



KINGSLEY HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS ITS FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION



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On January 21, the Kingsley High School gym was buzzing with students and whirling robots as the Robotics team competed in their first competition on home turf. This event marks a major milestone in Kingsley's robotics program, which has grown quickly. Three years ago, KHS teacher Dan Harbold started Kingsley's robotics class to fill an elective gap left open by the departure of the longtime woodshop teacher.

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

In 2020, the after-school robotics program was born. This year, students have been learning how to program their robots to shoot and move disks while spinning colored rollers. During the pandemic, they competed against themselves, but this year, they got to test their skills against other teams.

In the competition, teams rotated in two-on-two matches and there were also individual skills challenges.

"Some of the robots can be incredibly complex while others have more basic designs but can be just as effective," said Mr. Harbold.

Congratulations, Robotics team, on a successful first competition!

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2023-2024 Kindergarten Registration

We are starting our planning NOW!

If you have a child that will be **five years of age on or before September 1, 2023**, and you plan to enroll your child in Kindergarten for the **2023-2024** school year, please complete the form below and return it to:
Kingsley Elementary School

Attn: Erin Lefler
311 Clark St.
Kingsley, MI 49649

****A copy of your child's birth certificate required to enroll. Return with this form****

If you have a child that will be 5 years old **BETWEEN September 2 and December 1, 2023**, and would like them to start kindergarten this year, you may apply for a **waiver**, to do so contact the elementary office for more details. Mrs. Goethals ext 2100 or Mrs. Lefler ext. 2101

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 # _____

Join us for Kindergarten Roundup! You may show up anytime on one of these dates.
June 19, 2023, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. or June 20, 2023, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Plan on approximately 30 minutes to enroll.



Left to right: Superintendent Brad Reyburn, executive secretary Brittany, accounting specialist Mary Bogart, and director of finance Nadia Hoover

Central Office Expands, Adds New Business Manager and Executive Secretary

New year, new team! The Kingsley Schools Central Office got 25% larger in 2023 following the hiring of an additional secretary.

In January, the district welcomed a new director of finance, executive secretary, and superintendent. Former administrative assistant Mary Bogart will remain in the Central Office with a new role that focuses on pupil accounting and accounts receivable and payable.

"We've been thinking of this realignment for a while, and it just came into fruition for 2023," said Mrs. Bogart. "I'm really excited about the new change. With three new additions to the Central Office, we can make our team what we want to make it, and I think our personalities are a really good mesh."

Nadia (NAY-DIA) Hoover, Director of Finance

Mrs. Hoover comes to the district with years of experience working in accounting at several school districts. Most recently, she served 9.5 years at Northwest Education services as the lead LEA accountant.

"I was in a business manager role for six local school districts, and I'm excited to get entrenched and involved with this district," said Mrs. Hoover. "I'll be able to be more involved and in-depth with the district in budgeting and planning for the future of the district."

Mary Bogart, Accounting Specialist

Mrs. Bogart has worked in Kingsley Schools since 2010 and in the Central Office since 2013. In her new role, she will continue to work on pupil accounting, which she has done for several years, in addition to taking on several new tasks including accounts receivable and payable.

Her secretarial duties to the board of education and to the superintendent will now be delegated to the district's new executive assistant, Brittany.

"We've known for a while that we've needed some help in Central Office. I'm excited about the new change!"

Brittany, Executive Secretary

Brittany is new to the district but has lived around the Kingsley community for many years.

"What I'm really excited about is just to be interacting with people that work at the school. I've heard nothing but good things, and I love kids!"

Preschool 2023-2024

GSRP: Free State Funded Preschool

To apply for a GSRP slot parents will need to call 1-800-632-7334 or go to NMCAA.net to set up an appointment and indicate Kingsley Preschool Program as their first choice of schools. The appointments are done in collaboration with NMCAA for Kingsley GSRP and Hannah Headstart slots. The GSRP slots are for students who are four years old by September 1st 2023.

GSRP slots will be offered to qualifying at risk families based on a series of risk factors including low family income.

Families qualifying for GSRP after their appointment will be asked to designate a first choice and second choice of program locations. Students may also be offered a Hannah Headstart slot if they qualify. The state qualifies students through June and acceptance letters are mailed at that time.

Tuition Preschool

The tuition based program is open to any family whose child is 30 months of age up to school age, and is potty trained. There are no income qualifiers to be accepted into the program, and the cost is \$32 per day (for the 2022-23 year, subject to change).

