Earns Superior Rating!

The Kings Junior High School 8th Grade Band, comprised of 75 members, earned a Superior rating at the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) District XIII Large Group Contest held at Mason Middle School on Friday, May 12. Competing in Class A, the band performed "The Expert" by H. A. VanderCook, "Northland Pines" by Michael Sweeney and "Whale Warriors" by Brian Balmages. The band is directed by Matt Jenkins, Mike Maegly, Brian McDonough, and Joe Polen. Congratulations!

Project Search Graduation

Congratulations to Project Search Graduates Kaetlyn Dale, Nikki Knoderer, and Eric Scott. Project Search High School Transition Program is a one-year program designed to prepare students with disabilities who are in their last year of high school, eligibility for entry-level employment. Project Search partners with the Otterbein-Lebanon Retirement Community.

The Project Search Graduation was an opportunity to celebrate the many achievements and accomplishments of the interns.



Pictured L-R: KHS Principal, Doug Leist, Kaetlyn Dale, Eric Scott, Nikki Knoderer, and Lorrainne Hartke, KHS Intervention Specialist.



KHS Juniors Recognized for Giving Back

KHS Junior's Alana Acker and Abby Dorsa were honored at the Magnified Giving Awards on May 2. Magnified Giving is a 501(c)3 educational organization based in Cincinnati that partners with local schools to engage students in philanthropy. The Kings High School Community Service Club partnered with Magnified Giving this year.

Abby and Alana submitted excerpts for what the club meant to them. They received the Roger Grein Spirit of Philanthropy Special Recognition which gifted \$50 to donate to the charity of their choice.

Through the Magnified Giving Program, student partners are given \$1,000 to invest in local non-profit organizations that they have researched and feel there is a need. After researching various projects, the Community Service Club chose to work with the Wesley Chapel Ministries in Over-the-Rhine, which is a tutoring and mentoring program for young children.

The Club also raised \$250, which Magnified Giving matched, to donate a total of \$500 to 4Paws for Ability.

Learning About Bees at CIS

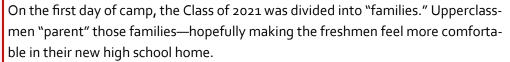
The students in Mrs. Casseday's class at Columbia Intermediate School have been learning about bees and their importance in helping us grow crops. The students also learned about how bees produced honey.

As an extension activity, the students wore bee puppets while eating Cheetos, then "pollinated" each other's paper flowers with their pollen (Cheeto) covered fingers. They also made their own honey butter and completed many fun bee crafts!



Kings Freshman Camp

Moving up to the high school from the junior high can be a scary time for some students. To make that transition a little less stressful and a little easier, Kings High School hosted Kings Freshman Camp Thursday, May 18, and Friday, May 19. This 2-day event introduced upcoming freshman (this year's eighth graders) to some upperclassman who will help ease them into their first year as high schoolers.





On day two, the students listened to upper classmen from Andrea Nichols' Creative Writing class read self-authored stories about their high school experiences. The goal was to help the eighth graders understand that they can make it through difficult situations by supporting one another. The incoming freshman were also treated to a tour of the high school and participated in many student led activities.



Woodworking Project a Success

Based on a picture supported vocational interest survey the students in Angie Zlatic and Junior Ili's classes took last year, the class recently completed a woodworking project. In the survey, the students indicated that they would like to learn more about machines, so all year long they have been learning about various machines.

In the fall they took a field trip to an adult post secondary site called RCC/SKIDZ. SKIDZ teaches adults with disabilities how to work with wood. There they saw many machines and tools.

The students found a woodworking project that interested them. They had class discussions on materials needed, budget, and skills required. They took a trip to Lowe's to buy the materials and were even able to watch a demonstration on industrial wood cutting and paint mixing.

With the help of Engineering teacher, Jason Shields who helped use the school saw and Occupational Therapist, Jean

Lundquist who helped measure, make templates, and drill, the students completed their project. The final product is a front porch post to hang seasonal signs.



