

Good Morning Ketcham Nation!

Today is Day 1

Today's Motivation: Success is not what you have but who you are.

#### SOCCKER

Boys Varsity Soccer: Ketcham ties district rival John Jay 1-1\*\* The Boys Varsity Soccer Team tied district rivals John Jay Thursday night. John Jay took the lead in the first half. Ali Ait Sidi Ahmed tied the game in the second half with an assist from Shabd Bhangoo. Goalkeepers Gavin Secor and Billy Peru anchored the defense in goal. It wasn't the result they wanted but was a hard-fought game until the end! Way to go Ketcham!

#### 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.

#### STUDENT COUNCIL

We're excited to invite you to our meetings every Tuesday at 2:30 PM in the Cafeteria! This is a great opportunity to share your ideas and help plan upcoming events. At our next meeting, we'll be discussing Spirit Week, and we'd love to hear your thoughts! 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>

#### STEP TEAM

Step Team practice will be on Tuesday in Rm 289 and Thursday in the Cafeteria at 2:30.

#### PSAT

Attention Juniors. PSAT registration is now open and the deadline to register is Monday October 7, 2024. The exam will be offered at RCK on Saturday October 26. We recommend that Juniors who are planning to apply to four year colleges next year sit for this exam. The PSAT is a practice exam for the SAT and also 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 son or daughter's school counselor with any questions.

#### YEARBOOK

Yearbook will be having a training meeting on Thursday, Sept. 26th at 2:30 in room 293. Door closes promptly at 2:30 for training. Must attend training in order to eventually work on yearbook.

#### PRIDE CLUB

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.

#### ITALIAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Meeting Wednesday 9/25 in Room 344 at 2:25pm? We have a few important agenda items to discuss before the end of the month.

#### NAHS

National Art Honor Society- Students grades 10-12 currently or formerly in an art class are invited to join our 1st general membership meeting on 9/25 after school in room 243. Come on in and discover the possibilities involved in our fun and productive club!

#### RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS (RAK)

Explore the Random Acts of Kindness Club! You can make a difference in your community by spreading kindness and uplifting others. Engaging in acts of kindness can boost your mood, increase empathy, and enhance your overall well-being. Join us at 2:30 pm on Thursday, September 26 in the library. We will be working on our first act of kindness! Contact Mrs. Alemany with questions.

GC link

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NzEwNDU4NTc4MDA5?cjc=dfm5ke3>

#### GREENWORKS

RCK Greenworks will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 25th at 2:30 p.m. in Room 295. All are welcome to join. If you are interested in the environment, hiking, enjoying the outdoors, growing organic veggies in our greenhouse, joining the eel sampling team at Hunter's Brook, or just learning about various environmental topics, please join us. Hope to see you there!

#### 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!

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

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

#### 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](mailto: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.

#### 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>

#### 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