



# KINGSLEY CONNECTION

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## KINGSLEY HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC INVITED TO MARCH IN WASHINGTON DC'S MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Kingsley High School's Naval Junior Officer's Reserve Training Corps (NJROTC) has been invited to march in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. on May 25, 2026.

Just one ROTC per state is invited.

Kingsley's 65 cadets are now fundraising to attend and participate in the nation's tribute to fallen veterans and the heroes who continue to serve our country.

The National Memorial Day Parade is a three hour procession that marches along the National Mall. The patriotic event features 10,000 people from all 50 states, commemorating service members from several wars and conflicts.

"This opportunity is a profound honor for our cadets. It represents not only a chance to stand in the nation's capital and pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, but also a moment of pride for our school, our families, and our state," said KHS instructor, Gunnery Sergeant Mathew Barr.

The cadets' Memorial Day Parade experience also includes guided tours of sites like Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington Monument, Smithsonian Museums, and a concert from the National Symphony at the US Capitol.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."  
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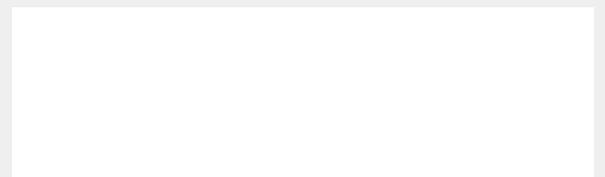


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## KHS NJROTC Fundraising to March in Memorial Day Parade



*Continued from front cover.* “For our cadets, marching in this historic parade is more than just an event—it’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to represent Michigan on a national stage, honor our fallen heroes, and live the values of service, leadership, and patriotism that our program instills every day.”

Now, GySgt Barr and his cadets are beginning a massive fundraising effort to attend this life-changing experience.

“We are so thankful for the community’s support,” said GySgt Barr.

If you’d like to support their efforts, email [mbarr@kingsleyschools.org](mailto:mbarr@kingsleyschools.org)

Kingsley’s unit is just beginning its second school year. In its first full year, cadets received recognition across the region, earning high marks at their first regional inspection and praise at the JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge at Fort Custer.

Several cadets have been honored individually for outstanding achievements, including cadet Anna Bauer, who was one of ten people selected for the international Commander Naval Air Forces Flight Academy Scholarship. NJROTC centers on a naval science curriculum and includes military site visits, physical training, and drill and march practice.

## Free Breakfast & Lunch to Continue through 2025-26 School Year

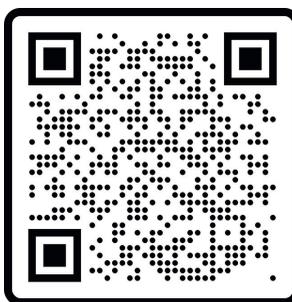


On October 7, 2025, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed the State School Aid Budget, which includes funding to continue free breakfasts and lunches for public school students during the 2025-2026 school year through the Michigan School Meals program.

With this funding, we will continue to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students. If you have not yet completed the Education and Nutrition Benefits Form for your family, please do so as soon as possible. Visit [kingsley.familyportal.cloud](https://kingsley.familyportal.cloud), select Apply for Benefits, and complete the Education Benefits form.

If you have already submitted the application, no further action is required.

If you have any questions, please contact Dining Services Director Kristy Donner at [kdonner@kingsleyschools.org](mailto:kdonner@kingsleyschools.org).



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## Meet Kingsley’s New Choir Teacher

Meet Annabelle Rowbal, Kingsley Area Schools’ new Choir Director!

“I’ve always loved working with kids and I’ve always loved music. I am super excited to be here.

My favorite part of the job is the excitement I see when students successfully make beautiful music.”

### Fast Facts:

**Hometown:** Troy, Michigan

**Education:** Michigan State University

**Teaching Style:** Energetic, fast, fun

**Hobbies:** Reading, napping, hanging out with my cat, playing animal crossing

*“I’m looking forward to working on an amazing vocal music program!”*

# ATHLETICS NEWS

## Kingsley Stags Honor Local Veterans



The Varsity football team competed at Boyne City for the annual Salute to Service Game in honor of local veterans. Kingsley's Ryan Zenner was recognized. The Stags won the game 38-6.

## Equestrian Team Excels at Regionals



Congratulations to the Kingsley Equestrian team, who earned 5th place at Regionals! Earlier this season, riders Adam Wilcoxon, Kylie LeVasseur and Natalie Coger were named Grand Champions at Districts. Way to go on a winning season!



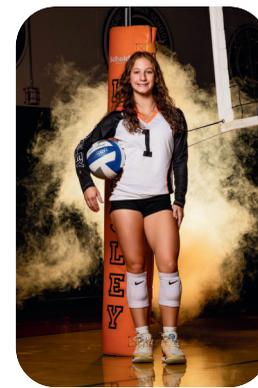
## ➔ Ian Mitchell



Ian is a junior striker on the varsity boys soccer team. He has led the Kingsley scoring attack with six goals and an assist in the first five games.

Ian is also active in travel soccer and carries a 3.97 grade point average.

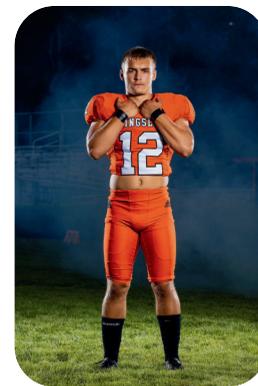
## ➔ Isabelle Seitz



Isabelle is a senior libero on the varsity volleyball team and has had an outstanding start to the 2025 season. She served at 100% in early September with 76 digs.

