

Thursday, October 17, 2024

Good Morning Ketcham Nation!

Today is Day 5

Today's Motivation: Today is a fresh start filled with endless possibilities.

#### FIELD HOCKEY

The RCK Field hockey team won the league by defeating Arlington 4 to 1. Claire Moore had 3 goals and Mattie Betts scored 1. Great defense was played by Christanna Simou, Kiera Kilkenny, Paige Hotle, Bryanna Hodge and Addison Leone. The Storm will play their final game of the season on Friday at home against Mahopac. Game time is 430pm. Come out and support them, before they start their sectional journey.

#### SWIMMING

Congratulations to the Wappingers Girls varsity swim team in being victorious over Poughkeepsie High School in their swim meet yesterday. The final score was 95 to 75. Congratulations to all our seniors that we celebrated at our senior Meet yesterday. Looking forward to another great swim meet on Friday!

#### VOLLEYBALL

Our JV girls stood their ground against Carmel again! Taking another Win for the Ketcham Storm in a quick 2-0 game! They play at Mahopac Friday!

#### RELA

The Rising Entrepreneurial Leaders Association will have its first meeting on Friday (10/18) in room B4 after school. We'll have challenges with prizes! Join the Google Classroom for more info: uq3otew

#### 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

#### ASL MOVIE NIGHT

ASL Club is proud to present Movie Night at RCK! We will be showing A Quiet Place on Friday, October 18th at 8pm. Due to the colder weather, we have decided to move the movie ***INSIDE to the LGI***. Tickets will be sold inside 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.

#### 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>

#### APPAREL STORE

The Masque & Mime apparel store is now open! Please consider supporting our club and the performing arts by purchasing items from our online store (link below) or sharing the link on social media or with family, friends, and coworkers. The store will be open until Sunday, October 20th.

<https://wcsdmasquemimeclub24fall.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

#### BLOOD DRIVE

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

#### 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.

#### HISTORY OLYMPIAD

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

#### BAKE SALE

Masque & Mime will be hosting two upcoming bake sales. Students will be selling baked goods in the cafeteria all day October 22nd and again on November 5th.

#### 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](#)

#### CLOTHING DRIVE

Masque & Mime is holding a Clothing drive, collecting clean, wearable clothing and shoes. It is easy to help, simply clean out a closet or attic and place the items in a white garbage bag and tie it securely then bring it to the Auditorium Saturday November 9th between the hours of 9:00am-5:00pm or 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/1fuSiyWU4QmQ5FYHqDBTDqse13xFE6p4/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=102934067403427952386&rtpof=true&sd=true>

#### 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](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, 2024**, 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](http://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 until **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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:rck.announcements@wcsdny.org)

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

Your principal,  
Dave Seipp