



NEW PRINCIPALS KICK OFF FIRST YEAR AT KINGSLEY SCHOOLS



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Pictured: Kingsley Middle School counselor Olivia Wiltjer and new principal Heather Miller pose for a selfie at the first annual Kingsley 5th Grade orientation night.

New year, new faces! This fall, Kingsley Schools welcomed two new principals to the district. Ms. Heather Miller took over as principal at Kingsley Middle School while Mr. Chris Rapes took the lead at Kingsley High School.

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District News

Keep up with Kingsley! Follow us on Facebook and our website for the latest updates.

Notice of Board of Education Vacancy

The Kingsley Area School District is seeking applications for the current vacant position on the Board of Education. An individual will be appointed to fill the vacant position until the November 2024 elections have been held and certified and a newly elected individual has been sworn-in to fill the position. Interested persons must submit a letter expressing interest in the Board position and their qualifications for the position to the district office no later than 3:00PM on Friday, October 7, 2022.

Please submit a letter of interest and qualifications to:

Kingsley Area Schools

Attn: Beth Lajko, School Board President

402 Fenton Street

Kingsley, MI 49649



Email the board!

You can now send a message to all board members at the following address:

schoolboard@kingsleyschools.org



Our Board of Education meets monthly for regularly scheduled meetings at 7:00PM in the High School library. Special meetings are scheduled as needed. The public is welcome to attend.

Board minutes are available online at kingsleyschools.org or at the Superintendent's office located at 402 Fenton St., Kingsley, MI



MEET INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT JASON STOWE

Kingsley Schools' Board of Education accepted the resignation of former superintendent Dr. Keith Smith on September 12. Jason Stowe will serve the district until Christmas Break on December 21.



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"My goal for these first few weeks is to meet with as many people as possible. I think part of my job right now is to listen and to find out what has gone really well over the last decade, and what needs some improvement. When the district does hire a permanent superintendent, it will be really important that the district has a good, clear plan."



On Wednesday, September 21, longtime Northern Michigan educator Jason Stowe started work as the interim superintendent of Kingsley Schools following the resignation of Dr. Keith Smith.

The Northport native joins the district with extensive experience working in northwestern Michigan schools, including nine years as superintendent of Leland Schools, and most recently, as interim superintendent at Glen Lake Schools in 2021.

Reflecting on his first few days on the job in Kingsley, he called the district and the people who work for it "incredible."

"I've just been really impressed by the quality of people inside the schools. There's this caring, loving, nurturing environment. It doesn't take long to realize that all these people are here for the right reason."

As he helps the district navigate a new chapter, he says his goal is to open up a dialogue with the staff and community members.

"Of course, growing up in Northern Michigan, I've known about Kingsley my whole life. I understand small communities, and the school is a vital part of a community like Kingsley. My job is to be a representative of the school, and I'm here to have their best interests at heart," he said.

"My favorite part of working in education is the fact that you're just around people that have one focus, and that is the kids. The thing I love most about working in small schools is that as the superintendent, you get to walk into the buildings, right across the parking lot, to be reminded of what it is we're doing here. You're always around great people, and you're making a difference."

Kingsley Music Bulletins



Event Calendar

Marching Band Expo

Monday, October 10 | 5:00PM

Kingsley Performance Time TBD

\$5/Person, Family Discount

Thirlby Field, Traverse City

KHS Marching Band Concert

Wednesday, October 12

7:00PM | Kingsley High School

KMS Band Fall Concert

Wednesday, October 19

7:00PM | Kingsley Middle School

Harvest Choir Concert

Thursday, October 27 | 7:00PM

Kingsley High School



Kingsley Band Notes

by Lance Dubay

Another school year is upon us! Join the Kingsley Bands this fall for our middle school and high school concerts, and catch the Marching Band under the lights at the home high school football games.

The Kingsley Marching Stags will be participating in the Northern Michigan University Marching Band Day October 28-30. We are the only band from the lower peninsula invited to attend this year. Our band will perform alongside the Wildcat Band and nearly 400 other musicians from the UP and Wisconsin. In addition, there is a 5th quarter marching exhibition, where the Stags will perform their halftime show. Kingsley has nearly a dozen alumni participating in the NMU Marching band and serving in a variety of leadership capacities. It's great for our students to see how music can be a larger part of their life beyond high school.