Isabelle also excels in track at Kingsley while carrying a 3.88 grade point average.

## ➔ Isaiah Cosgrove



Isaiah is a senior fullback and defensive lineman and had an outstanding matchup versus Grayling. He rushed for 144 yards on 13 carries on offense, and had three tackles and a fumble recovery on defense. Isaiah excels in wrestling and rugby and has a 4.009 grade point average.

## ➔ Conner Pierce



Conner is a freshman goalkeeper on the varsity soccer team and had an outstanding season in goal for the Stags. He recorded 12 saves in Kingsley's 5-2 win over Charlevoix. Conner is also very active in TBAYS Soccer in Traverse City and has all A's and B's for the first semester.

For sports schedules, rosters, and more information, visit [kingsleyschools.org/athletics](https://kingsleyschools.org/athletics)



## Community Steps Up to Support Woodshop Class

This fall, Kingsley woodshop teacher Scott Morey put out a plea to the community: we need donations to keep the class free or low-cost for students.

The industrial arts elective was in desperate need of supplies - chiefly lumber - for students to continue their projects.

A Facebook post asking the community for donations was shared more than 200 times, reaching more than 20,000 people. The response was immediate and overwhelming: Mr. Morey was inundated with calls, voicemails, texts, emails from people interested in lending a hand.

Suddenly, community members and businesses started arriving with truckloads of lumber and tools. Then, the problem became finding a place to put it all.

“It’s been amazing. It’s a great feeling to know that parents, the community, and local businesses are so supportive of our kids,” said Mr. Morey. “We are getting the program to where we need it to be.”

Mr. Morey is still accepting small power tool donations and gift cards to Menards, where the district has a tax-exempt account.

“I am so appreciative for the community’s support of this class. Woodshop is such an important class -- we all know there’s a huge deficit in the trades.

Some may go into that field, but even if they’re not, those skills are important in life, like when they become homeowners. It helps with critical thinking and problem solving. Thank you again to all of our donors.”



## Mr. Schnepf Hosts Annual “Fastest Third Grader” Race



**By Joshua T. Rothwell**  
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A few years ago, I was asked by a student if I knew “who is the fastest in third grade?”

This student went on to tell me that they were the fastest in second grade, so they were pretty sure they would still be the fastest in third grade.

I told them that I didn’t think so, because I was the fastest in third grade. They responded to me with a challenge and asked if I wanted to race them during recess. I said I would indeed (really having no idea if I was, in fact, the fastest in third grade).

My confidence came from around 15 years ago when I raced my daughter’s fourth grade class and I was exactly as fast as the fastest in her class.

Nevertheless, this student said that we would only race a short distance because I was old, which is true! We determined that we would race the length of the



As our class lined up for recess a murmur went through our line indicating that I was to race the known fastest student.

When we lined up to race several other students, perhaps 40 joined in the race. When the race began, I took off like a shot and was quickly 10 feet back of most runners. At the end of the race, my 6 foot body accompanied by my longer stride prevailed.

I have now won the 2023 and 2024 races, and recently reclaimed the 2025 title.

Thanks to the help of a friend, I have created an official Fastest in Third Grade trophy with small brass plaques engraved with the winner’s name. The trophy features an 8-point antler mount to represent the Stags.

We celebrated this year’s race with some post-competition donuts. I look forward to many more races to come!

# Coffee Chats

with Superintendent  
Joshua T. Rothwell

Every third Thursday of  
the Month 8:30AM-  
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## Cadets Host Car Wash

NJROTC cadets hosted their first fundraiser, a car wash and can drive. They're working towards their goal of bringing 65 cadets to Washington DC to march in the Memorial Day Parade. Thank you to everyone who stopped by!

## Art in Fresh Air

KMS Studio Art students took advantage of October's gorgeous weather by painting "plein air" (outside). They have also been learning drawing techniques to add depth and value range to their artworks.



## Breaking Bread

Chelsey Jenkin's fifth graders recently made sourdough bread from start to finish. For some, it was their first time! They baked their delicious creations with the help of Tiffany Smith's eighth Grade Sustainable Science class and their oven equipment.

## First Grade Fall Fun

First graders visited Pahl's Country Store and Pumpkin Patch in Buckley for a day of fall fun. Students picked pumpkins, took a wagon ride, met their animals, and even watched a pig race.



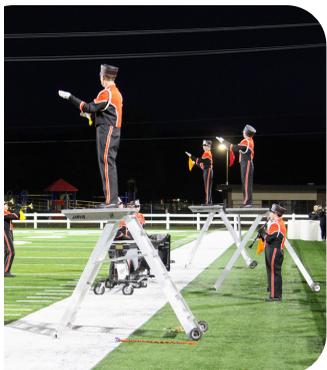
## Fifth Graders Visit Point Betsie

On a gusty October day, fifth graders journeyed to Frankfort to explore the iconic Point Betsie Lighthouse. Students learned about local history, maritime life, and the importance of our Great Lakes, all while enjoying the beautiful iconic and historically critical lighthouse. They also enjoyed exploring the shore of Lake Michigan looking for rocks and spending time with their classroom communities.



## Marching Band Performs at TC Expo

On October 6, the Kingsley Marching Stags took to Thirlby Field to perform at the Marching Expo. They performed their halftime show, West Side Story, to massive crowd applause!



# Kingsley Homecoming

Week 2025



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