The \$32 per day includes lunch, a morning snack, and an afternoon snack. Program options include Tuesday/Thursday, Monday/Wednesday/Friday, or Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday. Space is limited. Filling out a preregistration form does **NOT** guarantee enrollment. Letters will be mailed in May verifying acceptance. Please complete the form below and return it to:

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

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 # _____

*Tuition Paperwork mailed in April. *GSRP: NMCAA.net, Early Childhood Tab, Application, Pre-Application

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. This is an income based program.



Q&A with Kingsley Schools' New Superintendent Brad Reyburn

On December 14, the Kingsley Board of Education unanimously voted to hire Mr. Brad Reyburn as the new superintendent. He comes to the district with 11 years of administrative leadership experience, most recently serving as the principal of Newaygo High School.



"Something I try to live by is 'work hard and treat people well.' I hope to lead by example. Be visible, treat people well, and hopefully, that will translate into some good things."

Q: Welcome to Kingsley Schools! How has your time been so far?

A: Everybody's been very warm and welcoming and everyone has been overwhelmingly positive. I think this transition period is a chapter people want to put behind them and everyone seems to be looking forward to what's next.

Q: What excites you the most about being the new superintendent?

A: All of the new people, the new learning, and there's something kind of fun about getting to do a different job. I've been a school principal for 11 years, and I've done all the levels. I felt like I was ready to take the next step in my career, and I wanted to do some new learning. I'm looking forward to that.

Hometown: Greenville, Michigan

Education: Masters's degree in Educational Administration from Central Michigan University, a bachelor's degree in Group Science with an emphasis on Biology with a minor in Elementary Distribution from Grand Valley State University, and an associate's degree from Grand Rapids Community College.

Family: "I have five kids, a 21-year-old son, a 19-year-old daughter, a 16-year-old son, a 14-year-old son, and a 9-year-old daughter. They will finish out the school year in Newaygo and then come to Kingsley Schools this fall.

I've known my wife since sixth grade, but we weren't high school sweethearts or anything. She thought I was annoying! A year and a half out of high school, we were both at a wedding, and we met back up and started dating, and soon enough, we got married ourselves. It'll be 24 years this October!"

Fun Fact: Mr. Reyburn and his wife own a coffee shop and roastery! They own Timber Town Coffee Company in downtown Newaygo and also sell their products to several wholesale customers. His wife runs the shop while he roasts the beans in a barn on his property.

Q: What are your short-term and long-term goals for the district?

A: In my first 90 days, I'm going to try to get acclimated with the people, the students, and with the facilities in the community itself. I'm excited to find out what I don't know yet and figure out how I can get to know people and let them know who I am. I really do want to be a servant leader, that person who's in the district who people can come to, and we can have a good conversation. I don't want to lead by edict, I want to have conversations about how I can support them and give them what they need.

In the long-term, I think there are facilities needs. We need to figure out, as a community, how we want to address and own that and move forward.

Q: What do you want the community to know about you?

A: That I'm really looking forward to working with the students and the staff to continue the success that's already happened at Kingsley, and to move the district forward. I want to take a look back with pride and look forward with hope.

Meet the New Board Members

Kingsley Schools has two new board members! Tina Schelich was sworn in during the fall of 2022 after the resignation of Mike Schueller, and Ian McKinley was voted onto the board in the November election.



Tina Schelich

Tina and her husband, KHS teacher Matt Schelich, have lived in Kingsley for 20+ years. They have two daughters, one is a Kingsley graduate and the other is currently a senior at KHS.

"I felt like maybe the community and the board were struggling relationship-wise and I just felt that I had a good feel for the community, maybe they had some trust in me just from some things that [Matt and I] have participated in. I thought that joining the board was a good chance for me to just take a stab at it and try it for a year," she said.



Ian McKinley

Ian and his wife, KMS teacher Alaina Olds-McKinley, moved to Kingsley nine years ago specifically because they wanted their children in the school district. They have children in second, sixth, and eighth grade. Alaina has taught in the district for seven years.

"I'm here to help and make the kids' lives better and hopefully allow them to become the most successful citizens that they can be," he said. "I'm hoping this is an avenue that I can get to make a change and offer some positive alternatives to learning to make it more engaging and fun and just offer ideas to support the staff and the administration through the board."

