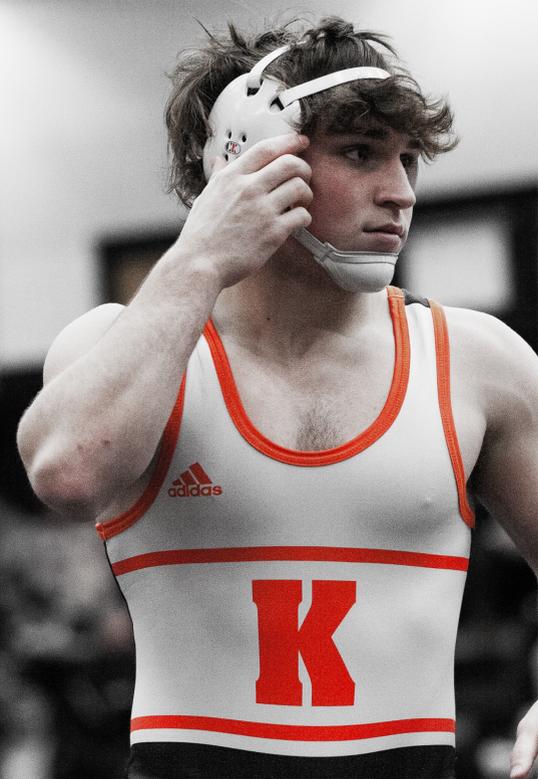




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TEN KINGSLEY WRESTLERS COMPETE AT STATE FINALS, KYAN FESSENDEN BECOMES FIRST STATE CHAMPION IN SCHOOL HISTORY



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Left: Senior wrestler Kyan Fessenden. Top right: Kingsley's qualifying wrestlers arrive at Ford Field for the tournament. Bottom left: Sam Goethals, Kyan Fessenden, and Gavyn Merchant wear medals after placing in the tournament. Bottom right: Kingsley elementary students high-five wrestlers before their departure to Ford Field.

The Kingsley Varsity Wrestling team has had a history-making season. In March, ten wrestlers qualified for the Division III State Finals, and senior Kyan Fessenden became a state champion, the first ever for Kingsley Area Schools.

"The emotions were real....the Kingsley senior used a last-second takedown to pull out a 4-3 victory over Flint Powers Catholic's Connor Owens in the Division III 165-pound championship match at the MHSAA Individual Wrestling Finals at Ford Field in Detroit," reported the *Record-Eagle*.

His teammate Gavyn Merchant placed second in the 126-lb weight class, and Sam Goethals placed sixth in the 190-lb weight class. Cameron Fryer, Jon Pearson, Isaac Grahn, Justin Grahn, Caleb Bott, Maximus Goethals, and Raymond VanDyke also competed at States.

Congratulations, Kingsley wrestlers on an outstanding performance and overall season!

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Kingsley Powerlifters Compete at MHSPA State Finals

Congratulations to the five Kingsley High School powerlifters who qualified for the MHSPA State Finals at Adrian High School. Four student-athletes headed downstate to compete, and all of them finished in the Top 10!



Coach Stephen Klinge and the four qualifying powerlifters present to the student body during an assembly.

Results:

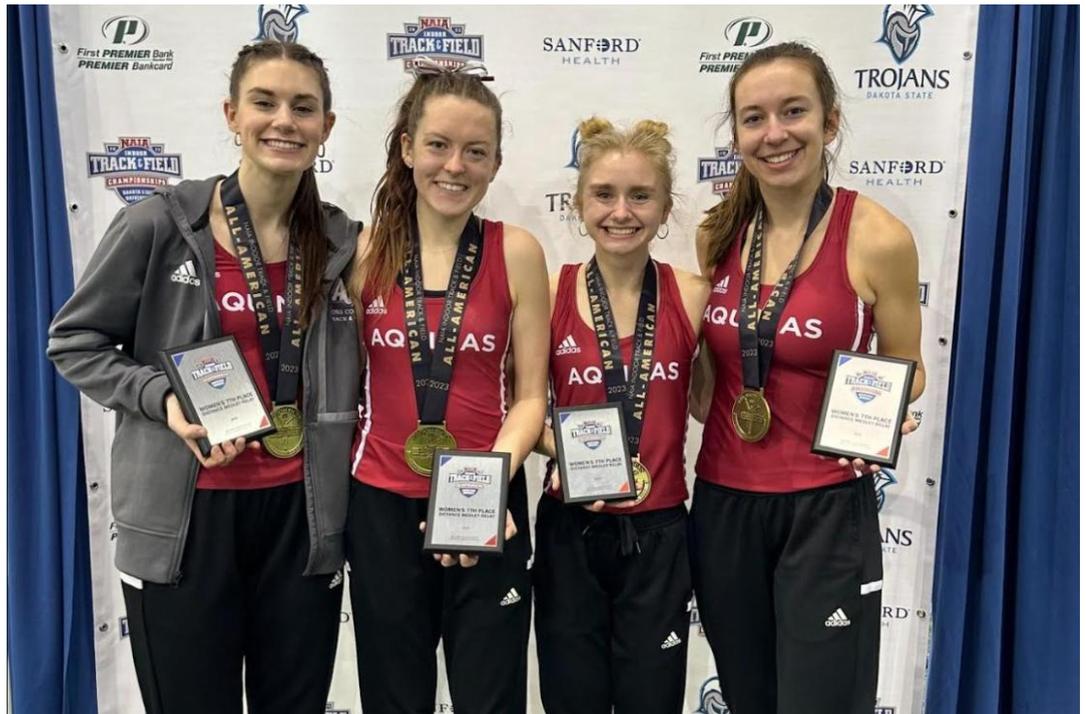
123 lbs **148 lbs**
 9th place 9th place
 Korbin Bedford Sierra Billiau

