

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

END OF THE YEAR PREPARATION & INFORMATION

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### STUDENT REIMBURSEMENTS

#### Reimbursements:

1. All students will be reimbursed in grades K – 5 for clubs, trips, and activities that were scheduled, paid, and canceled.



2. Administrative assistants are preparing check reimbursements which will be mailed to your home.

3. Grade six reimbursements will be structured in a slightly different way. The Baltimore School Trip fee and the High Notes / Great Adventure Safety Trip fee will be reimbursed as long as families had previously paid the student activities fee. If the activity fee was not paid, these funds will be applied to that student account.

4. The sixth-grade student activities fee has been almost entirely expended. Students already participated in Bingo, the Brain Show, received their t-shirts, will purchase their grade level memory gift, will receive their yearbooks, etc. If there are any funds remaining, these funds will be distributed equally back to our 6th-grade families.

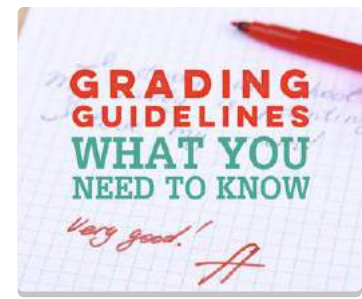
5 Any and all additional questions should be directed to your child's building principal.

#### Nutriserve Reimbursements:

1. If you have lunch funds remaining in your account and need to be reimbursed, parents should request a refund by contacting Mrs. D'adamo at [gdadamo@swsdk6.com](mailto:gdadamo@swsdk6.com).

### GRADING UPDATES

Due to the challenges of grading students both with and without technology in a remote environment, the District has opted to re-structure our final semester grading practices. Instead of assigning a standards-based grade, families will benefit from feedback with an end of the year remote Parent-Teacher Conference. The District will not be assigning a standards based grade.



Your child's classroom teacher will schedule your virtual conference on either **Tuesday, June 9th** or **Friday, June 12th**. (If a third day is needed, that day will be Wednesday, **June 17**.) During this conference, your child's teacher will review academic strengths, areas in need of growth, and suggestions for summer support.

## KINGSWAY REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL'S ANNUAL 7th GRADE ORIENTATION 5/20/20

All SWSD 6th grade families should have already received the following information from Mr. Tonelli, Kingsway Regional's Middle School Principal:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this email finds you and your family safe and healthy! Kingsway Regional Middle School's Annual Seventh Grade Orientation Program has been altered due to the closing of schools across New Jersey. KRMS will be sending out two pre-recorded videos and reference sheets aiming to orient both the parents and students to the middle school. On **May 20, 2020**, all the information regarding Kingsway Regional Middle School Orientation will be available via email, and it will be posted on the Kingsway website at [www.krsd.org](http://www.krsd.org).

I look forward to working with you over the next two years. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at [tonellib@krsd.org](mailto:tonellib@krsd.org).

Sincerely,

Brian Tonelli

Principal, Kingsway Regional Middle School

## END OF THE YEAR MEETINGS

1. The District will schedule End of Year 504 Annual Reviews for students in grades K - 5 who currently have a 504 plan.
2. The Child Study Team is continuing to hold CST Annual Reviews, Re-evaluation meetings, etc. so our team can connect with parents to explain the anticipated process upon our return.
3. The above meetings are scheduled directly with the families of students who have existing 504 Plans or IEPs.





## STUDENT BELONGING PICK-UP DAY

1. The District is scheduling "student belonging" pick-up days at each school site.

Clifford: **Monday, June 1**

Stratton: **Tuesday, June 2**

Harker: **Thursday, June 4**

Hill: **Wednesday, June 3**

Parents may report to their child's school on the above designated day between 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and then again from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

2. Your child's classroom teacher will have collected all of your child's school/personal belongings and bagged the belongings for you to pick-up.

3. If your child has anything that belongs to the classroom such as library books, novels, etc., please bag the items, label it with the teacher's name and your child's name, and we will make sure the items are returned to the classroom. You may drop these items off when you arrive to collect your child's school belongings.

4. Student belonging pick-up days will be structured in a drive-through fashion. You will be asked to pull up to your child's school and open your trunk. A District administrator will secure your child's bag and place it in your trunk.

5. The assigned building school nurse will be on-site at your child's school on the designated date between 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. to distribute student medications and medical supplies. Administration will be on-site to distribute these items to families between 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

## CHROMEBOOK RETURN

Families who signed out a District Chromebook must return their child's Chromebook on the following days:

**Grade 6 at the Walter Hill School on Friday, June 19, 2020**

**1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Grades 2 - 5 at the Harker School on Monday, June 22, 2020**

**1:00 - 6:00 p.m.**



Student yearbooks will be held until the District receives the returned Chromebook.

# YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION



1. The District has not received a confirmed delivery date for yearbooks. (The plant that produces our yearbook is located in Texas and is currently closed. However, it is expected to reopen on Friday, May 15, 2020.)
2. Yearbooks will be held for all students who have an assigned Chromebook. Once the Chromebook is returned, the yearbook will be issued.
3. A Yearbook Pick-Up Day will be scheduled once we are informed of the anticipated shipment and arrival date. Stay tuned for more information.

## DO YOU STILL NEED TO ORDER A YEARBOOK?

If you still want to purchase a yearbook, you may do so through the link on the District's main web page under the "Announcements" tab. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Mrs. Statile at [dstatile@swsdk6.com](mailto:dstatile@swsdk6.com).

