



MUSIC WITH A MESSAGE: ATTA BOY BAND INSPIRES STUDENTS AT ASSEMBLY



Lead singer and guitarist Ryan Payne leads students in a sing-along.

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The floors shook as hundreds of teenagers, huddled shoulder-to-shoulder, screamed Miley Cyrus' Party in the USA. The energy of the electric guitar and the thunder of the bass drum pulsed through the crowd, as pop-rock band Atta Boy transformed Kingsley Middle School's gym into a concert hall. On October 28, middle and high school students attended an inspiring assembly that was equal parts dance party and motivational speech. Continued on page 2.

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"You have a choice. You can choose to treat people like they're more than just what you see."



The assembly started with a bang as students and teachers were challenged to a dance-battle. Big applause was awarded to Ms. Jolie King's smooth moonwalking and to the students nailing TikTok-inspired dances.

As the good times rolled, Atta Boy lead singer Ryan Payne started sharing personal stories about overcoming change and difficulty.

He spoke about the time the band made it to the live audition on *America's Got Talent* only to be sent home by the celebrity judges on the show.

With three "no's," Ryan says he and his bandmates could have easily given up their hopes and dreams of becoming successful musicians. Instead, they picked themselves back up, and today, they tour

all over the country.

He also spoke about kindness, the importance of not judging others, and making responsible choices.

The assembly ended with a question and answer session with the band.



Top right: Students competed in an air-guitar lip synch battle. Bottom: Atta Boy guitarist jams out at KMS.



27 Students Inducted into Kingsley National Honor Society



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A Faculty Council selected new members for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. I serve as the adviser of Kingsley's chapter of NHS.

27 students from Kingsley High School were inducted as members of the National Honor Society during a candle-lighting ceremony held in the high school commons on Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students.

The Kingsley chapter has been active since 1972. Chapters exist in more than 60% of the nation's high schools and, since 1921; millions of students have been selected for membership. Millions of dollars in scholarships have been awarded to senior members since 1945 by the sponsoring organization, the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Master of Ceremonies of the evening was President Allie Hawkins. The rest of the members presided over the lighting of the candles. Secretary MacKenzie St. John spoke regarding the candle of leadership, Parliamentarian Jennifer Lefler spoke regarding the candle of scholarship, Treasurer Mary Webb spoke regarding the candle of character, Vice President Moira Martz spoke regarding the candle of service, as well as leading the new inductees in the pledge following the lighting of the candles. Secretary MacKenzie St. John and Parliamentarian Jennifer Lefler presented certificates to the new members.

The membership is now at 47, and is one of the largest groups Kingsley High School has had. If you see any of these students, please congratulate them on achieving this highly esteemed academic honor.

NEW MEMBERS: CURRENT MEMBERS

Samuel Goethals
Connor Johnson
Danielle Middleton
Emma Belanger
Amelia Clair
Delaney Dontz
Maximus Goethals
Aizlyn Hager
Layla Hickerson
Matthew Klabunde
Aubrey Lerczak
Grace Lewis
Wyatt MacArthur
Mason Mazur
Kaylin Mitchell
Eleanor Moran
Trenton Peacock
Kelsey Saxton
Flynn Shigley
Jaden Sinkes
Valerie Tulppo
Kaylee Weber
Brooke Westenbarger
Hannah Whaley
Christiann Whims
Darlene Wilcoxon

Sierra Billiau
Owen Buning
Claire Dutton
Ethan Faunce
Ashley Folkersma
Allie Hawkins
Kelly Huis
Laura Klabunde
Jennifer Lefler
Moir Martz
Halle Nesky
Winston Pelloski
Abigail Scarbrough
Kaylee Schelich
Kaitlin Smith
Mackenzie St. John
Paityn VanPelt
Richard
Vongkhamchanh
Mary Webb
Kyle Weger



Hello Kingsley parents and community members,

I want to thank everyone for their support over the last two months at Kingsley Area Schools. I have truly enjoyed my time and feel fortunate to work with such great people. In this newsletter I wanted to provide a few updates to families on a couple of topics that are currently being discussed.

