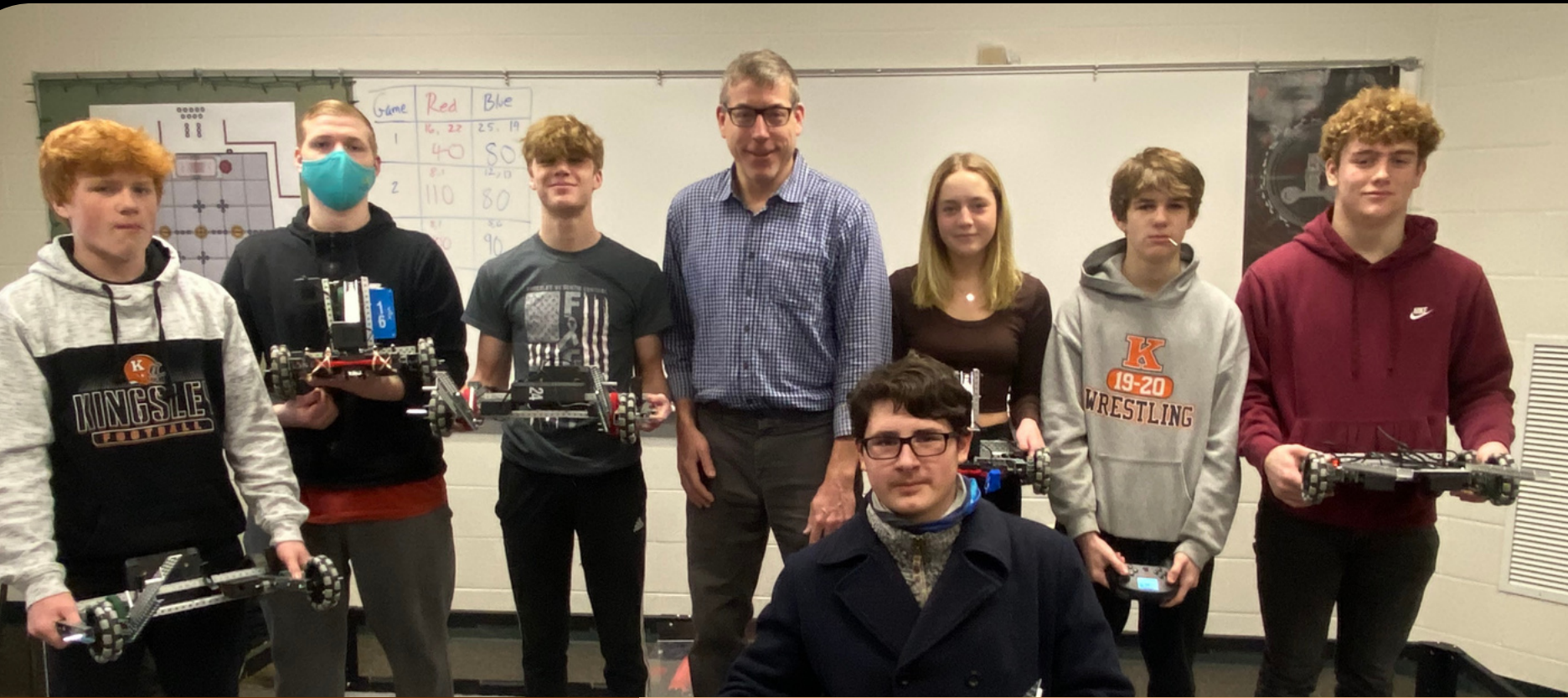




# KINGSLEY CONNECTION

"A COMMUNITY OF TRADITION AND EXCELLENCE"

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## Kingsley High School Robotics Program Offers a New Way for Students to Compete

Two school years ago, Kingsley's former woodshop teacher retired, leaving the shop class empty and putting a gap in KHS' elective offerings. Dozens of former woodshop students were left without an outlet to work with their hands during the school day.

That's when KHS tech teacher, Dan Harbold, started his Robotics class, and later, an after-school program. (continued on page 2).

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## Cover Story (continued)

The class teaches students how to build, design, operate, and fix RC robots that can drive and navigate specific obstacles. His students learn how to program their creations to pick things up, move them, and face off in engineering-based challenges.

"We started with just learning the driving part. We had to do little obstacle courses and then we also learned how to program around a course with a chart," said Mr. Harbold.

In 2020, the class included an after-school opportunity for kids to compete with their robots.

"Last year, we registered 16 teams, and [due to COVID] we were only allowed to compete here, against each other, at KHS. It was like an invitational, but we were the only ones invited. Each class competed and had a winner," he said.

"It's a great opportunity for those kids who may not want to participate in sports but they want to compete," said Mr. Harbold.

The Robotics program competed together on January 22.

To learn more about the program, email Mr. Harbold at [dharbold@kingsleyschools.org](mailto:dharbold@kingsleyschools.org).

by Chloe Kiple



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**"I took the class just because I was already kind of into building stuff in general in the first place, and I liked seeing that I could build robots and stuff. It's pretty fun, and it's my favorite class."**

**-Ethan Lyon, Freshman**



Top right: Jayce Anderson and Ethan Lyon.  
Bottom Left: Brice Henty Right: Jorja Melton and Gwendolyn Stangler





## 25 STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Congratulations to the newest members of NHS! 25 juniors and seniors were inducted in a candle lighting ceremony last fall. Students are selected based on grades and overall character. The prestigious group now has 47 members, making it one of the biggest groups at Kingsley High School.



## KINGSLEY CELEBRATES NATIONAL MILK DAY

Kingsley Dining Services celebrated National Milk Day in January! Staff passed out milk and cookies as well as milk and cow themed swag, had a photo booth, taught students fun facts about milk, and even had an epic milk-mustache contest. Winners took home a t-shirt and cookies!



