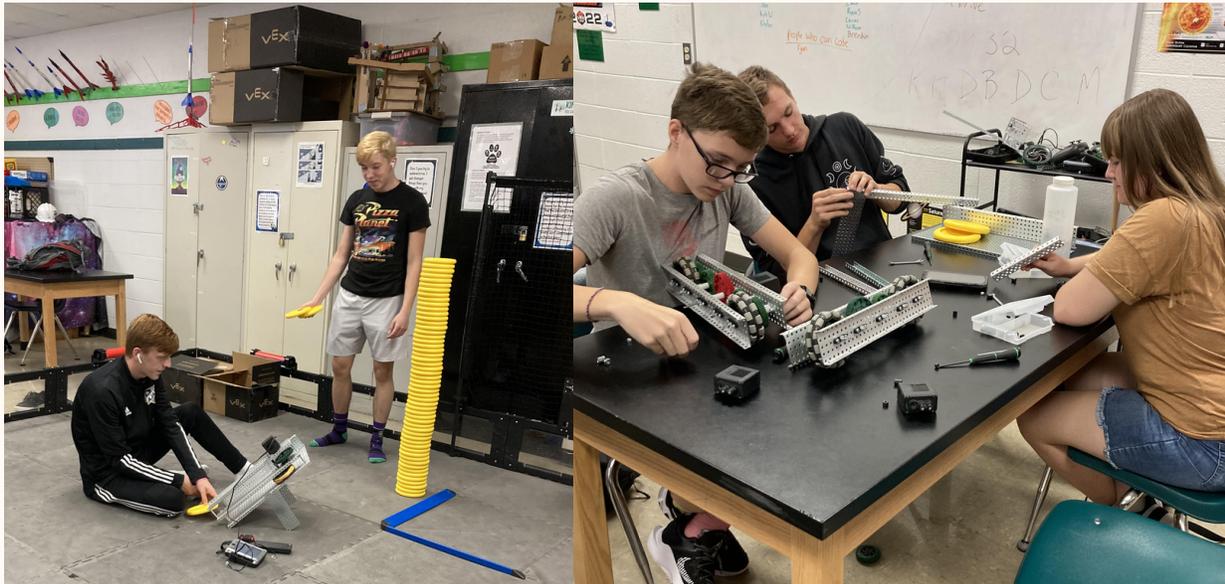


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Robotastic start to the semester!



*Pictured left Brendan Luna and Ryan Garcia shoot discs using a robotic flywheel.
Pictured right Dayne Schmeiderer, Quintin Mull and Charley Horton build a drive train together.*

Building Bright Futures

By Emily Vandergriff and Ayden Piel

Kingston has four robotics teams, each coached by a student leader - Jalen DeClue, Ryan Garcia, Hayden LaGrand, and Lucas Inman. These student leaders are returning team members, so they are the most knowledgeable about building, programming, and competing in tournaments. Three out of the four are currently studying robotics at Unitec under Mr. Nichols. These leaders are responsible for training all new robotics students and guiding them through building for this year's game challenge.

In VEX Robotics, there is a new game challenge every year so our teams must create a new design that can successfully meet the needs of the game in order to score points and win the match. This year's game challenge is titled "Spin Up". Teams score by picking up 5.5-inch diameter discs that can be launched or placed into scoring game zones, as well as a few other scoring methods. It is important to mention that there are no building instructions for these robots. Students must study the game and

engineer and program a robot that can't meet the challenge. At competitions, students must also be interviewed by judges to make sure they participated in the engineering and design of their robot. They must also communicate with students from other schools because they work together as alliance partners during each match.

Returning Robotics sophomore Dayne Shmeiderer has already been enjoying class this year. Schmeiderer likes that this course allows you to "develop an engineering mindset and it's hands on, so you can be more creative."

Mrs. Gill, who is in charge of the robotics team, expresses that she is simply a facilitator and that her more knowledgeable students are the ones who lead the class. Schmeiderer says, "I like having students as teachers because they've been in your position more recently, and they offer a different perspective."

Arts

Gabe Bricker, Quinten Mull, Abby Trusty, Joesph Pena, painting with watercolors.