School Safety

One issue that is always on the minds of our staff members is the safety of your children. In the past two months, we have done several things to increase the safety of the children inside our district. The Michigan Department of Education has allocated funds for all schools in the state to perform a threat assessment and create digital maps for increased efficiency with law enforcement and fire and safety. We also installed "buzz-in" systems in each of the three schools. This will ensure that once school starts all doors in each building will be locked. When visiting each school, please be sure to follow the instructions on the entrance doors.

I also applied for a matching grant for a School Liason Officer (SLO). The grant awards will take place in January and the Grand Traverse Sheriff's Department is excited about the possibility. Please know that every staff member puts the safety of the Kingsley students first.

Superintendent Search Process

The other big item coming up is the selection of a new superintendent. For the past six weeks, the position has been posted, and now it is time for the interview process. The Board decided who they will interview and the first round of interviews will take place on Monday, December 5. Second round interviews will take place on Wednesday, December 14, with a decision coming soon after.

Change is inevitable and it is up to every individual to determine how they will handle it. All school districts face new and uncertain challenges and Kingsley Area Schools is no different. The one thing I am certain of is that this staff is up to the task. Thanks for your continued support and dedication to KAS.

Jason Stowe
Interim Superintendent

Thank you, Nicole Darby!



Kingsley Schools would like to thank financial director Nicole Darby for her years of service to the district. Her last day was November 22. She is leaving for a position in Chelsea Public Schools. Nicole, we will miss you, but we are excited for your new adventure!

STICKY SITUATION



Student Council schemed up a unique fundraiser this year: for \$1, or a donation of a canned good, students could buy a strip of duct tape to stick Principal Rapes and Mr. Klinge to the wall. Donations are going towards the food pantry and purchasing a new Stag mascot costume!

KHS SENIOR AWARDED IN ESSAY CONTEST

Congratulations to senior Kaylee Schelich for placing third in the VFW Voice of Democracy speech contest! "Why is the Veteran Important?" was this year's theme. Kaylee's speech was judged on originality, content, and delivery and was awarded \$200.

STUDENT ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

➔ Tyler McInnis



October 24
Tyler is a senior offensive lineman on the varsity Stags football team and had an outstanding season in 2022.

He was selected to the first-team Legends Division All Northern Michigan Football Conference for exceptional offensive line play. Tyler also excels in wrestling at Kingsley while carrying a 3.0 grade point average.

➔ Olivia Reamer



October 31
Olivia is a sophomore hitter on the varsity Stags volleyball team. During the ABCD Quad and Suttons Bay contests, she

had 12 kills, 4 blocks, and was 11 for 12 while serving. Olivia carries a 3.95 grade point average.

➔ Aizlyn Hager



November 7
Aizlyn is a junior hitter on the varsity Stags volleyball team. She received an honorable mention

for the All Northwest Conference Team. Aizlyn carries a 3.6 grade point average. Athletic director Mitch Miggenburg says she represents Kingsley High School in a very positive way.

➔ Kelly Huis



November 14
Kelly is a senior runner on the varsity Stags cross country team. She earned honorable mention in

the All Northwest Conference. Kelly also excels in track at Kingsley while carrying a 3.81 grade point average.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT UPDATES



Pictured above: Sam Goethals, Kingsley High School All-Conference Linebacker

FALL 2022 ALL-CONFERENCE ATHLETES RECOGNIZED

Boys Cross Country:

- 1st Team: Kaden Kolarik
- 2nd Team: Branden Stock, Winston Pelloski, Braxton Zenner

Boys Soccer:

- 1st Team: Jacob Crouse, Nathan Lamie
- Honorable Mention: Zakkeus Bedford

Football:

- All NMFC: Eli Graves (RB & DB), Tyler McInnis (OL), Nate Fasel (DL), Sam Goethals (LB)
- Special Mention: Ray VanDyke (DL)
- Honorable Mention: Max Goethals (DL), Kyan Fessenden (RB)

Volleyball:

- 1st Team: Grace Lewis, Jennifer Lefler
- 2nd Team: Paityn VanPelt, Sarah Wooer
- Honorable Mention: Aizlyn Hager

Team Academic All-State

Girls Cross Country:

- 1st Team: Mary Webb
- 2nd Team: Grace Hillier
- Honorable Mention: Kelly Huis, Hannah Grahn, Sayla Bender

Notable:

- Coach Wooer – Michigan High School Football Coaches' Association Hall of Fame inductee, 200th win vs Cheboygan

Lunchroom News



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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 foodservice charging and bad debt**

Free Breakfast

Free breakfast to all students ends December 31, 2022!