## SENIORS WIN "VOICE OF DEMOCRACY" SPEECH CONTEST

Congratulations to seniors Hannah Raschi and Hailey Angell for placing in this year's Voice of Democracy Speech Contest sponsored by VFW Cherryland Post 2780. Hannah placed second and was awarded \$300, while Hailey placed third and was awarded \$200. Both students were honored at an Awards Ceremony on January 8, 2022. "America: Where do we go from here?" was this year's theme.



## STUDENT ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our latest Papano's Student Athletes of the Week! Photos clockwise from upper left: Evan Douglass, basketball, Sam Goethals, wrestling, Lauren Wooer, wrestling, Evan Trafford, wrestling. Photo credit: Pattersnap Photography. To read more about our student athletes, visit [www.kingsleyschools.org/blog](http://www.kingsleyschools.org/blog)

# Band Notes

by Jena Van Wagner

Great job to the **Jazz Prism** for their holiday performance at the Grand Traverse Resort. The setting was beautiful and the crowd really enjoyed the show!

## Meat Raffle coming soon!

The band Meat Raffle fundraiser will be back for 2022. Tickets will be available in April and May and the drawing will take place at the High School spring concert on May 19. You do not need to be present to win.

## Event Updates:

We are sorry to report that Band Carnival 2022 has been postponed until next year, and the Chicago trip planned for June has been cancelled.

## Upcoming events:

2/5 - High School Solo & Ensemble, Kingsley High School

2/25-2/26- Middle & High School MSBOA Band Festival, Elk Rapids

3/8 - Middle School Honor Band, Bellaire. Performance is open to all at 7 pm. \$3 per person, \$8 per family.

3/19 - High School Honor Band, Harbor Springs. Time TBD.

3/25-3/26- Northern Michigan University Jazz Festival, Marquette



The Jazz Prism performs holiday songs at the Grand Traverse Resort on December 18, 2021.

We are open!! Call today for an appointment. 231.263.5895



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# Kingsley Middle School Welcomes Michael Carmean as interim principal

HE BRINGS 43 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN EDUCATION

Mr. Carmean started work on December 22 following the resignation of former principal Richard Watson. He will serve for six weeks while the district seeks a permanent replacement.



In Mr. Carmean's career, he's served as superintendent, high school and middle school principal, teacher of several subjects, community education director, and coach. He's worked in eight other Michigan school districts across his entire career, and most recently, he took on the role of interim superintendent at Suttons Bay Public Schools.

Mr. Carmean grew up in the Detroit area and served much of his career in the Flint region. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics Education from Western Michigan University and a Master's Degree from University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point in Professional Development with a concentration on Computer Curriculum.

**"My personal model is to promote three things: education, integrity, and positivity. I want people to know that I operate with an open-door policy and they should feel comfortable to come and talk to me."**





# KHS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS... *THE LITTLE MERMAID!*

***Friday, March 4 at 7PM and Saturday, March 5 at 2:30 PM at KMS Stage***

The Kingsley High School Drama Club invites you to come and enjoy their performance of Hans Christian Andersen's The Little Mermaid!

Our mermaid Kira longs to see life on the surface. When she realizes her overprotective father will only show her a deserted island and has promised her hand in marriage to nerdy Duke Dorsal, she takes matters into her own hands. She sings for the Sea Witch who takes her voice, with the knowledge that she must win the heart of a human or be turned into sea foam. While on land, she saves the prince and finds true love in the end.

Make sure to join us for jellyfish telling knock-knock jokes, a kingdom with a yoga instructor, a magical triton that can detect the truth and an abundance of hats for switching roles! We'll add color and hilarity to this adaptation of the beloved tale by Hans Christian Andersen and produced by special arrangement with Eldridge Publishing Company.

Doors will open thirty minutes before showtime. Tickets (available at the door) are \$3 for students, \$5 for adults and \$15 for a family.

By Isaiah Brown



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# Registration Now Open for Kingsley Pre-school!



The Kingsley Preschool Program is now accepting applications! Fill out this form and mail it back to:

Kingsley Elementary School  
Attn: Kristin Goethals  
311 Clark St.  
Kingsley, MI 49649

Parents who put their name on the interest list will also need to submit a registration packet.

There are two kinds of programs: tuition-based, and the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP).

For more information, visit  
[www.kingsleyschools.org](http://www.kingsleyschools.org)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Birth  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's  
Names \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Street  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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City, State, Zip  
Code \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

\*You will be contacted for registration paperwork, and if your child is 4 years of age by September 1, 2021 you will be contacted to fill out GSRP preschool paperwork. You will be contacted in late April.

Please note your preferred preschool method.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuition Schedule:  
\_\_\_\_\_ (days of  
week)

\_\_\_\_\_ GSRP (State Funded Free Preschool for Monday through Thursday) Application completed at  
NMCAA.net.





## SIGN UP FOR KINDERGARTEN!

If you have a child that will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2022, and you plan to enroll your child in Kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year, please complete the form below and return it to:

Kingsley Elementary School  
Attn: Erin Lefler  
311 Clark Street  
Kingsley, MI 49649

If you have a child that will be 5 years old BETWEEN September 2 and December 31, 2022, and would like them to start Kindergarten this year, you may apply for a waiver. To do so, contact the Elementary office at 231-263-5261 extension 2100 for Principal Goethals or extension 2101 for secretary Erin Lefler.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Names \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

\*Circle preference for Kindergarten Registration. A time will be assigned to you.

Wednesday, June 15 or Thursday, June 16, A.M. or P.M.