Friday September 23, at the Benzie/Kingsley football game, the KMS concert band was invited to attend the annual "band family night". Nearly 60 middle school students joined the HS Marching band on the field and in the stands to perform for fans and cheer on the Stags.





School Board Schedules Tentative Workshop Sessions

The Kingsley school board has scheduled three tentative workshop dates as the district navigates its search for a new superintendent following the resignation of Dr. Keith Smith.

The board will keep October 3, 17, and 24 open for workshops to be held as needed.

Please check the district website regularly for more information.

KEEP UP WITH KINGSLEY!



KINGSLEY SCHOOLS



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KMS science teacher Tiffany Smith's Sustainable Science class featured in Record-Eagle



"In back-to-back morning class periods, Smith will teach her class... how to grow food and generate power with recycled materials."

[READ HERE](#) →



WORK FOR KINGSLEY SCHOOLS!



We're hiring for multiple positions! Head to the link below for more details and to apply. The School Board approved a \$2.00 per hour raise for support staff, with positions starting at \$14.03 per hour.

[APPLY HERE](#) →



News from the Lunchroom



By Kristy Donner
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Have you heard? Kingsley Area Schools is offering FREE breakfast to all students through December 2022! In addition, this year only we are paying for all reduced meal prices.

What does this mean for your family? Breakfast will be **FREE** for all students that decide to participate in the school meal program until Christmas Break.

Families that have qualified for reduced meals will not have to pay the reduced meals for the 2022-2023 school year.

To apply for Free or Reduced meals log onto
[Kingsley.familyportal.cloud](https://kingsley.familyportal.cloud).

You only need to apply one time per household per year.

You can submit a new application at any time there is an income change.

We are asking that you please complete and submit it as soon as possible to ensure that additional funding for our school is available to meet the needs of our students.

Meal Charging: Students are allowed to charge \$13.00 on their accounts. After \$13.00, students may receive an alternative lunch, and their account will still be charged for the school lunch. Students are not permitted to charge "extras." Extras would be items outside of reimbursable meal such as an individual milk, extra entrée, or ala carte items.

For further information please see the districts website under food service charging and bad debt.



Other News & Events



To view menus online scan the QR code or download the Nutrislice app from your phone.

We have fired up the high school grill and smoker! So far, students have been able to enjoy grilled burgers and smoked pork tenderloin. Beef brisket and pulled pork are on the menu for October.

- The week of October 10th is National School Lunch Week!
- October 13th is National Apple Crunch Day. Stay tuned for more information!



We are looking for on-call help in all school cafeterias!

If interested, please apply online at
compassgroupcareers.com.

**Yearbooks are great now, priceless later.
Buy your yearbook today.**

Walsworth yearbooks



KHS Yearbook Contact Information

E-mail: jbowen@kingsleyschools.org
Phone: 231-263-5262, extension #4015
Mailing Address: 402 Fenton St, Kingsley, MI 49649

A yearbook is a priceless record of your student's years at KHS. It is the yearbook staff's goal to increase student coverage by picturing or quoting each KHS student at least three times in the yearbook. Parent and student photos are always appreciated and will help the staff to broaden our coverage. Does your student do something unique after school? Did you go on an amazing family trip this summer? These stories could also be included in the yearbook, but that will only happen if you share your photos and experiences with the yearbook staff. See contact information below.

Pre-Ordering your Copy of the Kingsley High School Yearbook

- Yearbooks will be available for **pre-order at school** twice during the school year. Bring an order form and your payment in an envelope addressed to Ms. Burcroff or Yearbook. Payment can be turned into the office or Ms. Burcroff in room 15. **Please make checks payable to KHS.**
 - Pre-order early and save! Books can be purchased thru the end of **October** for **\$35**
 - At any other time of yearbooks can be purchased for the regular price of **\$45**. Pre-ordering will be closed June 1st.
- Yearbooks can be **ordered online** with a credit card at any time through June 1st.
 - Buy online at **yearbookforever.com** and enter our school name. There is a small surcharge for this method but major credit cards are accepted.

