

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Good Morning Ketcham Nation!

Today is Day 3

Today's Motivation: What comes easy won't last long, and what lasts long won't come easy

CROSS COUNTRY

A successful season is often marked by a win in your final game or contest. In cross country, success can be defined by how much you improved from the first race of the season to the last. On Saturday, the boys and girls made that affirmation by performing at their best. The boys' team was led to a fifth-place finish by Isaac Menjivar and Matt Kowalczyk. They both just missed qualifying for the State Meet by only a few places. They were followed by George Soyka, Adam Gazal and Jack McCarthy who all set personal bests on the famed course at Bowdoin Park. On the girls side, Abby Kowalczyk finished second overall in a close battle for the top spot and broke 19:00 for the first time at Bowdoin. She will represent the RCK Storm for the third time in a row at the State Meet next Saturday in Queensbury. Wish her luck! Congratulations to all athletes on a very successful season!

PRIDE CLUB

Pride Club meets Tuesday, November 12th in room 340. Mr. Foley will be there to host the meeting.

POKEMON CLUB

Pokémon Club will be meeting Wednesday 11/13 in Room 194. All are welcome. See Mrs. Sivco with any questions.

SADD CLUB

Hello Students! The SADD Club will be meeting this Thursday Nov 14th in the Makerspace Room 214 after school at 2:20pm. The Students Against Destructive Decisions Club is tailored to assisting students in making healthy choices in their lives. If you have any questions please see Ms Warren in Room 224 (across from the cafeteria) or Mr Toretta in Guidance.

LACROSSE

ALL CURRENT PLAYERS and 7-12 GRADE BOYS INTERESTED IN LACROSSE

There will be a general interest and informational meeting on 11/12 @ 7:30pm. If you have played or are thinking about playing, please do your best to be on this call. We will try to keep it to 45 minutes - 30 min presentation and 15 minutes for questions. Any questions, please contact wappingersboyslacrosse@gmail.com Thank you!

Please join us via GoogleMeet through this link: <https://calendar.app.google/TjfVLcRc4ovsAsM19>

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

11/12 Tuesday 4-530 (open gym)

11/13 Wednesday - we will have a MEETING FOR ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN PLAYING JV OR VARSITY BASKETBALL @ 230 - we will have open gym after meeting til 4pm

11/14 Thursday 230-4 (open gym)

(If you are not signed up in Family ID - get this done!!)

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Open Gym Tuesday November 12, 2:30-4:00

NAHS

National Art Honor Society - The next meeting for members will be Wednesday, November 13th in 243.

ASL CLUB

There is no ASL Meeting this week. ASL Club's next meeting will be **Monday Nov. 18th after school in room 358**. We will be going over conversational words and playing silent telephone! All are welcome and no prior experience necessary. See you then!

OMG SUPPORTS OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The O.M.G. Christian club's first service project this year is "Operation Christmas Child." Last year, we packed over 15 shoeboxes filled with gifts for kids worldwide.

We need donations to fill the boxes! Items can include new toys, clothing, shoes, and school supplies (no war-related items or food/drink). All donations must fit in a shoebox.

[Donation ideas](#)

Donations will be collected until November 12th in Ms. Alemany's mailbox or room 217. We're also seeking volunteers to help assemble the boxes and create crafts. Students needing community service hours can join our meetings on Wednesday, November 13, in the maker's space.

If you'd like to pack a virtual box, please use the link below.

<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/c1d1f36c-edb6-4709-b274-af68106057d5>

NHS

National Honor Society Mandatory Meeting: Our next meeting is on 11/13 as per the schedule we posted in June. There is a morning meeting in room 333 at 7. BE ON TIME if you are attending the morning meeting. The afternoon meeting is in the LGI at 2:30. This meeting will be crucial for our Sparrows fest chapter project. All should attend

SUPPORT MASQUE & MIME

Purchase a Wendy & Peter Pan t-shirt and show your support!

<https://rckdramaclub.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

WRESTLING

Open Mat is Mon - Fri. 2:30 - 3:30pm in the back gym.

FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY

The French Honor Society will be meeting after school in room 343 on Monday, November 18th to discuss our outcome from the bake sale, and more upcoming events! All members please make every effort to attend.

LITERARY MAGAZINE

Attention all creators, writers, editors, and artists! Do you want to be part of a community of creators? Join RCKs Literary Magazine! We meet every Tuesday in room 208! Please reach out to Ms. Bardes or email kristina.bardes@wcsdny.org for more information. We are currently working on our first Zine of the year! Check out our website

here: <https://sites.google.com/k12.wcsdny.org/odysseyliterarymagazine/home>

CLOTHING DRIVE

Masque & Mime is holding a Clothing drive, collecting clean, wearable clothing and shoes in the Auditorium November 12-15 between the hours of 2:30-8:30pm. Use the link below to see the flyer with the eligible items to donate:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fuSiyWU4QmQ5FYHqDBTDoqse13xFE6p4/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=102934067403427952386&rtpof=true&sd=true>

BOWLING

Anyone interested in trying out for the bowling team please sign up on arbitersports. You will not be able to try out without being approved on arbitersports.

TRYOUTS are: 11/18, 11/19, and 11/20 at 2:50 - 4pm. at Fishkill Bowl. Busing is provided from the gym lobby at 2:30 directly to Fishkill Bowl. Parents or guardians will have to pick you up at 4pm.

