2016-2017 WCSD Budget

Message From The BOE President & Superintendent

On Tuesday, May 17, 2016, the Wappingers Central School District (WCSD) community will vote on the Board of Education adopted 2016-2017 budget proposition as well as four other propositions identified below. The adopted budget supports the Mission Statement and Core Values of our District, and also ensures that we maintain our commitment to educational excellence and fiscal diligence. The 2016-2017 Adopted Budget provides for a 1.94% levy to levy increase and a 3.35% budget to budget increase from 2015-2016, thus staying within the allowable tax levy.

Since the 2009-2010 school year, the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) has been the source of significant financial constraint on school districts in New York State. The GEA reduced the amount of State Aid that schools would receive annually. After speaking and writing to local and NYS legislators, the District had been reassured that the GEA would be removed from the 2016-2017 NYS budget. For that reason, the District will have additional funding this year to make repairs and purchases that we have not been able to make during the past seven years. Although the District was pleased that the GEA was removed in the 2016-2017 NYS budget, we will not stop advocating on behalf of the community for mandate relief and State Aid growth into the future.

To this end, a budget was developed with a focus on sustainable items for the coming years. This budget continues implementation of student programs and resources from the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 WCSD budgets, such as full-day Kindergarten, decreased class sizes, continued work on the District’s long-term Strategic Plan, shared services with Dutchess County, $100,000 quick capital project funding from NYS, savings in energy costs from conversion to natural gas from oil, facility improvements, newly improved weight rooms at RCK and JJ, iPads for nurses, Technology Plan purchases including mobile carts, district-wide copier and printing network, parental workshops, reinstated enrichment programs, and STEAM initiatives, as well as rehiring instructional and non-instructional staff. This direction will continue to improve the current STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) Program by creating Maker Spaces. Students will have more opportunities through elementary tutoring possibilities, added interscholastic and intramurals sports options, high school marching band, classroom libraries, occupational education programs and recreational equipment to name a few. Additionally, all school vehicles will be equipped with tools to increase safety for all students and increase efficiencies. District facilities will continue to have preventative maintenance completed.

Provided below are descriptions of the five propositions. You can also view a full, detailed powerpoint presentation highlighting the five propositions along with the Board of Education trustee election by visiting the WCSD website.

Peggy Kelland
Board of Education President
José Carrion
Superintendent of Schools

PROPOSITION #1 – 2016-2017 School District Budget

The adopted budget was approved by the Board of Education on Tuesday, 4/19/16 for a total of $221,199,261. New York State requires school districts to hold a Budget Hearing on 5/3/16 to allow taxpayers to provide feedback. Taxpayers have been provided ongoing opportunities to share feedback at Board of Education meetings since 1/1/16, in addition to sending specific questions using the budget@wcsdny.org e-mail address. This has allowed the District to respond to specific areas requiring feedback.

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PROPOSITION #2 – Capital Project

Based on the items noted in the most recent five year building condition survey from the New York State Education Department, the Capital Project focuses on:

- Arts Improvements
- Sports Improvements
- American Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Updates (mandated and long overdue)
- Facility Improvements: District-wide repairs to various driveways, sidewalks and drainage systems (e.g. site work)

While the Building Condition Survey reported items in need of repair in excess of $87 million, the District has made a decision to address the most critical items as a top priority in this project. The maximum estimated cost of this work is $26,723,000 and it would be funded through long term bonding. New York State Aid that schools would receive annually. After speaking and writing to local and NYS legislators, the District had been reassured that the GEA would be removed from the 2016-2017 NYS budget. For that reason, the Change in Scope will not require additional funds from the taxpayers, but through the change in language, it will authorize the purchase of the property.

PROPOSITION #3 – Change in Scope

The funds approved by the voters in 2013 included language limited to construction or reconstruction, but not purchase of property. This language prevented the District from utilizing the already approved money allocated for District offices and Orchard View Alternative High School to purchase the property located at 25 Corporate Park Drive in Hopewell Junction, NY. Rather than continuing to pay rental expenses of $390,000 per year, the community of taxpayers will save $250,000 annually because the rental expense is higher than the annual principal and interest expense from year to year for the taxpayer.

PROPOSITION #4 – Purchase of Student Transportation Vehicles

Each year, a small portion of the District’s budget is dedicated to repair or to not pass inspection due to rusted frames, etc. These vehicles vary in age from 10 to 17 years. Annually the Transportation Supervisor and her staff review the District’s fleet and make requests for purchases based on need. The vehicle purchases follow the District’s Purchasing policy. The $1,919,869 purchase would be funded through short term financing that allows for a leveraged expense from year to year for the taxpayer.

PROPOSITION #5 – Repair Reserve Fund

The District has an opportunity to place fund balance in a separate account specifically for repairs needed around the District. This repair reserve needs voter approval to fund and to be in compliance with NYS Comptroller regulation. This component of the reserve fund will serve as a financial resource for the District in the event of an emergency and will not exceed $329,075.

Tuesday, May 17, 2016
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fishkill Elementary
Fishkill Plains Elementary
Gayhead Elementary
Myers Corners Elementary
Vaccaro Road Elementary
Wappingers JHS

“Empower • Challenge • Grow”

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### Contingency Budget

A contingency budget is prepared and adopted by the Board when the voters have rejected the proposed budget. The Board of Education may present a proposed budget to the community only twice.

The total spending authorization imposed under a contingency budget is limited by the Property Tax Cap Legislation. The tax cap of a contingency budget cannot exceed the prior year’s levy, thus representing a zero percent increase.