Kingsley High School Yearbook Order Form

Student Name/s _____ Grade _____

_____ Total number of yearbooks (**\$35 each thru October, \$45 each November-April**).

Pick-up Options (select one)

☐ **High School Pick up:** Yearbooks will be available to *pick up at the high school* the **first week of September the following school year**.

☐ **Priority Mail:** I wish to have my book shipped via priority mail for an **additional \$5 per book**. These are mailed the first week of school. This is a good option for seniors. Seniors may also have another student pick up their copy at school or stop in themselves during school hours.

Mailing Address: _____

*Return to Ms. Bowen
at the High School*

Amount paid (in full) _____

Cash ☐ Check ☐ check # _____



A. PAPANO'S STUDENT ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BY ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MITCH MIGGENBURG



MANTON/ROSCOMMON/
CHARLEVOIX TRI

24 KILLS
44 DIGS
30-30 SERVING

August 29: Jen Lefler, Volleyball. Jen is a senior hitter on the Kingsley varsity volleyball team this fall. She had an excellent opening quad on August 24, showing outstanding leadership with 24 kills, 44 digs, and a perfect 30 for 30 serving. She carries a 3.7 GPA.



VS. MCBAIN &
GAYLORD

3 TOUCHDOWNS

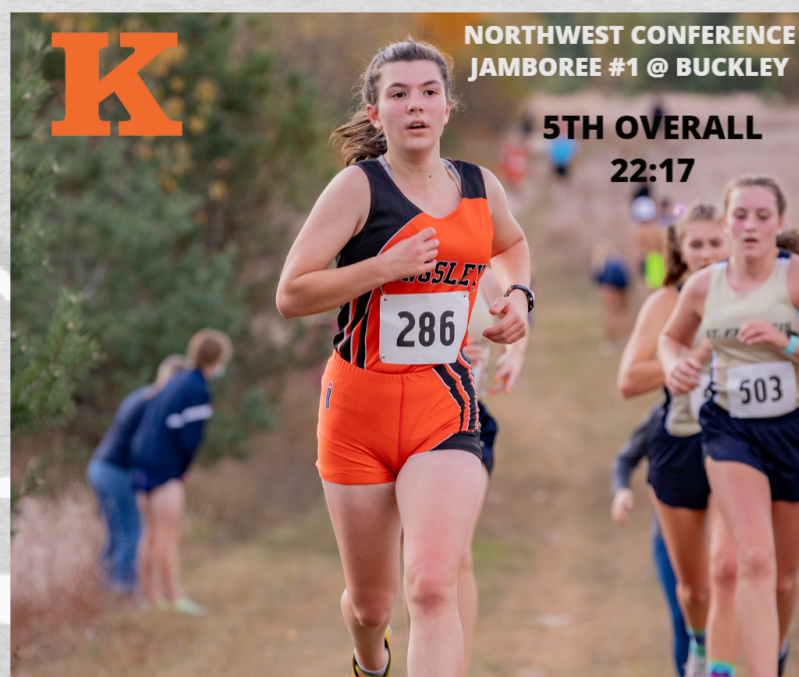
September 6: Eli Graves, Football. Eli is a junior tailback on the varsity Stags football team. He leads the Stags with three touchdowns in two games. Eli also excels in basketball and baseball while carrying a 3.89 GPA.



@ TC CENTRAL INVITE

33 KILLS, 47 DIGS, 7 ACES

September 12: Grace Lewis, Volleyball. Grace is a junior hitter who had an outstanding tournament at TC Central, leading the Stags with 33 kills, 47 digs, and seven aces. Grace also excels in basketball and softball while carrying a perfect 4.0 grade point average, ranking #1 in the junior class.



NORTHWEST CONFERENCE
JAMBOREE #1 @ BUCKLEY

5TH OVERALL
22:17

September 19: Mary Webb, Cross Country. Mary is a senior runner who was the top Kingsley finisher at the Northwest Conference Jamboree at Buckley. She finished 5th with a time of 22:17. Mary also runs track and excels in the choir program while carrying a 3.92 GPA, ranking #7 in the senior class.