## 6th Grade Celebration

1. The District is planning a Virtual Moving Up Ceremony.
2. The Ceremony will be held on its originally scheduled date: **Thursday, June 18, 2020.**
3. The Ceremony will be posted on our District Webpage and Social Media Pages at **7:00 p.m.** We hope you watch this event together as a family as we honor our exiting 6th-Grade Comets!
4. In lieu of the previously planned Regional Field Day / Dance event, the Regional Schools Activity Committee is hoping that an alternate event MAY be planned for students later in the summer. However, this event will be dependent on the mandated social distancing restrictions imposed throughout the summer. Stay tuned for more information.



**PARENT FEEDBACK SURVEY DUE BY SATURDAY,  
MAY 16**

We are sincerely asking for your feedback. This is our second District Parent Survey, and your input is important to us. You may notice that many of the questions are the same as those that appeared in the first parent survey distributed on April 3, 2020. This is intentional in that it will help us to monitor perception over time. Please take a few minutes to help guide our District in providing the best virtual learning experience that we can for your child. We still have many weeks of new learning ahead of us and your input is critically important to us. Please complete the survey by **Saturday, May 16, 2020.**

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## PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR



### GR. 2 - GR. 6 END OF YEAR STUDENT BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT

At the end of the year, Grade 2 through Grade 6 students will participate in a benchmark series that will be distributed to students on May 27th and May 28th. One benchmark will target ELA and one will target Math. This benchmark **WILL NOT** result in a grade that is factored into your child's report card grade. Furthermore, this benchmark **WILL NOT** be used for the identification of student participation in the Gifted and Talented or Advanced Math Programming. But rather, this assessment is essential for providing the District with the necessary information to effectively plan for your child's return to school next September.

Prior to the benchmark assignment, you will receive the following guidance:

*It is **ESSENTIAL** that your child completes these two benchmarks **independently**. The District will be using your child's independent performance to guide the development of his/her personalized learning plan for next year. It is essential that the District be aware of your child's independent areas of success and specific areas in need of growth. The District will use this information to plan for your child's successful return to school this upcoming fall. Furthermore, this information will be shared with you during your child's Parent-Teacher Conference in June.*

*Parents, you may provide your child with technology assistance (assist with log-in), and you may assist with re-wording a question (if asked by your child), you may assist with sounding out a word, and assist with chunking the assignment into smaller bits. Your child*

may take as many breaks as he/she needs and then return to the assignment when your child is ready.

*Parents of students with special needs may read every question and every answer out loud to your child. You may also reword the question. However, please do not assist your child in actually answering or solving the question/problem.*

*Keep in mind: If parents correct or assist their children in their ability to answer questions and solve problems, the District will inaccurately assume that your child has independently mastered the necessary skills.*

## CLASS PLACEMENTS



1. Next year the District goal is to allow as many Kindergarten and First Grade students to travel together as they transition into the next grade. Based on specific student needs, there may be some student movement; however, we will try our best to keep as many students together as we can.

2. In grades 3 - 6, the modified departmentalized schedule and more specialized programming make it more difficult to keep students together as they transition into a new grade. However, the District will try to keep some previous classmates together as they transition.

3. The District is respectfully requesting that parents refrain from requesting specific teachers for the 2020 - 2021 school year or from requesting specific pairs of students remain together. Due to individual student needs, the very involved scheduling process, and the extensive number of students throughout each building, it is not possible to accommodate specific requests.

4. All Gifted and Talented and Advanced Math / Pre-Algebra Qualification Matrices have been modified to only include student data up until the student's last day on Friday, March 13, 2020.

5. Many 2nd grade students were not able to complete the OLSAT assessment prior to the school closure. As a result, the 2nd grade administered OLSAT will not be submitted for scoring; instead, the OLSAT assessment will be readministered to all students in the early fall of 3rd grade.



## DISTRICT PROVIDED SUMMER SUPPORT

1. The District will be utilizing the data collected from the end of the year benchmarks to target critical learning needs within each grade level.

2. Select staff will pre-record live teaching lessons for students. These videos will be posted by grade level in the areas of ELA, Math, and Science.

3. These videos and corresponding student learning resources will be posted on the district website. Parents will be able to find them on a new tab entitled "SUMMER LEARNING LIBRARY."

4. The District is also planning additional virtual learning opportunities for all students. Stay tuned for more information.

## PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER

Unfortunately, no one knows what the required social distancing guidelines will be by the time September rolls around. As a result, SWSD is currently planning for several reopening scenarios, and we will continue to plan throughout the summer.

It is too early to announce what the school guidance will be for fall 2020. However, we will absolutely communicate with our families as soon as we are able. Please keep in mind, at this time, NO ONE knows what guidance will be required by the time September arrives.

### TOO MANY GOOGLE CLASSROOM ALERTS?

If you are receiving too many emailed alerts when a post is made in your child's Google Classroom, you have the ability to disable that feature. View the video below to learn how to turn off those notifications and stop the emails from coming.

How to Turn Off Email Notifications in Google Classroom 2020



### TOO MANY DOJO ALERTS?

In a Class/Group's Settings, you can turn off Notifications for that specific Class/Group only.

1. Go to the **Class/Group** page.
2. Click on the Posts tab in the left panel.
3. Click on the more icon .
4. Check or uncheck the box next to Receive Email/SMS Updates to **disable** email/sms **notifications** for the **Class/Group**.