Kingsley Area Schools will continue paying all reduced meal prices, for the school year 2022-2023.

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.

Festive Meals

During the week of November 14, students enjoyed "Thanksgiving Lunch" in all cafeterias



Kingsley Band Notes



By Lance Dubay
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The Kingsley Marching Stags participated in the Northern Michigan University Marching Band Day in Marquette, Michigan October 28-30.

17 bands with more than 500 students from Michigan and Wisconsin participated in the event. Kingsley was the only school from the lower peninsula that was invited to attend this year.

Kingsley musicians played alongside the NMU Wildcat Band and also got to perform our halftime routine. The Wildcat band has several Kingsley alumni in it!

To watch Kingsley's performance at NMU Band Day, scan the QR code below!

Watch video here!



Upcoming Events

KHS Christmas Band & Choir Concert
Thursday, December 8
7:00PM
High School Gym

Middle School Band Concert
Thursday, December 15
7:00PM
Middle School Gym

High School Solo & Ensemble
Saturday, February 4
Kingsley Schools

Band Festival
February 24-25
Time TBD
Grayling Schools



KHS Spanish Classes Learn about the Day of the Dead



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Have you ever heard of el dia de los muertos? The Day of the Dead, as it's known in English, is celebrated November 1-2 in Mexico and by many Mexican Americans.

It is a time devoted to remembering deceased family members and celebrating their lives rather than mourning their passing. Many people believe that on these nights the spirits of the family members are free to return to visit their loved ones and families go to great lengths to prepare for the occasion.

One important tradition is that of visiting the family graves and decorating them generously with flowers, candles, and food. Families may remain in the candlelit cemeteries all night praying, singing, or visiting. At home, *ofrendas* are created. These are altars that are decorated to remember and celebrate the life of a deceased person.

Many people exchange beautiful skulls of sugar or chocolate (often with the person's name on their forehead!) and silly skeleton toys are very common.

This year, Spanish II classes at Kingsley High School had the chance to decorate sugar skull-shaped cookies in the traditional manner with brightly colored icing and cheerful pieces of candy.



They also created beautiful multicolored cut paper banners known as papel picado that are hung overhead for most holidays and celebrations. These strings of colored paper show where a party is planned (or has been) and the creation of these intricate banners by hand requires great patience and a steady hand!

Some of the skulls and skeletons associated with el dia de los muertos resemble those of Halloween. Unlike Halloween, El día de los muertos is a family and community celebration of the lives of those who have passed on, especially in the preceding year.

The holiday has roots in the Aztec culture and that of colonial Spain. The celebration has become so popular that well-known cemeteries such as the ones in Janitzio, Mexico, were expected to host over 300,000 visitors this year for the Day of the Dead.

Spanish I classes enjoyed making traditional jumping skeleton toys based on two very famous skeleton drawings. The skeletons, known as Catrina and Zapatista, have an important place in Mexican history and can be seen all year 'round decorating yards and balconies. They are brightly colored and often dressed in silly-looking attire to inspire laughter. Many of the students' toys were wearing swimsuits and evening clothing, which is exactly what one might find in those towns in Mexico where the holiday is celebrated. Special meals, decorations, dances, sweets, and toys add warmth and humor to a family celebration.

Ms. Smith's Sustainable Science Class Competes in Cooking Competition



Chopped: Kingsley edition! Kingsley Middle School teacher Ms. Tiffany Smith tasked her seventh and eighth grade students with giving their favorite recipes a "makeover" to make them healthier. The budding chefs researched nutrition and prepared dishes with healthful ingredients, including some grown inside their classroom garden!

Ms. Smith invited judges to sample the food and give scores based on preparation, taste, nutritional value, and technique. The winning team took home a prize, and everyone left with some new cooking skills!



What's Next? Students Explore Opportunities After High School



Students smile outside NMC's Music Building, which offers classes in audio technology, music theory, and more!