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Varsity and JV Boy's Basketball

Wed 2/1 Frankfort 5:30, 7
Fri 2/3 @ Glen Lake 5:30, 7
Wed 2/8 @ Suttons Bay 5:30, 7
Fri 2/10 Leland 5:30, 7
Mon 2/13 McBain 5:30, 7
Fri 2/17 Onekama 5:30, 7
Tues 2/21 @TC Christian 5:30, 7
Fri 2/24 @Benzie Central 5:30, 7
Mon 2/27 Charlevoix 5:30, 7

Varsity and JV Girl's Basketball

Friday 2/3 Glen Lake 5:30, 7
Tues 2/7 @ Cadillac 5:30, 7
Thurs 2/9 Suttons Bay 5:30
Fri 2/10 @ Leland 5:30, 7
Mon 2/13 JV vs TC West @ KMS 7:00
Fri 2/17 @ Onekama 5:30, 7
Tues 2/21 St. Francis 5:30, 7
Fri 2/24 Benzie Central 5:30, 7

JV and Varsity Wrestling

Sat 2/3 MMC Championship @ Benzie 9:00
Sat 2/4 JV @ Pellston Indy Invite 9:00
Wed 2/8 Team Districts 6:00
Sat 2/11 Individual Districts @ Grayling 9:00
Wed 2/15 Team Regionals 6:00
Sat 2/18 Individual Regionals TBA
Fri 2/24 MHSAA Team States TBA
Fri 3/3 MHSAA Indy States TBA

Kingsley Choir

Weds 3/1 District Choral Festival
See Mr. Evans for more details

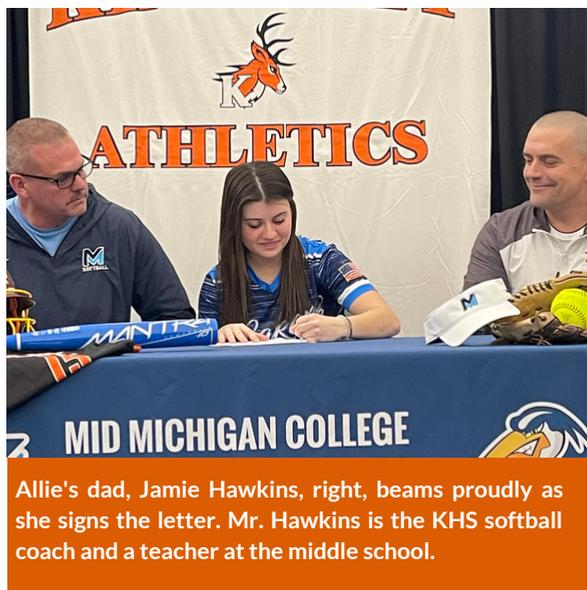
Kingsley Band

Sat 2/4 HS Solo & Ensemble All Day
Kingsley Schools

Tues 3/7 MS All Star Band
@ Kalkaska Schools

Bolded events are in Kingsley.

ATHLETICS NEWS



Allie's dad, Jamie Hawkins, right, beams proudly as she signs the letter. Mr. Hawkins is the KHS softball coach and a teacher at the middle school.

Congratulations, Allie Hawkins!

Kingsley High School senior Allie Hawkins has signed her Letter of Intent to play softball at Mid-Michigan College next year. Allie has earned three varsity letters in softball at Kingsley High School.

In 2022, Hawkins was a 1st -Team All-NWC outfielder, 2nd -Team All-Region OF, and Record Eagle All-Area outfielder as a junior leading the Stags to a 25-7 overall record and a perfect 12-0 in Northwest Conference play.

Allie was Academic All-State in the spring of 2022, is the president of the Kingsley National Honor Society, has a 3.75 grade point average, and plans to major in business at MMC. She signed her letter of intent in the Kingsley HS library on Friday, January 6, 2022 in front of coaches, friends, and family.



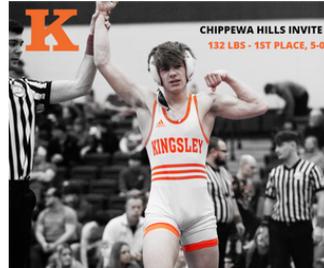
Congratulations to Isaac Grahn who recorded his 100th career win versus Manton this season.

STUDENT ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



⌚ Zack Middleton

12/19: Zack is a sophomore forward on the varsity basketball team. He had 9 points, 5 assists, and 3 blocks versus Kalkaska and 14 points, 5 rebounds, and 2 steals at Frankfort. Zack also excels at baseball at Kingsley while carrying a 4.0 grade point average.