CIS History Day Winners

History Day is a day observed by many 6-12 grade students from across the country. The day motivates students to discover history by cultivating interest as students research a topic related to the a theme, which this year it was "Taking a Stand in History." Every 6th grade student at Columbia Intermediate School participated as they developed their research and presenting skills by presenting their projects to community



members, KHS students, and Kings Administrators on Tuesday, May 16.

Fifteen students came out on top. Congratulations to Ali Hussain, Xander Moore, Noelle Adler, Hailey Gandert, Hannah Prater, Marissa Elam, Chloe Smith, Katlen Tukkev, Avery Tumler, Brady Wik, Ida Pendergast, Lauren Richardson, Matthew Karb, Gianna Casanta, and Hayley Howes.

Mrs. Joey Pratt said the event couldn't have happened without the help of the judges. She said, "We have so much gratitude for the 63 volunteers - parents, staff, and honors history high school students that volunteered as judges."



KHS Prom Queen and King Crowned

Congratulations to Rainy Woods and Dustin Dezarn who were crowned Prom Queen and King on Saturday, May 13.

This year's prom court included: Mikaela Allee, Taylor Brown, Kelly Hock, Erin Ventura, Rainy Woods, Nigel Adams, Dustin Dezarn, Noah Edwards, Caleb Ewing, and Alex Orr.

This year's KHS Prom was held at the Savannah Center in West Chester and a great time was had by all!

KHS DMA Senior Portfolios

There are eight talented Kings High School seniors who have been a part of the Digital Media Arts Program. These students are looking for internships, commissions, networking, and job opportunities that will help them achieve their future career goals.

<u>Check out their work</u>. If you like their work, please contact them directly for your photography, illustration, design, animation, video, and filmmaking needs. Additionally, feel free to forward their portfolios to anyone you know who might be interested in their work!



Congratulations to Jenna Cooper, Bridget Davis, Lauren Goslee, Ben Kessler, Jillian Krynock, Carlos Melendez, Kali Reaves, and Mikayla Werner.

KJH NHS Students Give Back

Seventeen members of National Junior Honor Society and 3 parent volunteers spent two hours last Saturday morning volunteering at Matthew 25 Ministries. According to Matthew 25, they helped over 4,500 people with the time they spent there.

NJHS member, Tanner McKiernan said, "I thought it was cool how we helped so many people. It may not feel like you are doing a lot by sorting clothes, but little actions make a big difference." The Honor Society hopes to make this a monthly event on the 1st Saturday of the month from September through May.





KHS Sophomore Donates Piano

Kings High School Sophomore, Brooke Howard lost her father suddenly at age 10. She recently honored his memory by using her inheritance to donate a beautiful grand piano to the Kings High School Music Department. Watch the story here. Way to be #KINGSSTRONG, Brooke!

SLE Students Visit Cub World

The students in Yes Club at South Lebanon Elementary visited Cub World on May 11. The students heard a presentation by Duke Energy, the Canine Unit of Hamilton County, and a healthy food choice presentation. The students also saw the Cincinnati Bengals engaging in some football drills!

While there, they played tug of war and went on a nature hike. Mrs. Peggy Allen said, "A good time was had by all!"





JFB Students Ready for Rain Garden

Coming soon to J.F. Burns Elementary is a new rain garden! This week, students worked with Shannon Russell of Mother Nature's Classroom to do a percolation test, also known as a "perc test, to determine the water absorption rate of soil.

Stay tuned for rain garden updates!

Last day of school for students is Friday, May 26!



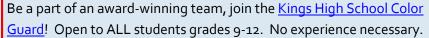
Summer Vaccination Clinic

The Warren County Health District plans to hold a Saturday Immunization Clinic on July 22. Families can call the health district at 513-695-1468 to schedule an appointment.

Immunization appointments are also available Monday through Friday throughout the year. In order to avoid the back to school rush prior to the start of the school year, we encourage families to call early and schedule their appointment for immunizations.

Families can also check the website at www.wcchd.com for updates on additional Saturday clinics.

Kings Color Guard Opportunities





Tryouts will be held on May 19 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the KJH Gym. For more information contact Color Guard Director Jennifer Maegly at imaegly@kingslocal.net.