SENIOR PORTRAITS

SENIORS do not wait to get your Senior Portrait done. All SENIOR PORTRAITS must be completed through Legacy Studios by December 31st. Next set of dates are 11/18-11/22 and 12/12-12/13. Make your appointment today! <https://seniors.legacystudios.com/roy-c%20-ketcham-hs/>

MILITARY VISITS

For November, our military representatives will be visiting, and we'd love for you to take advantage of this great opportunity to learn more about the various branches of the US Military. We encourage all students to come by and learn more about the exciting opportunities available in the military. Feel free to ask questions and gather information that could help shape your future! Here's what you need to know:

Period 3: Join us in the library for a special session just for Juniors and Seniors! (Don't forget to sign up on SCOIR to attend.)

Periods 4-7: Stop by the cafeteria during all lunch periods to chat with the representatives at their table display.

Upcoming Visits:

November 14: US Navy, Petty Officer Bundy

November 15: US Marines, Sgt Pedro

November 21: US Army National Guard, Sgt Manfredy

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

The RCK Administration and PPS Staff are excited to collaborate on a series of evening workshops designed to provide valuable information to our families this school year. Join us for a Financial Aid Presentation on Monday, November 18th from 7 to 8pm in the RCK Cafeteria. Spanish presentation in the library. We invite you to attend a Financial Aid Presentation hosted by the Dutchess Community College Financial Aid Department. This is a great opportunity to learn about the FAFSA process and gain insights into securing financial aid for college.

BOYS SWIM TEAM

Anyone interested in boys' varsity swimming - please email Coach Cerrato or Coach Milanese. Sign up in Arbiter Sports as the season starts November 18th.

renay.cerrato@wcsdny.org

celestine.milanese@wcsdny.org

BOLLYWOOD CLUB

Bollywood Club - Meets Wednesdays in Room 340. All are welcome.

PET FOOD DRIVE

NHS will be collecting dry or wet pet food to benefit the Hudson Valley and Dutchess County SPCA until 11/17. They prefer Purina Pro Plan and Purina One, any size, breed and flavor is accepted. They would also accept Fancy Feast wet cat food and KMR Kitten Milk. The boxes will be in the main lobby. Thank you.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Meetings are every Tuesday at 2:30 PM in the Cafeteria! This is a great opportunity to share your ideas and help plan upcoming events. Don't forget to join our Google Classroom for updates. We can't wait to see you there!

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NzEyOTUxMjY3ODIz?cjc=76sszjl>

SPARROW'S FEST

Attention all musicians, singers, and dancers!

Sign up to participate in our Sparrow's Fest concert that will be on 12/6! Use the QR code in the flyer to sign up https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rNQxpKpycLF4S4_Y_EVyUcD7xX7uPYuB/view?usp=sharing

The goal of the concert is to raise money and donate funds to Sparrow's Nest organization. The performance can be anything music related; it can include but is not limited to singing, dancing, or any kinds of instrumentals. See Ms. McMillan in 333 or Casey Muller for any questions.

ENL RESOURCE NIGHT

College pathways, career opportunities, local resources, Infinite Campus support. Learn all the district has to offer and more! Dinner and childcare provided. All WCSD Family Members Welcome! Thursday, Nov. 14th at 6:30pm at John Jay High School.

MEDIA OUTLET CLUB

Anyone interested in participating in a media outlet club, please join us Tuesdays after school in room 213. Writers, public speakers, photographers, videographers, and podcasters are encouraged to visit. Please see Mr. Foxhall (Rm. 213) with any questions.

ATTENTION SENIORS

Check out our scholarship page at <https://www.wappingersschools.org/Page/8613> Click on the 2024-2025 Scholarship Summary. Scholarships are also posted in the Class of 2025 Google Classroom and hard copies are available in the Guidance Office.

UNICEF CLUB

Are you interested in quality community service, advocating for the human rights of war victims and children, and a fun after-school activity? Then UNICEF is the club for you! Join the GC for more info! GC: ovydeut

YEARBOOK

Purchase your yearbook at buytheyearbook.com School Code is 722673. EARLY BIRD SPECIAL UNTIL DECEMBER 31st. YEARBOOKS HAVE SOLD OUT THE LAST THREE YEARS. Don't miss out. Cost \$100.00 price increases January 1st.

TRIBUTE ADS FOR SENIORS

Celebrate your senior's journey and achievements with a special tribute ad in this year's yearbook! It's a

perfect way to commemorate their hard work, memories, and milestones as they prepare to graduate. Don't wait until the deadline! Secure your tribute ad now to ensure it's included. Spaces are limited, and waiting until the last minute could mean missing out on this unique opportunity. Visit <https://www.tributeads.com/> to purchase and design your tribute ad today. DEADLINE is 2/7/2025. Let's make this yearbook one they'll cherish forever!

COLLEGE VISITS

Check the RCK calendar or Guidance Office for a list of upcoming college visits. Remember, you must be registered in SCOIR to attend.

<https://www.wappingersschools.org/Page/8447#calendar3141/20241028/month>

LEARNING CENTER

Peer tutors are available to help struggling students to succeed to the best of their ability. If you'd like to get help in any of your subjects, just e-mail Mr. Cunningham (or see him in room 258).

WEIGHT ROOM

The Weight Room will be open for all students on Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:50am-7:20am with Mr. Mealy & after school 2:30-3:30pm with Mr. Perry. You may take the late bus home if you need to. Google Classroom Join Code: ioaesrv

ATTENDANCE

If your child will be absent or has an attendance issue, we ask that you do not call the school but, instead, please email: ketcham.attendance@wcsdny.org

ACTIVITY PASS

Reminder: any student who stays after school for any reason (clubs, athletics, etc) must obtain a pass from their teacher, coach or advisor. You must have a pass to take the late bus.

Have an announcement? Send it to rck.announcements@wcsdny.org

Make this a great day RCK and remember to go #All In All Ways.

Your principal,
Dave Seipp