

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Good Morning Ketcham Nation!

Today is Day 4

Today's Motivation: Today's accomplishments were yesterday's impossibilities

VOLLEYBALL

PLEASE COME SUPPORT THE BOYS WAPPINGERS VOLLEYBALL TEAM IN THEIR SENIOR NIGHT VS WALTER PANAS HIGH SCHOOL. Wednesday, 10/16 at 5:30pm in the John Jay gym.

VOLLEYBALL

The Ketcham Storm rolled in at Carmel yesterday and our JV Volleyball team took home another win for their season! They take on Carmel again at home Tuesday! Good luck girls!

JV Boys traveled down to Carmel this past weekend. With excellent strength and attacking pressure, the gentlemen were able to come back from 0-1 to tie it 1-1 late in the second half. Great finish on a PK from Captain Matt Trocino sealed the tie.

SOCCER

The boys took on Brewster at home yesterday to kickstart the school week. With an impressive display the boys pulled off a 9-1 victory to bring their record to 6-5-3. Fantastic effort all around the boys as the season is coming to a close next week!

OMG CLUB

OMG Christian Club - We are excited to invite you to be a part of our vibrant Christian community at RCK. Whether you're looking to deepen your faith or simply explore what our group is all about, we would love for you to join us on Wednesday, Oct. 16 in the Maker's space.

FBLA

FBLA will meet on Wednesday after school in room B1

ASL CLUB

ASL Club is proud to present Movie Night at RCK! We will be showing A Quiet Place on Friday, October 18th at 8pm outside in front of the school building. Tickets will be sold outside the cafeteria during lunch periods Tuesday Oct.15- Friday Oct.18 for \$7 (\$10 at the door). Students can begin to arrive at 7:30pm. We will be selling snacks and refreshments.

Please bring blankets, chairs, and anything to keep you warm and comfortable!

MATH TEAM

Mathletes! Our next meeting and a practice for our first meet will be on October 16th after school in room 345. If you have not brought your permission slip to participate with dues, there is still time. If you would like to participate, bring permission slip and dues to room 345 or give it to any officer.

RAK CLUB

Kindness is a universal language that transcends barriers. Engaging in acts of kindness challenges individuals to step outside their comfort zones, develop empathy, and cultivate a mindset of generosity.

All are welcome, if you have other club meetings come to the RAK meeting after. We will be meeting on Thursday, October 17 at 2:30pm in the library. Contact Mrs. Alemany with questions.

INTERACT

Interact will meet on Thursday in the LGI after school. There will be a guest speaker

COLLEGE REP VISITS

Wednesday, October 16th

Seton Hall - 10:08 AM to 10:54 AM

--Please pre-register on SCOIR. All visits are held in the Library.

MASQUE & MIME FUNDRAISER

On October 17th, come to Buffalo Wild Wings to support Masque & Mime! Whether in person or takeout, simply show the ticket and 20% of your bill goes to Masque & Mime. See you there!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10Sja4bJolqVDrs-nAuvaG9-BQSQ7BRsN/view?usp=sharing>

BLOOD DRIVE

Please give blood if you can on Wednesday, October 23. Go to redcrossblood.org with code Ketcham Sign ups online or in the cafeteria during lunch periods

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ENGINEERING CLUB

Plan to pursue a career in engineering or simply interested in the topic? With Engineering Club, you'll be able to design, innovate, and code while collaborating with peers to create different projects throughout the year! First meeting is Monday, October 21st in room 362.

Classroom code is j56kxvn

PET FOOD DRIVE

NHS will be collecting dry or wet pet food to benefit the Hudson Valley and Dutchess County SPCA from 10/17 to 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.

INHS APPAREL

Please consider ordering Italian National Honor Society apparel by using the link below! All orders are due by Wednesday 10/16 - cash payments only. Please email or see Signor Parlapiano with any questions.

<https://forms.gle/B3JLIJBTVrJqmu6e9>

HISTORY OLYMPIAD

Next History Olympiad meeting is Tuesday, October 22nd. Join us for fun trivia questions and sweet treats!

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>

MILITARY VISITS

This month, 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. Here's what you need to know:

When and Where:

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:

October 17: US Navy, Petty Officer Bundy

October 18: US Marines, Sgt Pedro

October 24: US Army, SSG Wedekind

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!

