

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Good Morning Ketcham Nation!

Today is Day 2

Today's Motivation: What defines us is how well we rise after falling.

#### BIO CLUB

The Bio Club will be having a meeting today in room 359. We will be diving more into expectations moving forward in the club and demonstrating our first experiment. All returners and new members are welcome!

#### FBLA

Next meeting of FBLA is Wednesday in B1 after school.

#### GREENWORKS

Greenworks will be meeting on 10/30 at 2:30p.m. in room 295. We will be conducting an RCK invasive species assessment so be prepared to go outside. New members are always welcome!

#### OMG CLUB

Join the OMG Christian club as we Fall into Fall. Room 215 (not the Maker's Space) October 30 from 2:25pm to 3:30pm. We will be decorating cookies and cupcakes. All are welcome to join!!

#### INTERACT

RCK Interact will meet on Thursday in the LGI after school

#### FILM CLUB

Join us for our Halloween Meeting this Thursday, 10/31 at 2:30 in room 215 as we screen the creepy classic, *Coraline*!

#### RAK CLUB

The RCK Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) will meet on Friday, November 1, at 2:30 p.m. in the library. Come work on another act of kindness!

#### COLLEGE VISITS

##### **Wednesday, 10/30**

9:17 AM: Iona University

10:08 AM: St. John's University

11:50 AM: SUNY New Paltz

Please pre-register in SCOIR. All visits are held in the Library

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

OPEN GYM SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF 10/28:

WEDNESDAY - 2:30-4

Any questions, see Coach Mealy

#### BOYS SWIM TEAM

Anyone interested in boys' varsity swimming - please email Coach Cerrato or Coach Milanese. Sign up in Arbiter Sports as the season starts November 18th.

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#### BOWLING

Anyone interested in trying out for the RCK Bowling team, please sign up in Arbiter Sports. Tryouts start 11/18-11/20.

#### FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY

The French Honor Society will be meeting after school in room 343 on Friday, November 1st to plan for our bake sale fundraiser during National French week. All members please make every effort to attend!

#### INHS

The National Italian Honor Society will be meeting on Wednesday 11/6 at 2:25 in Room 344. This is a mandatory meeting with lots to discuss on the agenda! Please email Signor Parlapiano with any questions or concerns. Grazie!

#### DODGEBALL

Dodgeball Tournament @ RCK!

Friday, November 8

530pm-1000pm

JV and Varsity divisions for Boys and Girls

6 players per team

Details in the link below

Link to register: <https://forms.gle/jPCRG8E9123Uzm8DA>

See Mr. Remick for more information

#### BAKE SALE

Masque & Mime students will be selling baked goods in the cafeteria on November 5th. Come support our bake sale!

#### BOLLYWOOD CLUB

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

#### 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>

#### 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/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 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 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](http://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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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. 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/1FAIpQLSfMter0xLYdJAeCCaCp8EdiYAogOXyT8nSdTG33XNxfu6uibA/viewform>

#### 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/>

#### 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>

#### LEARNING CENTER

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. 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