⌚ Jon Pearson

1/2: Jon is a junior wrestler on the varsity wrestling team. He took first place in the 132-pound weight class at the Chippewa Hills Invitational last going 5 - 0 on the day. Jon also excels in football at Kingsley while carrying a 3.3 grade point average.



⌚ Gavyn Merchant

1/9: Gavyn is a junior on the varsity wrestling team. He went 6-0 on the week winning the Allendale Invite and pushing his season record to 16-0 in the 126-lb weight class. Gavyn also excels in football at Kingsley while carrying a 3.64 grade point average.



⌚ Chase Bott

Chase is a sophomore center on the varsity basketball team. He scored 24 points and eight rebounds in a win over Suttons Bay and 15 points and six against Leland. Chase also excels at football and track at and has a 3.3 grade point average for the current marking period.

To learn more about Kingsley Athletics, visit kingsleystags.com

Teacher Feature: Meet the 8th Grade Team



"We work so well together. No one's ever a stick in the mud, it's always like, 'if it's best for the students, we'll do it,' even if it means being silly or wearing the same shirt."

In the eighth grade wing, every Friday begins with a dance party.

"Tiff [science teacher Tiffany Smith] started playing music in the hallways with a karaoke mic and the kids all gather, and they're silly, and they'll sing, or dance," said eighth grade history teacher Piotr Buniewicz.

"We're trying to show them it's okay to be yourself and to be weird and to be excited about things. Sometimes they're so focused on what everyone else is doing and then they're afraid to break out of that shell."

The hallway dance parties are a welcome excuse to let loose and relax. The eighth grade team says this year serves as a time of rapid emotional, social, physical, and intellectual

growth which can be overwhelming for students to navigate.

"These kids are right on that cusp of trying to figure out who they are," said Ms. Smith. "You can tell they want some leadership and some ownership. By the time you send them to ninth grade, they're more mature and they're ready to go, you can really see them grow right here."

Kingsley's eighth grade team says their focus as a whole is two-fold: equip them with the knowledge they need to conquer high school and SATs, and give them the social tools they need to navigate life.

"If they're at a store and want to buy something on sale, I want them to be able to calculate math mentally to see how

much they're saving," said math teacher Nikki Wilkins. "But more than that, I always tell them I just want them to come away feeling successful no matter what it is, even if it's a big formula they need to do, whatever it is, you know, they can do it."

The team is hopeful about this class of eighth graders in particular. ELA teacher Mrs. Kellie Little says this year's group thinks differently.

"This is by far probably one of the strongest groups I've ever had in terms of critical thinking and wanting to be successful and wanting to learn," she said.

By Chloe McCarthy



"My biggest shift has been, 'how do I provide them with a lab that gets them to want to think outside of the box but allows them to make their own conclusions about it?'"
- Ms. Tiffany Smith, 8th grade science



"For me, as a lifelong goal for eighth grade history, it would be just thinking critically about all the information that they get overloaded with."
- Mr. Piotr Buniewicz, 8th grade history



"My goal is for them to be able to read closely and cite evidence to support their claims by thinking critically and being able to analyze complex text."
- Mrs. Kellie Little, 8th grade ELA



"I think a lot of our focus is collaboration. That's what real life is with all the careers out there. You're most often working with a team to solve a problem."
- Mrs. Nikki Wilkins, 8th grade math

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:

\$ _____

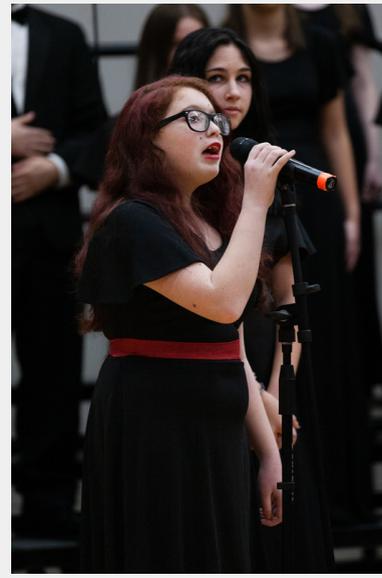
+\$240 Registration

Grand Total:

\$ _____

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Congratulations to Kara Jewett and Aria Harness for their fantastic solo performances at the Solo and Ensemble competition. Kara earned a high 2nd division rating and Aria earned a 1st division rating and will be going on to perform at the State level in April.