132 lbs **155 lbs**
 8th place Runner Up
 Connor Johnson Nathan Fasel

Agriscience Students Tour Michigan State University



KHS Counselor Brittany Feldhake took four career tech center agriscience students to tour Michigan State. They toured the Agricultural Tech program, where they heard about two- and four-year plans, spoke to professors, and toured the animal barns. They also stopped by MSU's famous Dairy Store for some icecream. Yum!



Kingsley grad Lauren Woer (far right) and her Aquinas College teammates.

Kingsley Grad Lauren Woer becomes fourth alumni to achieve NAIA Track All-American Status

by the Kingsley Athletic Dept.

Most recently, Aquinas College freshman and 2022 Kingsley grad, **Lauren Woer** teamed with Ronnie McMillen, Hannah Adler and Maggie Whitney in the Distance Medley relay (12:00.5) to place 7th at the NAIA National Championship meet at South Dakota State University. Lauren holds the Kingsley school record in the 1600 and 3200.

The first All-American from Kingsley was **Dan Newmarch**, Ferris State 1981, in the 35 pound weight throw. Dan competed at nationals in Kansas City, Missouri and tossed the weight 52' 11" to earn All-American honors. Dan also threw the hammer at FSU.

All-State track athlete at Kingsley, **Jaime Dudash**, was NAIA All-American twice ('92 and '93) in the 5K at Hillsdale College. Hillsdale was a national cross country power in the early 90s, second in the nation in 1992 and 3rd in 1993. Jamie was also GLIAC Conference champion in the 5K and 10K at Hillsdale.

Greg Vaughn, '98 Kingsley grad, also competed at Aquinas College in the weight events. He was NAIA All-American in the 16 pound hammer with a 5th place throw of 48.41 meters in 2001 at Johnson City, TN. Greg still holds the Kingsley Track and Field record in the discus with a toss of 169' in 1998.

On a Kingsley connection note, Taylor University freshman **Noel Vanderwall** (Petoskey 2022) was also on the podium at the 2023 nationals earning All-American honors in the mile and 3K. Noel is the daughter of Kingsley grad Carl Vanderwall and granddaughter of Steve and Bev Vanderwall of Kingsley.

Over 30 Kingsley alumni have continued to compete in track at the collegiate level, most notable at Division I was **Jared Glover** at WMU. Jared was conference champion in the 10K at Western, not an All-American, but a huge accomplishment in Division I.

Ron Hessem was conference champion in three events at Ferris State, 4x100, 4x400 and hurdles.

Kelsey Graham, recent Davenport long jump star, accepted a coaching job at Savannah State, Georgia.

Claude Ockert is finishing up graduation classes at Davenport after a successful track career in the weight events.

Current Davenport senior **Colin Graham** continues to star in the 400/800 meters and is second on the all-time list in the indoor 800 meters.

Calvin College sophomore **Jane Dunlap** still has eligibility left but is taking time off due to a broken hand.

Hope College freshman, **Carly Roelof**, has done very well in the shot with the outdoor season approaching.

KHS alumni continuing their track & field talent at the next level have represented Kingsley very well!

To learn more about Kingsley Athletics, visit kingsleystags.com. To read more Stag Spotlights, visit kingsleyschools.org/blog

Kingsley Elementary Goes Wild for Reading Month!

