

Good Morning Ketcham Nation!

Today is Day 4

Today's Motivation: Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground.

RCK HOMECOMING!!!

Ticket sales begin this week! See below for details

SPIRIT WEEK

As the air turns crisp and the leaves begin to fall, it's time to embrace the season's magic with Spirit Week! From October 21st to 25th, we're inviting you to show off your school spirit and school pride as we kick off Homecoming Week with *fun* and *magical charm*.

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 from **October 7th to 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!

WRESTLING

We will meet in the Library TODAY at 2:30pm until 3:15pm. This is an informational meeting only. All new and returning wrestlers should attend.

FOOTBALL

JV Football has a home game today, kick off is 4:30! Concession stand is open, so come on by and get some snacks! Please come and support us as we take on East Ramapo! You can't stop the storm!

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.

VOLLEYBALL

The girls JV Ketcham Storm dominated the Arlington Admirals in an early Friday night game! They went #All in All ways with a quick 2-0 win! Way to go!!

OMG 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. 9, 2:30pm in the Maker's Space. All are welcome!

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 prompt is: A scene from a nightmare comes true the next day.

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

NAHS

National Art Honor Society: The next general meeting will be on Wednesday, October 9th in room 243. New interested members welcomed.

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.

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.

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>

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.

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>

ATTENTION PARENTS OF COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS

Wappingers Continuing Ed will be offering a FREE seminar entitled **ADMISSIONS 101**. This seminar is for parents and students alike and will cover the admissions process including SAT vs ACT, how to evaluate a college, what to ask on a campus tour, how colleges evaluate a student, and what financial aid really means to a family, including how it's determined and what types are available. The seminar will be Wednesday, 10/9 from 6:30-8:00 pm at John Jay HS. The seminar is FREE but you must pre-register. To register, call 298-5000, ext. 40137.

YEARBOOK

Yearbook staff will be meeting to divide jobs and practice working on Pictavo. We will be meeting in room 293 (Ms. Cachon) Wednesday 10/9. Thursday 10/10 and Friday 10/11. All serious members are to attend. It is required that you attend at least one of these days to continue working on the yearbook.

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.

PTSA

Are you looking for a way to support our school community and make a lasting impact on your child's experience at RCK? Joining the PTSA is the perfect way to get involved! Attendance at meetings isn't required but appreciated.

Your membership does more than just help fund events and activities; it directly supports scholarships, student programs, and enriching opportunities for our kids. Plus, it's a fantastic way to stay connected and contribute to the future success of our students.

Don't wait—become a PTSA member today and show your support! It only takes a few minutes, but the impact lasts all year. Together, we can make RCK even better! Become a member today here:

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

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

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

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.

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