

Good Morning Ketcham Nation!

Today is Day 1

Today's Motivation: Don't count the days, make the days count.

SOCCKER

RCK edged out John Jay 1-0 in a thrilling match, thanks to a last-minute penalty kick by Omar Ait Sidi Ahmed. Billy Peru was outstanding in goal, making key saves to preserve the shutout and secure the win.

Save the date ! Saturday October 19th is senior day! Come support the team - game time 3pm

INTERACT

The Interact Club will meet in the LGI after school on Thursday, October 10. We have snacks!

WINNERS CIRCLE

The Winners Circle Club will meet after school on Thursday 10/10 in room 223.

HISTORY OLYMPIAD

Next History Olympiad meeting is Thursday, October 10th. Join us for fun trivia questions and snacks!

History Olympiad trivia question of the day: How many wives did Henry VIII have?

Yesterday's answer: Mao Zedong

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.

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. Here's what you need to know:

When and Where:

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 10: US Army National Guard, Sgt Manfredy

October 17: US Navy, Petty Officer Bundy

October 18: US Marines, Sgt Pedro

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!

OPEN HOUSE

Open House/Back to School Night is on October 15th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Details can be found on the RCK website

BASKETBALL

The next Boys Basketball Open Gym will be Tuesday 10/15 from 430-600

INHS APPAREL

Please consider ordering Italian National Honor Society apparel by using the link below! All orders are due by Wednesday 10/16 - cash payments only. Please email or see Signor Parlapiano with any questions.

<https://forms.gle/B3JLiJBTvrJqmu6e9>

VOLLEYBALL

BOYS VOLLEYBALL SENIOR NIGHT POSTPONED - RESCHEDULE INFO TO COME.

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

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>

SUNY FREE 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

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, 2024. 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. **All AP students must also "join" their AP class at Collegeboard.com and then pay for the exam through Family ID [Join Your AP Class Section Online Instructions](#).** This year's AP exam fee is \$99 per test. 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.

RCK HOMECOMING!!!

Ticket sales begin this week! During all LUNCH periods in the Cafeteria. If you do not have a LUNCH, please see Ms. Leonard or Ms. Alemany in the Guidance Suite, Room 217 to purchase your Bonfire & Homecoming Dance tickets!

SPIRIT WEEK

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!

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.

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

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.

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>

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) 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.

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

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