On November 9, Kingsley eighth graders journeyed to Traverse City for a tour and presentation by Northwestern Michigan College.

NMC tour guides say now is the perfect time for students to start thinking about their post-high school plans.

The institution offers 60 programs and majors, with opportunities to earn associates degrees,

technical certifications, or even bachelor, masters, and doctoral degrees through their University Center, which partners with seven Michigan universities.

Students and teachers toured the main campus along with the Career Tech Center, which offers programs across the automotive, construction, engineering, and manufacturing sectors.

NMC Fast Facts:

- Oldest community college in Michigan
- 3,000 students
- 19:1 student to faculty ratio
- 60 programs and majors
- 27 certificates of achievement
- 50 additional degrees offered through the University Center
- Ranked 12th nationally for study abroad programs
- Top 10 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle program
- 11th best culinary program in the nation



300 students live on campus, and Kingsley students got to take a peek inside the dorm rooms!



NMC Tour Guides Lead Students through campus



High School counselor Brittany Feldhake took five students on an "Industry Tour" at Fox Motors Collision Center in Traverse City. They learned about the jobs required to run a large dealership and how they could work their way up in the industry.

She also took four Kingsley students on a Manufacturing Tour Day with visits to the NMC Skills Lab and Clark Manufacturing.



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KINGSLEY BULLETIN BOARD

Trivia Night

02.04.2023

5 pm

Join us for the 5th Annual Kingsley Athletic Boosters Trivia Night Fundraiser at Stoneridge Barn in Buckley!

Contact us at kingsleyathleticboosters@gmail.com

Registration

- Make Checks payable to KAB
- Send payment to Kingsley Athletic Boosters P.O. Box 664 Kingsley MI 49649
- We only accept full team registration for payment.
- If you don't have a full team contact us. We may be able to connect you with a team

Teams

Team Name

Captain & Contact Info

Player Names

Details

- Adults 21 and over are invited to form groups of 8 to play 8 rounds of trivia.
- Prizes for 1st place, most spirited team and last place
- Cost is \$30 per person or \$240 per team.
- Beer, wine, cider, soft drinks will be available
- Pizza and subs available for order.
- Table decorations and snacks are welcome.

Snacks and Support

___ Large Pizza \$10

_____ Pepperoni

_____ Sausage

_____ Cheese

___ Sub Platter \$40

Feeds 8 people

Team Captain will be contacted for sub order

Trivia Night Total

Pizza/Sub Total:

\$ _____

+\$240 Registration

Grand Total:

\$ _____

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Now Hiring Food Unit Lead

Want to work with kids, and enjoy weekends and holidays off? Chartwells School Dining is currently looking for food unit lead.

To apply, scan the QR code below.

For questions, contact Dining Services Director Kristy Donner at 231-263-5262 ext 4055

Requirements:

- HS Diploma or GED
- Cooking/food service experience
- Team player, organizational qualities and positive attitude
- Must be able to pass a background check
- Has a valid driver's license



2022 Kingsley Holiday Craft Show

A curated show and bazaar for handmade products

DECEMBER 10, 2022
9 AM TO 2 PM
KINGSLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Free to everyone!
Filled with vendors, food, raffle drawing, Kid entrepreneurs, card making station, kids music classes and MORE!
For more information please contact Victoria Bakker at torirose186@gmail.com

The Kingsley Soccer Team is collecting any type and size of gently used boots, shoes, sandals, and athletic cleats to raise funds for our growing program!

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF COLLECTING 2,500 PAIRS OF SHOES BY DECEMBER 31!

Shoe us some love!



DECEMBER COLLECTION LOCATIONS:

Kingsley Schools -HS, MS & Elementary (through December 16)
Northland - Kingsley (through December 31)
Kingsley United Methodist Church (December 1-30)

Special Offer: valid through December 16!!
Drop your shoes at Kingsley Dance Company -
Get a free breadsticks coupon from A. Papanos Pizza!

Shoes we collect will be sent to poverty-stricken communities overseas and will become an economic lifeline for small-family owned microenterprises in developing nations. By simply dropping your unwanted shoes, you can help families in Our Community, and in communities in the countries of Haiti, Cambodia, Botswana and Uganda!