

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Good Morning Ketcham Nation!

Today is Day 1

Today's Motivation: If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist Charlotte Williams and those named National Merit Scholarship Commended Students

Kristy Belesaca Duque

Shiven Dabhi

Nathaniel Hom

Derek Marr

Muhammad Muhammad Al-Sheabani

Emily Zhang

Sophie Zhang

The National Merit Scholarship is an annual nationwide academic recognition program that recognizes and honors academically talented students.

We congratulate these students and commend them on their hard work. Be proud of your incredible accomplishments and all you have done to achieve them!

MEDIA OUTLET CLUB

Ever dream of making your own podcast? Being a news anchorperson? or Being a video or photojournalist? The media outlet club might be for you. Anyone interested in participating in a media outlet club, please join us Tuesdays (Today) after school in room 213. We will be sharing ideas as to the content and format. Your opinion matters! Help determine what kind of media outlet we become. Writers, public speakers, photographers, videographers, and podcasters are encouraged to visit.

Please see Mr. Foxhall (Rm. 213) with any questions.

BAKE SALE

The OMG Christian Club will be having a bake sale on Wednesday, Oct. 2 during all lunches. The proceeds will go to fund future service projects. Bring cash to purchase yummy treats!

RAK CLUB

Explore the Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Club! You can make a difference in your community by spreading kindness and uplifting others. Engaging in acts of kindness can boost your mood, increase empathy, and enhance your overall well-being. Join us at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, Oct. 2 in the library. We will be finishing our first act of kindness! Contact Mrs. Alemany with questions.

GC link

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NzEwNDU4NTc4MDA5?cjc=dfm5ke3>

JV VOLLEYBALL

Ketcham Storm rolls in for another win against Ossining Monday night. Shout out to Paytyn

Dee, Alexa Feuer, and Sandi Palmietto for storming the court with killer hits and blocks! Way to go girls!

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Open Gym this Wednesday will be from 4:30-6pm...if you are interested in playing basketball this winter, come to Open Gym

POKEMON CLUB

Pokemon Club will be meeting Wednesday 10/2 in Room 255 with Mrs. Sivco. All are welcome to attend

DEBATE SOCIETY

Debate Society will meet Wednesday (10/2) and Friday (10/4) this week after school in Room B4. Members can check the Google Classroom for topics and further information
For further information, contact Mr. Brunelli

MTG CARD CLUB

MTG Club is hosting a meeting for all interested members. Join us Tuesday, October 8th in room 193 right after school for a game of commander! See you there! New players welcome. Join our google classroom: nlzngxj

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>

BOYS BASKETBALL

The next open gym for Boys Basketball is on Wednesday October 2 from 6:00-7:30 (Please note this is a time change from original posting)

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

PINK OUT SHIRTS

Get your KetchamNation pink out shirt. Order forms in main office or see Ms. Bunt (241) or Ms. Cachon (293). Orders due date has been extended to Wednesday 10/2. Shirts are \$20. Help support our PTSA.

ART CHALLENGE

All Dutchess County students are invited to get in on the fun of Dutchess County's first-ever "America Recycles Day Art Challenge!" The art challenge is open to every elementary-, middle- and high-school student in Dutchess County and encourages young people to learn more about recycling, and creatively express the importance of recycling in their community. The winning artwork will be displayed publicly at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park! The deadline to register is Friday, October 18th, and you can learn all the details,

including how to register: dutchessny.gov/solidwaste

SENIOR PARKING

Seniors must complete the MANDATORY Cape Driving seminar to obtain a parking permit at RCK. The 2024 make-up sessions will be held in-person at Spackenkill HS and Pawling HS. Please plan to arrive at 6:30 PM for registration. The program begins promptly at 7:00 PM.
Spackenkill High School - Tuesday, October 15
Pawling High School - Monday, October 28

PURCHASE 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!

PICTURE MAKE UP DAY

If you missed getting your picture taken this year please make sure you do so on October 22nd in the maker's space (rm 214). Ask your teachers if you may go or you may go during a lunch or study hall.

FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY

The French Honor Society will be meeting after school in room 343 on Friday, October 11th to discuss upcoming events such as the Bonfire and the Bake Sale. All members are encouraged to attend.

LEARNING CENTER

The Learning Center is now opened for business. 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) and let him know what subjects you need help in. He will do his best to find a tutor for you. Keep in mind that this is a volunteer program, so no guarantee can be made that a tutor will be found.

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

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. New Scholarships are posted weekly depending on availability.

RCK APPAREL

Please consider supporting Ketcham Cross Country by purchasing something from our apparel store. Your contribution directly benefits our team, and we truly appreciate your support.

<https://www.hometownapparelny.com/rck-xc>

STUDENT COUNCIL

We're excited to invite you to our meetings every Tuesday at 2:30 PM in the Cafeteria! This is a great opportunity to share your ideas and help plan upcoming events. At our next meeting, we'll be discussing Spirit Week, and we'd love to hear your thoughts! 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>

SEAL OF BILITERACY

Are you a Junior or Senior in level 5 language this year? Do you speak ANY language other than English at home? The New York State Seal of Biliteracy is for you! Come to the introductory meeting on Thursday, September 26th after school in room 342 to find out more. We will go over the process for obtaining the Seal, as well as incorporating the Civic Seal of Readiness. Speak to your language teacher, or see Sra. Flanagan in room 342 or Ms. Kosiner in room 346 if you have questions. All are welcome!

PSAT

Attention Juniors. PSAT registration deadline is Monday October 7. The exam will be offered at RCK on Saturday October 26. We recommend that Juniors planning to apply to four-year colleges next year sit for this exam. The PSAT is a practice exam for the SAT and the National Merit Scholarship qualifying test. Please use this

link: <https://www.wappingersschools.org/Page/23772> for more information about the exam and for registration details. Please contact your school counselor with any questions.

LACROSSE

Any girls interested in playing lacrosse this spring, please email coach Rowan (sean.rowan@wcsdny.org) to be added to the google classroom. All information regarding off-season workouts will be posted there.

SENIOR PORTRAITS

SENIORS do not wait to get your Senior Portrait done now. All SENIOR PORTRAITS must be completed through Legacy Studios by December 31st. Next set of dates are 10/28-11/1. Make your appointment today! <https://seniors.legacystudios.com/roy-c%20-ketcham-hs/>

PTSA

Joining the PTSA helps to support many events and activities here at RCK. Your membership also helps to support scholarship opportunities. Become a member today

here: <https://rck.givebacks.com/store?limit=21&live=true>

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 in order 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