

Good Morning Ketcham Nation!

Today is Day 5

Today's Motivation: Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.

#### TUTORS NEEDED

The RCK Learning Center is looking for students willing to help those students struggling to do their best in their classes. If you are interested in being a tutor for the 2024-2025 school year, see Mr. Cunningham in room 258 or e-mail him. Remember, in addition to helping out your fellow students, tutoring time can be applied to meeting your community service hours for N.H.S. and P.I.G. Sign-up today!

#### STEP TEAM

Anyone who is interested in being a part of the STEP TEAM please join us Thursday 9/19 in the cafeteria at 2:30.

#### RAK CLUB

Join the Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Club - Thursday, 9/19 in the library at 2:30pm. 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. Contact Mrs. Alemany with questions.

#### LITERARY MAGAZINE

Attention all creators, writers, editors, and artists! Do you want to be part of a creative community where your voice can be heard and your talents can shine? Join RCK's Literary Magazine! Our first meeting is Thursday, September 19 in room 208. Please reach out to Ms. Bardes or email [kristina.bardes@wcsdny.org](mailto:kristina.bardes@wcsdny.org) for more information.

#### FILM CLUB

Do you love to watch and discuss your favorite movies? If so, then join Film Club! Please come to our first meeting of the year this Thursday, September 19th at 2:30 in Room 215! New members are always welcome. If you have any questions please reach out to Mr. Dreilinger at [eli.dreilinger@wcsdny.org](mailto:eli.dreilinger@wcsdny.org). We hope to see you there!

#### INTERACT CLUB

The Interact Club will have its first meeting on Thursday, September 19 in the LGI. Learn how you can give back to the Wappingers community while having fun! Learn about our parties, events and more! GC code is :47j4oev

#### POKEMON CLUB

Pokemon Club will be meeting on Wednesday 9/25 in room 255. New members are always welcome! Please see Mrs. Sivco with any questions.

#### KETCHAM SPIRIT WEAR

Store has been extended until September 22nd. In addition to the store PTSA will be selling car magnets, keychains and stickers (for water bottles or whatever) at all home football games. Follow link for store options: <https://rck.givebacks.com/store?limit=21&live=true>

## E-SPORTS

Esports is now recruiting for the Fall 2024 season. Please join us in the LGI on September 23rd immediately after school to sign up for tryouts and to learn about everything our Esports team has to offer. This fall we will be recruiting members for three teams: Super Smash Brothers, Madden, and Rocket League. Our teams have brought home at least one trophy every season since the league began. Will you help bring home the next one? If you have any additional questions, please see Mr. del Olmo in room 346.

## SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

The Ski & Snowboard Club will have an introductory meeting on Wednesday, September 25th at 2:25 in the LGI. You will learn about tentative trip dates and locations, new exciting plans for this season, and earn priority access to sign ups for our limited club membership. We will also be recruiting members interested in serving as club officers. If you have any questions, please see Mr. del Olmo in room 346.

## PRIDE CLUB

No meeting this week. We will meet on Tuesday, September 24th in room 340 after school.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

Boys Basketball Open Gym will be September 24th from 4:30-6:30.

## MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Multicultural Society will be on Wednesday September 25th 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.

## 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!

## 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

## HISTORY OLYMPIAD

Do you love history and enjoy a bit of competition? Do you think you'd win on a game show like Jeopardy? Join the History Olympiad! This is your chance to compete at regional and national levels. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 26th in room 199 directly after school. Come and test your history skills! Correct answers=snacks. Please email Mr. Mayo and Mr. Diamente 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.

#### CONCERT CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Do you have room in your schedule period 4 or 5? Would you like to join us on a trip to Broadway or sing with us at Hershey Park? The Concert Choir has plenty of room for you! We are looking for all voice types. The Choir meets period 4 or 5 every day or every other day. Please see Mr. King in room 117 or your guidance counselor for more information.

#### STUDENT COUNCIL

Exciting things are happening, and we want YOU to be a part of it! Come to our Student Council meetings every Tuesday at 2:30 PM in the Cafeteria. This is your chance to help us brainstorm and decide on amazing themes for Homecoming and Spirit Week! Everyone is welcome, and we'd love to hear your ideas and energy. Don't miss out on the fun and the opportunity to make a difference!

#### 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.hometownapparel.com/rck-xc>

#### 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 9/25-9/27 and 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>

#### ABSENT NOTES

You do not need to call the school to report your child absent. Please send in a note with date(s) and reason for absence upon the child's return to school. You can also email [ketcham.attendance@wcsdny.org](mailto:ketcham.attendance@wcsdny.org). If you are picking up your child for an early dismissal, please send in a note with your student or email [ketcham.attendance@wcsdny.org](mailto:ketcham.attendance@wcsdny.org). If you're unable to do so, please come into the attendance office to sign out your student upon arrival.

#### 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](mailto:rck.announcements@wcsdny.org)

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

Your principal,  
Dave Seipp