The contingency budget calculated for the 2016-2017 school year would be $217,928,950. If the proposed budget is defeated, the budget items listed below would be eliminated. The difference to the average homeowner, based on current assessment information, would be approximately 1.48 percent less than the 2016-2017 adopted budget.

If the proposed budget is defeated, the budget will be reduced by the following:

- **Equipment**
- **School Furniture**
- **Café Upgrades** (JJ & RCK)
- **Capital Projects**
- **Special Projects**
- **Teaching Supplies**
- **Library Books**
- **Marching Band**
- **Elementary Tutorial**
- **Curricular/HS Intramural**
- **Field Trips**
- **Textbooks**
- **Transportation Video Cameras**
- **Assistant Athletic Coordinator**
- **Math Manipulatives**
- **Café Upgrades (JJ & RCK)**
- **Capital Projects**
- **Change in Scope**
- **Bus Proposition**
- **Reserve Fund**

### Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings

$714.29

### The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2016-2017 by the qualified voters of the Wappingers Central School District, Dutchess and Putnam Counties, New York, will be held at the following schools:

- Fishkill Elementary, Fishkill Plains Elementary, Gayhead Elementary, Myers Corners Elementary, Vassar Road Elementary, and Wappingers Junior High on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 between the hours of 7:30am and 9:00pm at which time the polls will be open to vote by voting ballot or machine.

### If you are unable to vote in person, you can vote by absentee ballot. Applications are available online or in the office of the District Clerk. Please call 298-5000, ext. 40145.
Savings Fund Playground Equipment

By saving money through an innovative technology project, the District is able to move ahead and replace playground equipment at some elementary schools. The District has had to condemn playground equipment at some elementary schools. In recent years because some playground pieces have shown signs of wear and were aging out of safe and effective use. A $40,000 savings was a result of installing a new phone system in 2011 that provided improvements in District communications, and significant savings. At the time, the backup portion of this new system was installed at Arlington High School in hopes that the ACSD would agree to implement the same system. This unique strategy allowed both districts to realize further savings in charges once both districts were up and running on the same system.

In the summer of 2015, Arlington switched to this system. As soon as the new ACSD phones came online, the WCSD realized savings of approximately $40,000 in the 2015-16 school year. Because we had not anticipated this savings during the 2015-16 budget year, this now allows us to direct the funds to projects this school year.

The money saved, and assistance from the Myers Company ES “Playground Savers” club, allows the District to move ahead with the purchase of new playground equipment for James S Evans, Kiney Road, Myers Corners, and Shaker Road Elementary Schools. We are excited that this new equipment will be installed in the near future.

Strategic Planning

Our community-created Strategic Plan drives decision making in the Wappingers CSD, and our Core Values guide us in the work that we do. We continue to work on the action items that have been designed to achieve our Strategic Objectives and our Mission.

Below are some progress updates:

- A new Program and Course Evaluation Plan
- The redesign of the District website and the inclusion of social media outlets
- The Total Quality Model for professional development
- The “Infocus” newsletter

Our Strategic Planning will work into the 2016-17 school year. The Board adopted budget includes funding for “Maker Spaces” in our secondary buildings and Human Resources will be implementing a new online application employment system.

We look forward to sharing more information about Strategic Planning as we progress through this very important work.

Budget Information

If this newsletter was mailed to you, please check the address label for your polling location or call 298-5000, ext. 40145.
RCK Wind Ensemble to Perform at Hudson Valley Honor Flight

The Roy C. Ketcham Wind Ensemble has been invited to perform at Hudson Valley Honor Flight’s Mission #12 on Saturday, May 14th, at Westchester County Airport. The Wind Ensemble will perform at the pre-flight ceremony at 7:30 a.m. at the JP Morgan Chase Hangar. The Roy C. Ketcham Wind Ensemble is a local hub of the National Flight Network. They honor American Veterans for all of their sacrifices by transporting them to Washington, D.C. to visit their memorials at no cost to the Vets. HVHF flies multiple times a year out of Stewart International Airport and Westchester County Airport. They serve veterans from Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties in New York, as well as counties in Connecticut, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Top priority is given to veterans of the Greatest Generation, that of World War II, and terminally ill veterans from other wars.

“We are honored to have our students invited to participate in this worthwhile event,” said Lori Orestano-James, District Coordinator for Fine & Performing Arts and LOTF. “It’s a testament to their understanding of community service, their dedication, and talent, as well as that of their director, Richard Holod. This is a wonderful way to give back to those who have served.”

WCSD EdCamp: Empowers One Giant Conversation

A dramatic shift in the delivery of professional development is having a positive impact in the Wappingers Central School District. EdCamp is a new direction for the District and every member of the school community is involved in setting the agenda.

“It’s very different than the professional development that normally takes place,” said Dan Roberto, technology integration specialist. “This is not bringing people in to train staff, but using the strengths, talents, skills that our faculty have to enhance the experience for everyone. After all, we know what’s working in our classrooms. We know where we need to go because we have our mission statement, our core values, and our strategic objectives.” The EdCamp model allows for professionals who find exciting and innovative ways to engage students to share those methods with colleagues.

“The conversations about instruction has become richer, and that type of engagement will ultimately benefit all students.” said Roberto. Maker Spaces. Both are founded in the belief that doing hands-on, independent work helps students learn and become actively engaged as members of their communities.

EdCamp is a participant-driven conference where sessions are developed and facilitated by those who attend. