



2021-2022
Kingston Youth Presentation



2021-2022 Covid School Year

This year, students attending North Kitsap District Schools had returned to school full time for the first time since the beginning of 2020. During the beginning of the school year students were required to wear masks and practice social distancing regardless of vaccination status. Close-contact sports games required their athletes to wear masks for majority of the time and limited the number of audience allowed to attend. However, toward the beginning of March, mask became optional for students to wear.

Google Classroom

Although students returned to school fully in-person, teachers and staff started using the program Google Classroom to assign homework and post announcements. Some students found it useful to easily access due dates and assignments, while other students found it hard to navigate.



One student wished that “The school should’ve trained them in google classroom though because most of them didn’t know what they were doing.” Navigating through online programs have proved to be difficult for both students and teachers.

Leo Club



Leo Club was able to participate in some volunteer work and activities this year in person!

The Teddy Bear Drive had some help from our Leo Club this year where students helped decorate boxes to put around the school for donation. Another activity included making ornaments for seniors living in the Village Green Retirement Center. (Shown in photos)



Honor Society

Unfortunately, Kingston High School's chapter of Honor Society has been postponed again. Ever since the previous advisor retired, Honor Society activities have been postponed for about 1.5 years and haven't been able to organize. Usually, volunteer work includes setting up and taking down the holiday lights in the Kingston Marina, planting flowers throughout the community, and making food for those in need. It is said that next year the Honor Society will resume its activities with a new advisor.

Multicultural Day

This year, the high school had celebrated a multicultural day set by the high school's ASB.



Stations were set up all around the school with people proudly sharing their culture. These stations included, tortilla making, dancing, storytelling, and traditional clothing display. All the students at the high school were allowed one hour to walk around campus to explore and learn about each station. This was the first year the high school had done a cultural celebration and it was a wonderful opportunity for students and staff to show the beautiful cultures that make up Kingston High School.



Sexual Assault Awareness Walkout

This year Kingston High School experienced a few student-organized walk outs. The first beginning at the start of the school year meant to raise awareness and get staff/ faculty attention on student concerns. Many students felt unsafe at school and strongly felt that the staff at school were not handling these situations well. These students gathered in the bus loop and peacefully walked out. During this time, many students expressed their emotions about how they felt. These emotions being discomfort, anger, and fear. There were signs held and a lot of students were able to speak up about their story or their thoughts on the situation.



A few months later, April 29th, the district had sent out an email to all students. This email addressed the sexual assault awareness walkouts that occurred this year and what the district is now doing in response. They have partnered with Kitsap Support Advocacy and Counseling in hopes of helping the students feel that they are not alone and have a safe space to get help.



Walkout Against Racism at Kingston High School

Another walkout had occurred later in the year that served to bring awareness to the many racist incidents that occurred against students of color attending Kingston High School. During the walkout, students were able to express how they felt about attending the high school and their experiences with racism. Back in December, there was an incident that had made the news where several students attending Kingston High School verbally attacked a student from another school, with racial slurs and remarks. After that situation had occurred, many students at the high school strongly felt that those students were not being held accountable for their actions. Students who have experienced the same microaggressions or racist remarks at school are tired of feeling like they aren't being taken seriously by the school. It has gotten to the point where students do not feel welcomed at the school.

Although this is still an on-going issue, students have been trying to figure out a solution to help those who need it when a situation like this occurs. There has been talk of using an online form to fill out anonymously, explaining what had happened and what they wished the school had done about it. Another solution would be to have a physical box at the school where students are able to write everything out and leave it in the box. The whole purpose of this would be for students to comfortably talk about their experience or situation without the fear of judgement from peers or staff.



Student Thoughts and Current Events

Another event coming up is senior graduation. In about a month, June 11th, we will all say goodbye to our seniors wishing them good luck on their journey ahead.

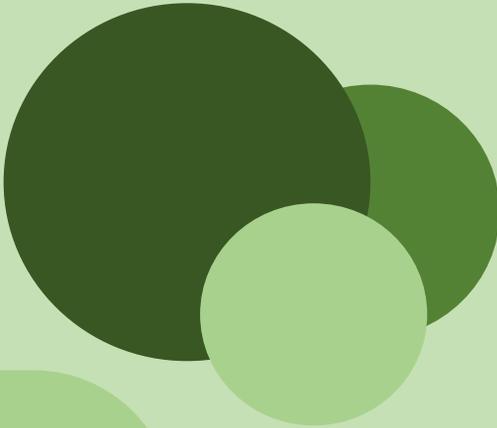
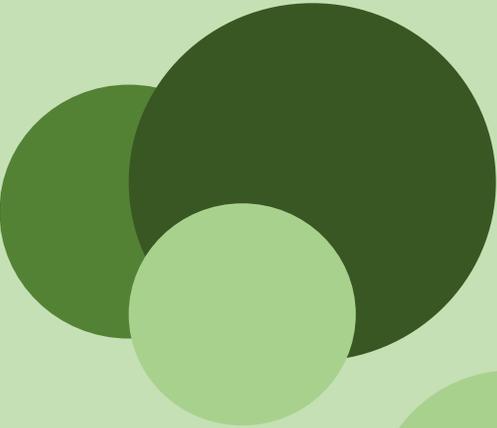


The 2021-2022 school year is now coming to a close with about 1.5 months left. During this time, students are scrambling to study for finals and taking their AP tests. As soon as the tests are over, coming up on the 21st, is senior prom at the Seattle Aquarium.

Some student thoughts about this year!

“I really liked that the teachers were super understanding of late work and stuff like that.”

“I really appreciated that most teachers adjusted to us coming out of Covid and I feel like my classes were paced really well so we did not fall behind.”



Conclusion and Questions

2021-2022 has been a busy year. So many new things happened, and it is normal for everyone to feel a bit overwhelmed. Coming back from completely online learning and little to none social contact has proved to be hard for both teachers and students, but we pushed through. Although this school year has been filled with many ups and downs, it gives us a chance to learn and grow stronger as a community.

This concludes my presentation. Thank you so much for taking the time to listen! Feel free to now ask any questions you may have, and I will do my best to answer them.