Sadie Vandergriff painting with watercolor

Emmelei Boyer and Mrs. Brannam using watercolor and chalk pastels

THE ART OF IT ALL

By Lydia Carroll and Sera Schober

In art, Mrs. Brannam showed her classes what materials are and how to use them. Brannam said that students "worked in small teams to find supplies and then...[t]hey created one cohesive composition together. There was a lot of depth, laughter, and fun in the art room" during this learning activity. Mrs. Brannam thinks the art department is going to have a fantastic year with fantastic students.

Students commented on this art activity:

Sarina Aston- Sarina's a sophomore. She said, "It was pretty hard to learn the things, but Ms. B helped her understand it more."

Kaitlyne Wills- Kaitlyne is also a sophomore. She said, that she "had art last year and thought it would be boring, but Ms. B made it fun." She also said, "We love Ms. B; she's my school mom."

STUDENTS STRIKE A CHORD

By Christina Weedman

This is Mrs. Riley's second year teaching guitar here at Kingston. She is excited about this part of the music program because it gives students who aren't in band a creative outlet to express their creativity. Mrs. Riley hopes to continue to grow this program and acquire additional guitars.

When asked about the class, students had this to say:

Ollie Fowler - Ollie is a sophomore. This is their first experience and they are really enjoying it. Fowler says Mrs. Riley is sweet and they love Mrs. Riley because she is a really good teacher.

Kohl Bequette- Kohl is a sophomore. He has been playing guitar since the beginning of the year and he loves it because he's learning new chords and new things.

Cody Yates- Cody is a junior and has been playing since the beginning of summer. He really likes the class because Mrs. Riley will put them in groups and she will come around and help them with anything they are doing wrong.



Bridgette Yoesting, Jonathan Saunders, and Seth Politte practicing guitar

This month in _____

Fall Sports



Volleyball

By Ella Riddle

Volleyball season has begun at Kingston High School and the teams are giving it their all on the court. Although the JV have fallen short in all of their games so far, Coach Nahlik says they are "improving more and more every game". Varsity, on the other hand, have had a roller coaster of a season with a few sweeps and a few more losses. "Broken crayons still color" is the quote Coach Hankins, the head coach, tells the girls to keep them going.



Senior Seth Politte pitching



Sept. 6 St.Clair JV Game

Baseball

By Stone Nance, Ayden Piel, Corey Kemper

Senior Seth Politte is captain of Kingston's baseball team. He plays multiple sports but especially loves playing baseball. The Cougars are currently 2-4 in their fall season with recent wins over South Iron and Arcadia Valley, where Politte was starting pitcher. Many players did not return for the fall season, so Seth has stepped up to the plate for this year's team. Luckily Politte is up for the challenge because baseball "helped [him] be mentally strong under pressure."

His performance, demeanor and leadership show how much he loves the game, a love originally inspired by his older siblings. Even though it's Mr. Politte's last year, he will always be remembered for the great person he is both on and off of the field.

In the spotlight

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: COLLIN SUMPTER

By Oliviya Escobar

Collin Sumpter is a baseball and basketball star. He played in districts with the team last year as the guard/power forward. This is his favorite memory of his highschool experience. His grandpa is his biggest inspiration because of the way he carries himself and doesn't give up, and his future plans are to get a welding job from his experience at Unitec. He plans on using his skills to build his own house. Collin's favorite color is blue, and his favorite song is "Firework" by Katy Perry. He will miss his friends at school as well as the popcorn chicken! We hope to see Collin achieve all of his goals and aspirations!



Collin Sumpter dunking at Districts last year



Richard Couch winning a bowling award

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: RICHARD COUCH

By Oliviya Escobar

Richard Couch has gone to Kingston K-14 his entire school career. His future plans include going to college, though he is still undecided where to go. When asked "what is your favorite memory of school?" Richard said, "Having fun class discussions." Richard shared that his favorite school lunch is Chinese chicken, his favorite song is anything by Thomas Rhett, and the thing he will miss the most about high school will be all of his friends. We know Richard will go amazing places!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MR. MERCER

By Ella Riddle

Second-year teacher Jacob Mercer began his teaching career in 2021 here at Kingston High School. He received his teaching degree in business education from Central Methodist University and utilizes it to teach personal finance, digital media, and sports and entertainment marketing classes.

When asked what inspired him to become a teacher, Mr. Mercer responded, "I always loved helping people. I also remember the struggles I had in high school. Helping students make better decisions than I did has always been the goal."

His most embarrassing teaching moment happened just last week when a student called him "Wish.com Mr. Kitchell." Mr. Mercer's family and friends mean the world to him, and if you ask his wife to describe him, she will say he is a trophy husband. At least, that's what he claims.



Mr. Mercer hard at work



Ms. Kitchell teaching some amazing math

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MS. KITCHELL

By Ellee Govero

Ms. Kitchell currently teaches high school math here at Kingston, she has been teaching for 8 years altogether but has only been at Kingston for 5. Ms. Kitchell decided to become a math teacher because she was inspired by many of her teachers throughout middle school and high school. Ms. Kitchell has an Associate of Arts in teaching from Jefferson College, and she also went to Missouri Baptist University to earn a Specialist in Education.

She is not only a teacher, but she has also worked in the food service industry for over 10 years. Some of her favorite things to do are travel and experience new things..

Beyond High School

Upcoming Events

Unitec

By Laci Tallo

Unitec Career Center is a gateway to the workforce for high school students who want to learn a skill or trade before graduating.

Unitec offers nursing, construction, culinary, robotics, radio, and more! To join this excellent program, you must be a Junior or Senior in high school.



Cougar Cubs

By Katelynn Gerillus and Christina Weedman

The Kingston Primary and Elementary students participated in the "Things That Go" Career Day. The students learned about different careers that are in the community.

They were able to take a closer look at the vessels that are used for these careers. The kids got to see a helicopter, an ambulance, a tractor, and many other vehicles.

Students all had a fantastic time. They were very excited when they got to take a deeper look while inside the helicopter and even got to pull the horn on a semi!

Thank you to everyone who came out and shared this experience with the students.



SPORTS

By Christina Weedman

FALL BASEBALL

- 9/20 - HOME VS ARCADIA VALLEY @ 4:30
- 9/22 - HOME VS BOURBON @ 4:30
- 9/27 - HOME VS SOUTH IRON @ 4:30
- 9/28 - HOME VS VALLEY @ 4:30

VOLLEYBALL

- 9/20 - AWAY VS STEELVILLE @ 5:30
- 9/22 - AWAY VS BUNKER @ 5:30
- 9/24 - CUBA JV TOURNAMENT
- 9/26 - HOME VS CRYSTAL CITY @ 5:30
- 9/27 - AWAY VS VALLE CATHOLIC @ 5:30
- 9/29 - HOME VS VALLEY @ 5:30

CROSS COUNTRY

- 9/27 - FARMINGTON @ 7:00

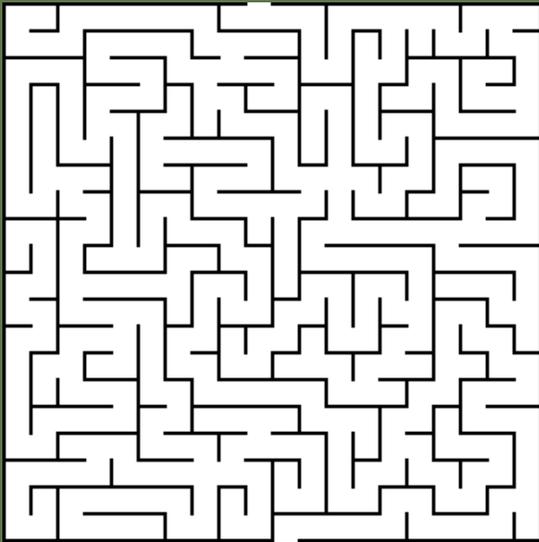
ARTS & MORE

- 9/30 - Primary Back to School Bash
Sponsored by PTO
- 10/7 - Project Grad Cornhole Tournament
- 10/28 - Halloween Bash

Games Galore

MAZE

Start



End

WORD SEARCH

September Word Search

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ATTACK
KINGSTON
PITCHER
COUGARS
RALLY
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POINT

JOKES

- 1) What do you call a computer superhero?
- 2) Why did the M&M go to school?

1) A screen-saver
2) He really wanted to be a smartie

When your teacher uses your assignment as an example for what to do right



New art in the library

WAMPLER'S WORLD

Make sure to check out the new art featured in the library. Graffiti-themed, the art adds a pop of color to the library. One of the paintings is a spin-off of "The Creation of Adam" by Michelangelo.

Also, stop by and pick up a FREE book in the commons. The library has cleaned out some of the sections and is giving the books away.