

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Good Morning Ketcham Nation!

Today is Day 3

Today's Motivation: By being yourself, you put something wonderful in the world that was not there before.

RCK HOMECOMING WEEK!

SPIRIT WEEK

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 6pm - 9pm

Location: Parking Lot - right side of the gym

Price: \$7 at door (advance sales have ended)

Food/Drinks: CASH ONLY

Get ready for a night of autumn magic! With 18 clubs and organizations serving up yummy treats, you won't want to miss out. Join us under the twinkling stars for crackling fires, delicious snacks, and bewitching beats from our DJ. It's the perfect way to embrace the Halloween spirit! Put on your coziest sweater and come enjoy the fun—let's make some spooktacular memories together!

HOMECOMING DANCE

Date: Saturday, October 26th

Price: \$20 at door (advance sales have ended)

Food/Drinks: CASH ONLY

End your week on a magical note at our Homecoming Dance! With the theme "Step into the Spell: Where Enchantment Meets the Unexpected," expect enchanting decorations and an unforgettable night of dancing! Treat yourself to some deliciousness from Chilly Willy's Ice Cream Truck and Flavor Bandits Food Truck—perfect for fueling your moves on the dance floor. Don't miss out on a night full of fun, friends, and a sprinkle of enchantment!

BAKE SALE

Masque & Mime will be hosting two upcoming bake sales. Students will be selling baked goods in the cafeteria on November 5th.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Open gym for Girls Basketball will be on Thursday from 2:30-3:45

MULTICULTURAL CLUB

The next meeting of the Multicultural Society will be on Wednesday October 23rd after school in room 104. Come and share and celebrate the many cultures in our community. Experience and engage in world cultures in a fun and interactive environment! Contact Mr. Diamente or Mr. Calimano if you have any questions.

NAHS

National Art Honor Society- The next meeting will be 10/23/24 in room 243.

BOYS SWIMMING

Anyone interested in boys varsity swimming - please email Coach Cerrato or Coach Milanese. Boys season starts November 18th.

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BOLLYWOOD CLUB

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

COLLEGE VISITS

Wednesday, October 23

09:17 AM - University of Scranton

11:00 AM - SUNY Oneonta

11:50 AM - Roger Williams University

Please Pre-register on SCOIR if you want to attend a college rep visit. All visits are held in the Library.

BLOOD DRIVE

Please give blood if you can on Wednesday, October 23. Go to redcrossblood.org with code Ketcham Walkins welcome on Wednesday!

POKEMON CLUB

Pokemon Club will meet this Wednesday 10/23 in Room 255. Contact Mrs. Sivco with any questions. All are welcome to attend.

DEBATE SOCIETY

Debate Society will meet this week Wednesday (10/23) and Friday (10/25) after school in Room B4.

WINNERS CIRCLE CLUB

We will meet this Thursday. 10/24 in room 223. All are welcome.

GREENWORKS

Greenworks will be meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 23rd at 2:30 p.m. We will be working in conjunction with NHS students on our annual fall cleanup of the courtyard and greenhouse. Students who need community service may use this opportunity to help us make RCK look nicer! Please sign up through NHS or Greenworks or contact Mr. Manzo or Mr. Luhmann. New Greenworks members are always welcome. Please meet us in the greenhouse courtyard at 2:30 p.m., and dress for the occasion with clothes that may get dirty. We have a limited number of gloves to hand out. Hope to see you there!

RCK PTSA SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

There's still time to support our PTSA fundraiser at Roy C. Ketcham High School! This year, we're raising funds to provide five \$1,000 scholarships for our graduating seniors, and your contribution can make a big difference. We've partnered with **Apple Blossom Farms** to offer delicious, apple-themed gift boxes—perfect for Thanksgiving! These make wonderful gifts or treats to share with family:

- **Caramel Candy Apple Kit Gift Box**
- **Variety Apple Pack**
- **Breakfast Box**
- **Roy C. Ketcham Apple Delight Gift Box** (our exclusive!)

These boxes are a great way to brighten your holiday and support our students at the same time!

Key Dates:

- **Order Deadline:** November 3, 2024
- **Pick-Up Date:** November 25, 2024, just in time for Thanksgiving!

To view and purchase the gift boxes, click here: [APPLE GIFT BOX ORDER](#)

Or copy and paste this link: <https://rck.givebacks.com/store?limit=21&live=true>

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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>

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.

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 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!

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/1fuSiyWU4QmQ5FYHqDBTDoqse13xFE6p4/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/1rNQxpKpyslF4S4_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>

FREE COLLEGE 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

Explore the following website for a comprehensive list of SUNY, CUNY, and private colleges and universities participating in Free Application Week. Don't miss out!

<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/school-counselors/college-application-month/site-coordinators/2024-nys-colleges-waiving-application/>

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**. 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.

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

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/>

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