March was Reading Month at Kingsley Elementary, and this year, staff and students took a walk on the wild side with this year's theme, "Wild About Reading."

Students were tasked with logging their reading minutes at home and in school to build their comprehension skills and love for books.

At school, they celebrated with themed spirit days, assemblies, movies, library visits, friendly competitions, and more.

At the beginning of the month, staff wrote and performed a play based on the movie *Madagascar*. Alex the Lion (played by fourth-grade teacher Mr. Markewicz) went on a quest with his fellow zoo-mates to find a library. Along the way, they ran into the Kingdom of Lemurs, who also discovered a love for books. Fun and laughs were had by all.

Northwest Michigan Ballet Theatre also stopped by the school to show students another form of storytelling: dance! Dancers, including Kingsley's own Cora Dunham, sophomore, Riley Chichester, fourth grade, and Eden Ruby, fifth grade, performed several vignettes on March 16.



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Board of Education

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

If you need any special accommodations to attend a meeting please contact the Superintendent's office. Board minutes are available online or at the Superintendent's office located at 402 Fenton St., Kingsley, MI.

Upcoming Meetings: April 10, May 8, June 26, August 14. Special meetings are scheduled as needed.

To find the full board schedule or to read agendas, board policies, and meeting minutes, visit www.kingsleyschools.org. You may email the board at schoolboard@kingsleyschools.org.

Q&A WITH KINGSLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S NEW CROSS COUNTRY COACH



This fall, Lisa Dood will take the reigns as head coach of the Cross Country team from longtime leader Julie Alpers, who is retiring after ten years in the position. Lisa comes to the district with years of coaching experience at Ionia Schools and a lifelong passion for running.

Q: What is your experience as a runner and a coach?

A: I've run my entire life and I've coached, in total, 18 years of high school track. My daughter was in the cross country program and eventually went on to be an All-American in college, so I worked a lot with the Cross Country Program then. My husband and I both run, it's my "second marriage." My husband won his age group at the Chicago Marathon, so that was kind of cool. So yeah, running is in our blood! What I love about running is that it's a strength. It's truly like a fight-or-flight thing. I might not be able to fight, but I can always flight, so it truly empowers me.

Q: What values do you want to instill in your athletes?

A: A good quality program teaches kids how to do things that they didn't think they could do before. Running teaches you that you have the ability to do things you didn't think you could do. And that is really important to remember.

Q: What are you most excited about this season?

A: As far as cross country goes, building that close-knit community. My best friend from high school is still my best friend because we ran together. Those kinds of bonds last forever because you share such an experience. If that's done right, which obviously it has been here, thanks to Julie [Alpers], it's a great, great gift. I am honored to be able to carry on that legacy."

THREE KINGSLEY ATHLETES SIGN LETTERS OF INTENT

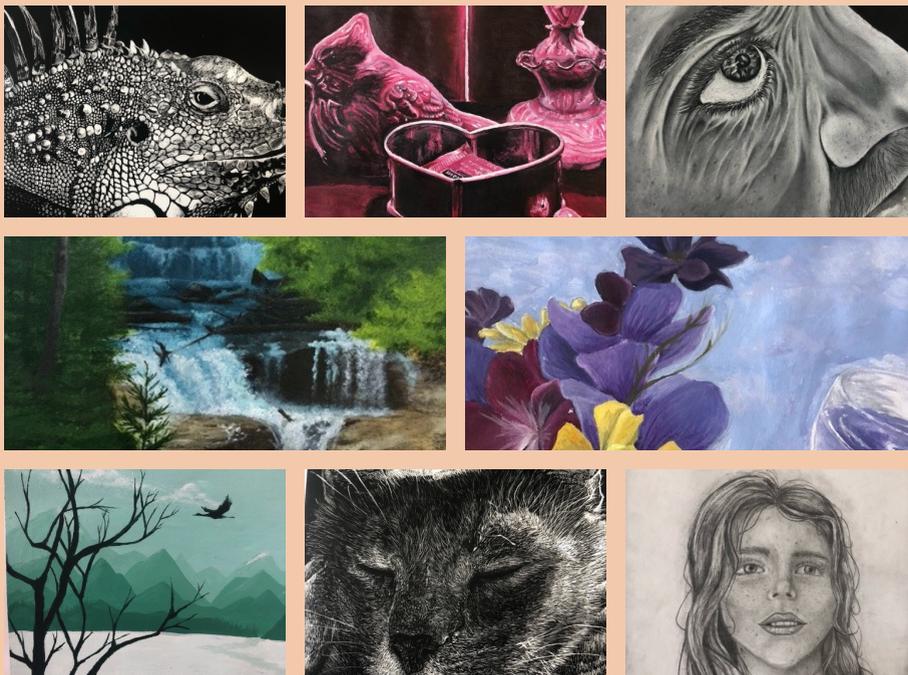


Congratulations to Isabell Peltier, Sam Goethals, and Owen Buning, who will continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Isabell has committed to running at Adrian College, and teammates Sam and Owen will play football at Concordia University.

STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Top left: **Skylar Workman:** Skylar is a junior on the varsity boys' basketball team. He scored 13 points with four rebounds and three assists in a win over Suttons Bay, plus 16 points, two rebounds and two assists in the Stags' win over Leland. Top right: **Maximus Goethals:** Max is a junior on the varsity wrestling team and had an outstanding season for Kingsley with a 21-6 overall record, winning the Mid-Michigan conference championship, an MHSAA district championship, and qualifying for the MHSAA State Finals in the 175-pound weight class. Bottom left: **Grace Lewis:** Grace is a junior on the varsity girls' basketball team. She scored 14 points versus St. Francis on Tuesday and led all scorers with 15 points in the Stags' win over Benzie Central, shooting 7 of 10 from the 3-point line in the two games. Grace also excels in volleyball and softball while carrying a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Bottom right: **Claire Dutton:** Claire is a senior on the varsity girls' basketball team. She scored six points and had 15 rebounds in the Stag's District Championship win over Boyne City on Friday, March 3rd. She scored six points and had nine rebounds in the Regional semifinals versus Houghton.



ART STUDENTS EXHIBIT AT CROOKED TREE ART CENTER

28 high school students were represented at this year's Crooked Tree Youth Art Show and seven received individual awards ranging from honorable mentions to cash prizes to Kendall College for Art and Design scholarships. Congratulations to the following students who received special awards: Isabella Bickle, Jaydyn Kratky, Adalene Chambers, Sarah Johnson, Talia Pueler, Mya Solem, and Kelly Huis.

Stop by the Crooked Tree Arts Center on Sixth Street in Traverse City now through April 15 to see all of the Kingsley artwork on display!

April 3 - First day back to school

April 7 - No School, Good Friday

April 10-14 - Conference Week

School Board Meetings

Monday, April 10 | 7:00PM
Kingsley High School Library

Monday, May 8 | 7:00PM

Kingsley Choir

Dessert Concert
Thursday, April 9 | 7:00PM
Kingsley High School Commons

KMS Spring Concert
Wednesday, May 24 | 7:00PM
Kingsley Middle School

Kingsley Band

Middle School Solo and Ensemble
Saturday, April 15 | Time TBD
Boyne City Schools

Middle School Spring concert
Wednesday, May 10 | 7:00PM
Kingsley Middle School

High School Spring Concert
Thursday, May 18 | 7:00PM
Kingsley High School

State Band Festival
Friday, May 5 | Time TBD
Gaylord Schools

Art

Crooked Tree Art Exhibition
Now - April 15
Crooked Tree Art Center Traverse City

Art Attack
Friday, May 5
Kingsley Branch Library

Kingsley Friends of the Library will be sponsoring the 10th Annual Art Attack on Thursday May 4, 2023. This is an art show where all KHS students enrolled in an art class at Kingsley participate. Each student will have an art piece in the show to compete for prizes juried by a local artist. The event will take place from 6:30-8 with the awards presentation taking place at 7pm. Come to check out some amazing artwork and support our Kingsley students during this great event.

Project Graduation Fundraisers

Can Drives @ Kingsley Library
Sunday, April 16 | 12-3:00PM
Sunday, May 21 | 12-3:00PM

Bake Sales @ Northland Market
Saturday, April 15 | 9:00AM-3:00PM



Kingsley Band Earns Top Ratings

by Jena Van Wagner

Congratulations to both the Kingsley Middle and High School Bands on their first division ratings at Band Festival. This achievement is a reward for the hard work they put in. Comments from judges of both bands applauded the musicianship of the students and the community support from Kingsley. The bands now advance to State Band Festival to be held on May 5 in Gaylord, times TBD.

Kingsley Middle School was well represented at Honor Band held in Kalkaska. The five students that attended faced a full day of rehearsal to prepare for a concert the same night. The results were amazing, and we are so proud of these students!