Travel to the Swiss Alps and Italy in 2024!

Have you ever wanted to stand in the Alps at twilight and watch the lights come on in the cities below?

Would you love to see the towering mountaintops like those featured in movies like Heidi and The Sound of Music? Students who will be a freshman or older in the summer of 2024, this is your chance! We fly out of Traverse City to Zurich and Lucerne, Switzerland where we'll experience yodeling, fondue, and Alpine horns, and we'll work our way to northern Italy with stops in the beautiful Lake Como region. In Venice we'll travel by ferry and gondola, taking a water taxi to the island of Burano, famous for its glass blowing. We'll see the Grand Canal and St Marco's Square.

After exploring Venice, we will travel to Florence, one of the most beautiful cities in Europe with its Renaissance art, beautiful churches, romantic bridges, and gorgeous jewelry. From Florence, we head to Rome with a stop at Assisi, where we'll walk in the ruts of chariots in the Roman Forum and climb high into the Colosseum. We'll tour Vatican City, the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. We'll wander the Piazza Navona, stop to throw a coin in the Trevi Fountain and eat gelato whenever possible! We'll gaze up into the open "eye" of the Pantheon and climb the famed Spanish Steps. Surrounded by fountains, obelisks and monuments, we'll sit in the piazzas and watch street musicians and clowns entertaining passersby.

From Rome we travel to seaside Sorrento and the ruins of Pompeii, a once sophisticated Roman city that was buried under ash with the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. One of the most important archeological sites in the world, the UNESCO World Heritage site features excavated ruins of streets and houses, amphitheaters, baths and temples for exploration.

Then we'll journey to Capri, an island in the Bay of Naples, famous for its incredibly blue waters and its designer fashions. After a tour of Capri and a cruise in its waters, we'll return to Rome and fly back to Cherry Capital Airport with souvenirs, photos and wonderful memories.

This is an educational trip guided by EF Tours, which is not associated with Kingsley Area Schools. It is open only to students who will be enrolled in high school for the 2023-2024 school year. This year's 8th graders, therefore, are eligible.

Why travel? Traveling broadens horizons and increases confidence. Students return home knowing that after navigating Rome, a visit to Ann Arbor or Detroit holds little worry. Students often return home with a greatly increased sense of independence.

Travel encourages students to make friends with people from all areas of the US and the world. Many of our students have forged friendships with students from California, North Carolina and Kentucky (to name a few) as they shared common interests on the trip.

Travel adds interest to resumes and college applications. Employers and universities are interested in knowing that students have traveled. They understand that the world has become a much smaller place and a well-traveled person has much to contribute culturally and academically.

Who travels with the students? Maria Suomi and Robin Lewis, high school language and math teachers, will lead the trip. We've traveled extensively both here and abroad and are experienced with student travel. We use a reputable educational tour company and the students learn an amazing amount about their destinations.

If your student would like to join us for this extraordinary experience, please shoot an email to either msuomi@kingsleyschools.org or rlewis@kingsleyschools.org for more information or with questions. Please remember that travel slots fill quickly. Scan the QR code to access information on this trip.



Snow much fun!

No winter blues here! Take a look at what the Kingsley community has been up to this season.



1 "Colten Sherman competed in a national wrestling tournament, placing 2nd out of 15 wrestlers and receiving all-American honors."

2 "Ryla and Goldie went on a NYE ride."

3 "Carley Bancroft went on a 9-day southern Caribbean cruise with her family."

4 "Luke Acre went to a Bucs game!"

5 "Evan did a bit of four-wheelin'."

6 "Sierra and Ashley went to Spain to visit Leire, last year's foreign exchange student!"

7 "Maddy Johns picked out goat kids for fair 2023."

8 "Sophia played with her new gocart"

9 "All kissed the Moose at Sleders."

10 "Hunter and Hailey played with their new sleds."

11 "David and Jensen spent time with their sister, Katelynn, home from Ann Arbor for Winter Break."

12 "Steven Hollerbach bowled for the first time and played arcade games while visiting Oma and Papa Steve."

13 "Audrey Jarrold played on the beach in Florida."

14 "Xavier & Willow had some SKYZONE fun!"

15 "Family time! Alex spent time with his new niece."

16 "Molly pulled Evan on the snow tube."