Don't miss the Guard Clinics for K-6th grade students this summer. Clinics will take place on Saturday, June 10 and Saturday, July 15. The cost of the clinics is \$10 per child. Each child will receive a flag to take home. The clinic is a fundraiser for the Kings High School Color Guard to raise money to travel to competitions.

To learn more about the Color Guard Clinics click here.



HOMEARAMA Offers Special for Kings Community

Don't miss this year's Homearama in the Rivercrest Subdivision! It will take place July 8-23. Our Kings Community is being offered the lowest ticket prices found anywhere with a portion of the each sale going back to the Kings Community!

July 14 is Kings Celebration Night at this year's Homearama! We will show the community why Kings is the #1 place to raise a family and why we love our district. There will be student performances, art displays, mixed media presentations, and some demonstrations will line the streets of Rivercrest. It's a night you don't want to miss!

Tickets purchased with this link may be used any day Homearama is open to the general public.

Hope to see you there!





We have added a lot of NEW flyers to our Virtual Backpack! If you are looking for activities for your student, check out the <u>VIRTUAL BACKPACK</u> 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. Don't forget to check out

our Summer Camp Page in our Virtual Backpack, too!





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> Wednesday, May 24th, 2017 5-9 pm

El Rancho Nuevo will generously donate 20% of your food purchase to Kings Band Boosters to help support all Kings Band students. Just show this flyer in print or on your electronic device when ordering.



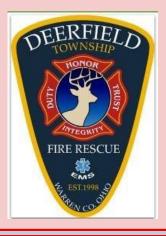




Safety Town Volunteers Needed

Deerfield Township Fire Rescue is looking for Safety Town Counselors this summer. Students can earn up to 80 community service hours by teaching children about safety.

Safety Town runs from Monday through Friday, June 13-24. Camp sessions are 9:00 a.m.-noon and 1:00p.m.-4:00 p.m. All youth are required to undergo a background check at their own expense and will have an orientation. <u>Click here</u> to learn more about being a Safety Town Volunteer.



Daisy Scouts

The Girls Scouts of Western Ohio offers Daisy and Girl Scout troops in the Kings District. If you have a child who would like to be a part of Girl Scouts contact Kelly Osborne at kellyosborne@qswo.org.





West Side Story Features Several Kings Actors

The Children's Theatre of Mason presents West Side Story May 26-28 at Mason High School. This production features 16 students from the Kings Local School District from the elementary school through the high school.

The show will run for four performances – Friday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 27 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday, May 28 at 2:00 p.m. VIP reserved

seating tickets can be purchased for the Friday and Saturday evening shows as well as the Sunday matinee for \$25 each. General admission tickets for any show are \$12 each. Click here for more information and for tickets.



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

Check out this week's Knights Weekly!

KJH Runners Fare Well at State Meet

Alex Justus, King Junior High School 8th grader was the Junior High State Champion in the 1600 and 800 at the inaugural OHSAA Junior High State Championship meet on Saturday, May 13. In the 1600 m run, Alex ran a 4:35.20 and he ran a 2:00.43 to set a new Kings school record for the 800 m run, as well.

The Kings 4×400 team of Aidan Guckenberger (7th), Kavin Lynch (8th), Caleb Chunn (8th), and Alex Justus (8th) also qualified and ran a school record time of 3:51.41 to place 9th out of the 15 teams represented in the meet.



The future of Kings Track and Field is looking bright! Congratulations!



Men's Soccer Chipotle Fundraiser

Show your team spirit by joining us for a fundraiser to support Kings High School Men's Soccer. Come in to the Chipotle at 2364 Kings Center Ct. Suite 100 in Mason on Wednesday, May 24 between 5:00pm and 9:00pm.

Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Kings High School Men's Soccer.



Junior High Girls Soccer Meeting

There will be a meeting for junior high girls interested in playing on the junior high soccer team on Monday, May 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the KJH Multipurpose Room. For more information contact Stephanie Riggsby at sriggsby@kingslocal.net.

Dave Segrist Annual Golf Outing

The 6th Annual Dave Segrist Golf Outing will take place on Saturday, June 3 at the Golf Center at Kings Island. Click here for more information.

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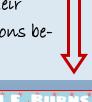








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