

Course Requests

Eighth Grade: High school course request changes are due by *March 7th!* This is different from previous school years due to changes in the U5 student information system.

Seventh Grade: Student have already turned in their 8th grade Exploratory preference sheets. This sheet communicated your student's preferences for Exploratory offerings, as well as request a Foreign Language course for next school year. Parent signatures were required .

Sixth Grade: Look for course preferences sheets, indicating music and tutorial preferences, to come home in Friday folders on Friday, March 1. They are due back with Friday folders.

5 Essentials Survey

Please help! We have *not met our* required goal of 20% of families participating in this important survey!

Why does 5 Essentials matter to us? 5 Essentials survey results are one tool we use to create school improvement goals for academic and cultural growth at Kingsley. We value parent input and want to hear from you!

How do you take the survey? Click [here](#) to take the survey March 15. Thank you!

betabrain

This year marks the 8th annual team-based STEAM event called **betabrain!** This is a *free* event for students in grades 6-12. Can you imagine a learning experience so fun that students in grades 6-12 come to school on a Saturday?! Yep! Betabrain is that fun!

Want more details about betabrain?

Saturday, March 2, from 8-11:30 at Kingsley
Click to [find out more and register](#).

P.A.S.S. is *free school work help* provided by Kingsley teachers in the Kingsley cafeteria from 3:45-4:45 on:

- February 26, 28, March 5, 7, 12, 14 & 19.

Upcoming Dates to Note

February

25 - March 1: Kindness Week sponsored by KJHS Not In Our School

March

5: School play - 6 pm in School Cafeteria

7: 8th grade families - Planning Beyond High School at PJHS, 6-7:45 (Flyer attached.)

8: Career Fair

▶ Ask your 8th grader - "What career are you presenting on? & Why did you choose it?"

▶ Ask your 6th & 7th grader - "What careers did you find most interesting?"

11-15: Money for Max, a student-led opportunity to contribute to charity

13: Late Start

21: Talent Show for Parents

22: Talent Show & PBIS Assembly

25 - 29: Spring Break - No school

April

4: Spring pictures - optional

10: Late Start

18 & 19: Teacher Institute & Board-approved Holiday - No School

May

8: Late Start

10: Eighth grade Dance

Traffic Safety Reminder

Please help us keep students safe by driving cautiously and being patient.

Student IDs

Please encourage your student to wear her/his ID! Wearing IDs help us expedite lunch lines and have records of student attendance on morning and afternoon bus routes!

PTO

All families are welcome at the next PTO meeting on Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m. in the KJHS IMC.

8th grade Dance-May 10

Are you interested in helping? Email adams.laurar@comcast.net if you would like to assist the planning committee. Opportunities to volunteer as a chaperone, provide supplies and more will be sent to 8th grade families in early April.

What should students wear to the 8th grade dance?
It is not homecoming. Students should wear comfortable clothing that adheres to the school dress code. Therefore, select clothing that covers undergarments and midriffs.

What's Happening at KJHS?

Find out! Follow us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/kingsleyJHS](https://www.facebook.com/kingsleyJHS)

The Kingsley Connection

February 2019

**Monthly update from
Ms. France, Principal**

For Parents of Current 8th grade Foreign Language Students

Please consider allowing your student to participate in a study being conducted by Frau Higby, a NCWHS German teacher.

The purpose of this study is to determine what motivates students to learn a foreign language and to evaluate the affects the 8th grade foreign language program requirements have on the likelihood students enroll in a foreign language class in high school. During the study, data will be collected from your student in the form of a secure questionnaire.

The link below will give you more information and take you to a digital consent form.

https://illinoisstate.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eeQEFa82rLZj7PD

Student Leadership

When students feel valued in their school community *and* have caring adults who create pathways for genuine, active engagement in the school, students become more invested in their school. At Kingsley, we are committed to empowering students to invest in their community and to think beyond themselves and our school walls.

One of our 2018-2019 school improvement goals is for Kingsley staff to diligently to foster a culture where we generate opportunities for and nurture student leadership. Some exciting things have been happening as a result! Celebrate with us!

- Neville House community service project in December
 - A group of motivated 8th graders, with the guidance of their teacher, created and ran a school-wide community service project, collecting donated food, clothing, hygiene products and more. #CavPride
- Black History Month in February
 - With just a little adult help, a student selected songs that highlight gifted Black artists and quotes by famous Black Americans that have helped mold our country. The songs were played over the all-school intercom and quotes were included in our morning announcements. #studentleadership
- Kindness Week in February
 - Kingsley Not in Our School students initiated, planned and will be enacting Kingsley's first Kindness Week. A student from the Not In Our School group presented to the faculty during the February Teacher Inservice day. The Kingsley faculty applauded these student leaders and strongly supports their students efforts contribute to a positive school culture. #spreadKindnessKingsley
- Mission for Max in March
 - With the assistance of a teacher, Cavaliers are generating awareness of a rare genetic disorder, Peroxisomal Biogenesis Disorders (PBD), and will collect coins to be donated to the organization. These Cavaliers will be inviting other students to help and are working to partner with other local schools. Two students presented Mission for Max to Kingsley faculty at the February Teacher Inservice day. #CavPride

Parents - Think back to your time as an eleven through fourteen year old.

What would have happened if adults believed in and empowered your dreams to make a difference in the world? At Kingsley, we are creating that opportunity for our Cavaliers, your children. We are incredibly proud of our students and their accomplishments.

Thank you for partnering with us! We are grateful for your support!

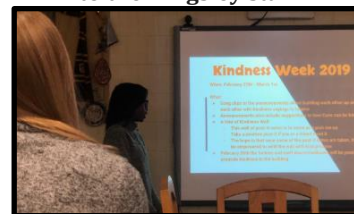
Student organizers of Neville House Community Service Project



Not In Our School members planning Kindness Week activities



Not In Our School student presenting Kindness Week events to the Kingsley staff



Mission for Max Kick Off