PTSA SCHOLARSHIP FUND FUNDRAISER

This year, PTSA is raising funds to provide five \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors. Choose from delicious apple-themed gift boxes from Apple Blossom Farms—perfect for Thanksgiving!

Order by November 3, and pick up on November 25 at the school. Your support will help our students pursue their academic dreams. Thank you!

VIEW BOXES and ORDER HERE: [VIEW and ORDER HERE](#)

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 the 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.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Wappingers Crew will host a clothing drive on October 26 at John Jay and November 9 at RCK.

Details here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/189R4UNIWEifD-ueeuqwscYBRVHZhB6S5/view?usp=sharing>

SUNY FREE APPLICATION WEEK

SUNY is excited to bring back Free Application Week! **Beginning Monday, October 21st, and ending Sunday, November 3rd**, students can apply to up to five SUNY campuses with no application fee! This

includes all campuses, no matter which application vehicle the student uses. Details are available here: www.suny.edu/apply

AP EXAM REGISTRATION

Attention AP Students. The AP exam ordering window is now open. All AP exams must be ordered and paid for by **November 8, 2024**. We will be using **Family ID for exam payment**: <https://account.familyid.com>. There will be a \$40 fee for any exams ordered after this date. This year's AP exam fee is **\$99 per test**.

Also, all AP students must "JOIN" their AP class at Collegeboard.com. Here are the "[Join Your AP Class Section Online Instructions](#)".

CollegeBoard will charge a \$40 cancellation fee for any exam canceled before 3/14/25 and does not allow cancellations or additional orders after this date.

RCK HOMECOMING!!!

Ticket sales continue this week! During all LUNCH periods in the Cafeteria. If you do not have a LUNCH, please see Ms. Leonard or Ms. Alemany in the Guidance Suite, Room 217 to purchase your Bonfire & Homecoming Dance tickets!

SPIRIT WEEK

Monday, October 21: Double the Fun, Double the Style (Twin Day)

Tuesday, October 22: Time Travel in Style (Decades Day)

Wednesday, October 23: Saddle Up for Western Wednesday

Thursday, October 24: Bright Colors, Bright Spirits: Let's Glow (Neon Day)

Friday, October 25: Show Your True Colors (Class Colors)

(Grade 9: White, Grade 10: Black, Grade 11: Navy Blue, Grade 12: Red)

BONFIRE NIGHT

Date: Thursday, October 24th

Price: \$5 (Advance Purchase) / \$7 (At-Door)

Join us under the autumn stars for a night of crackling fires, delicious treats, and bewitching beats from our DJ! It's the perfect way to get into the Halloween spirit! **Advance tickets** are available from **October 7th to October 18th** in the Cafeteria – save yourself a couple of bucks and grab them early!

HOMECOMING DANCE

Date: Saturday, October 26th

Price: \$10 (Advance Purchase) / \$15 (Guests) / \$20 (At-Door)

End the week on a high note at our **Homecoming Dance**, where we'll bring the theme "*Step into the Spell: Where Enchantment Meets the Unexpected*" to life with enchanting decorations and a night of dancing! **Advance tickets** are on sale until **October 18th**. If you're planning to bring a guest, **you must complete the Guest Form before October 18 to purchase your tickets. Don't wait until the last minute!** Prices will go up to **\$20 at the door**, so grab your ticket early and get ready for a spellbinding night!

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 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.

LITERARY MAGAZINE

Attention all creators, writers, editors, and artists! Do you want to be part of a community of creators? [Join RCK's Literary Magazine!](#) We meet every Tuesday in room 208! Please reach out to Ms. Bardes or email kristina.bardes@wcsdny.org for more information. This week's spooky season writing

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.

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

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

YEARBOOK

Please fill out this form by October 31st if you want your senior's grade school (kindergarten - 5th grade) picture to appear in the yearbook. Follow the directions on form please. NO LATE SUBMISSIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfMter0xLYdJAeCCaCp8EdiYAogOXyT8nSdT633XNxfu6uibA/viewform>

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>

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!

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 10/28-11/1. Make your appointment today! <https://seniors.legacystudios.com/roy-c%20-ketcham-hs/>

PICTURE MAKEUP 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.

SENIOR PARKING

Seniors must complete the MANDATORY Cape Driving seminar to obtain a parking permit at RCK. The FINAL 2024 make-up session will be held in-person at Pawling HS. Please plan to arrive at 6:30 PM for registration. The program begins promptly at 7:00 PM.

Pawling High School - Monday, October 28

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

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