Middle School Solo & Ensemble will take place in Boyne City on April 16. Kingsley will take around a dozen entries to this event.

Next up - the ever-popular Band Meat Raffle! This will take place again this spring. Students will be selling tickets in April, more information coming home soon. Thank you for supporting the band!

High School Solo and Ensemble Results:

Sax quartet 1 - (Mackenzie St John, Abby Scarbrough, Gracie McPherson, Annamae Schaub)

Marimba duet 1 - (Emma Belanger, Kaylin Mitchell)

Double Reed duet 2 - (Natalie Sterk, Mara Van Wagner)

Flute solo 1 - Abby Scarbrough

Trumpet solo 1 - Kati Smith

Oboe solo 1 - Natalie Sterk

Bassoon solo 1 - Mara VanWagner

Congratulations, Students!



Kingsley Choir, Soloists Advance to State Competitions



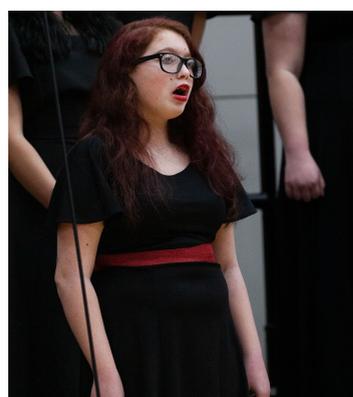
by Andy Evans
Choir Director
aevans@kingsleyschools.org

The High school and middle school choirs both earned a first division rating at the MSVMA district festival and will move on to the state level on May 8 and 9 on the campus of Central Michigan University.

Kara Jewett, freshman, and Aria Harness, senior, both earned high ratings at the MSVMA district Solo and Ensemble festival and will perform at the state level on April 15th.

The Accidentals band, along with Georgia Bragg and Mary Middleman, visited on March 8. It was great to learn about the songwriting process not only for my songwriting students, but all the other students not in the class who are writing songs.

The choir is resuming its yearly dessert concert on April 13th at 7 p.m. in the high school commons. Free, but \$5 per person suggested donation. Come hear our new Kingsley rock band, Choral Fusion, and several soloists from our 5th through 12 grade choirs.



Top: The Accidentals with Georgia Bragg and Mary Middleman. Bottom left: Kara Jewett. Bottom right: Aria Harness.

Teacher Feature: Meet the 6th Grade Team



One Friday morning, *Grease's* "You Better Shape Up" is blasting in Mrs. Justine Rinehart's room as the sixth grade team laughs, dances, and sips their morning coffee. The four core subject teachers have been in the building together for many years and their chemistry is evident.

They cherished every bit of time together before Mrs. Justine Rinehart retired at Spring Break.

"We're so sad," said social studies teacher Mr. Jamie Hawkins. "We've all been teaching together for 20 years."

"I can't even talk about it," said Mrs. Rinehart. "I just love sixth grade because they're still kids and you see the kid in them, but you can still have meaningful conversations as well because they're old enough to do that."

As one teacher leaves, another has entered the mix: former Kingsley student Leah Kitchin has joined as the new special education teacher.

"I had Amy [Fewless] and Justine as teachers back in the day. It took a little time getting used to calling them by their first names!" said Ms. Kitchin. "It's nice because I have known a lot of these people throughout my whole life. It was kind of easy coming in to work with them."

In Kingsley Area Schools, sixth grade is the second year of middle school, so kids are adjusted to how things work but not quite too-cool-for-school.

On top of their classes, there are lots of traditions to look forward to this year.

"We do pumpkin carving for Halloween every year, and at the end of the year, they make time capsules that they open during their Graduation rehearsal," said math teacher Alissa Bunek.

ELA teacher Amy Fewless says her favorite part of this grade level is watching the students make connections between different subject matters.

"There's a lot of crossover, in a way, between what they learn in science and ELA, like knowing when a claim is an inference, or being able to make high-level inferences and explain it. The reasoning part is a big piece, too," she said.

By Chloe McCarthy



"We make good connections with them as far as having the structure that they really need at this age, while also teaching with a sense of humor."

- Amy Fewless, 6th grade ELA



"Kids really enjoy social studies in sixth grade because it's the first time they get to talk about some big geopolitical topics, and we put pieces together and fill in the blanks."

- Jamie Hawkins, 6th grade social studies



"My class is all about practicing good science: recognizing evidence, making claims based on evidence, making inferences, and lab safety."

- Justine Rinehart, 6th grade science



"I'm the first one that does a lot of algebra with the kids in sixth grade. We throw in coefficients and variables and start to learn to solve equations."

- Alissa Bunek, 6th grade math



"My biggest goal with my kids is to help close that gap between what they're doing and what's going on in the gen-ed class. It's really cool when I see some of them start to get the concept."

- Leah Kitchin, 6th grade special education

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.

Preordering your Copy of the 2022/23 High School Yearbook

Yearbooks are available for **pre-order at school** twice during the school year, in October and in April (it is cheaper if you preorder in the fall!). Only a couple extra copies are ordered for sale at delivery next fall and these go fast. *To ensure you get your copy, you must preorder your book this year!*

Order by
the end of
April!

- o **Pay by Check:** Please turn in checks to Mrs. Bowen in Rm 15, or mail to the school (write Attn: yearbook on the envelope). *Please make checks out to KAS or Kingsley Schools for \$45*
- o **Pay by Credit Card:** Yearbooks can be **ordered online** with a credit card at any time during the school year (through April 30th). Just go to yearbookforever.com and enter our school name. There is a small surcharge for this method but major credit cards are accepted.

Student Name/s _____ Grade _____
 _____ Copies Ordered _____ Total _____

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 next year. Seniors can also have someone else pick up their copy for them.
- Priority Mail:** I wish to have my book shipped via priority mail for an additional \$5 per book. These are mailed by the second week of school.

Include your mailing address in the space below:

2023-24 Preschool

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.

thanks to you!

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Kingsley Middle School Students of the Month



Gwen Stone

Gwen is a hard working student. She is consistently on-task and giving her best effort.



Kalen Fate

Kalen is organized and on task. He also adds great insight to class discussions.



Logan Swinehart

Logan is very conscientious and a great leader! He is always on task and a great problem solver. He is a friend to all!



Bryanna Blanke

Bryanna is a hard working and responsible student! She always does her best job and is helpful to anyone. She is a friendly and caring student.



Alayna Manning

Alayna is a soft-spoken, respectful, and diligent student. She is a hard worker and seeks to do her very best.



Trey Martin

Trey has a delightful personality and is a kind-hearted student. He is a friend to all and works well with others.

Lyndsi Carpenter*

Lyndsi is a student that the team sees blooming into a quiet, natural leader. When she works with a partner, she stays focused and contributes to her learning. She helps her friends stay focused and on track. She advocates for herself in the classroom. She takes risks. She is awesome!

Logan Bickle*

Logan is a student that always works well with others. No matter who his partner is, he stays focused and on-track. He waits patiently for other students to catch up. He is never afraid to share answers. He is always polite and respectful.

KHS Freshman Anna Bauer accepted into US Naval Academy STEM program

"I LOVE the periodic table.
I could talk about bonds and
stuff for hours."

That's a direct quote from Kingsley High School freshman Anna Bauer. Soft-spoken and extremely polite, she lights up with joy when discussing chemistry, biology, or anything science-related.

"I really want to be a biologist, or chemist, or chemical engineer. I love being hands-on," she said.

Her genuine enthusiasm for learning will serve her well, as the aspiring scientist has been accepted into one of the most prestigious summer programs in the country, the US Naval Academy's Summer STEM Program.

A poster advertising the program on a KHS bulletin board sparked an interest to apply.

"It's pretty cool that they're linking up students not just to opportunities in Grand Traverse County, but all over. They're helping kids to dream big," said Anna's mother, Kristin Bauer, who credits Kingsley's science department and KHS counselor Brittany Feldhake for helping to connect Anna to the opportunity.

The week-long program on the campus of the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland includes field trips, hands-on learning, intramural sports, and more. The program's website lists academic modules like "Storm Chasing" which tasks students with constructing small buildings that can withstand 150 mph winds.



Their projects are then tested inside a wind tunnel in one of the academy's labs.

"I'm really excited to go there. They're professionals. I'm going to go learn from the people that do this for a living!" said Anna.

Anna's application to the program stood out thanks to excellent grades, involvement in sports, and volunteer work with A.C. Paws. The final component that gave her an edge was impressive 8th grade PSAT scores which Anna credits Kingsley's eighth-grade team for helping her attain, thanks to extensive test prep done that year.

"We did PSAT prep every week, and we'd simulate a test atmosphere. It really helped, and made the test a lot easier," said Anna.

Anna will attend the program June 12-17, which means, to Anna's disappointment, that she'll miss the last few days of the school year. "I'll miss seeing my friends and saying 'goodbye' to my teachers for the summer. But, I am also excited to go to Annapolis."

*declined photo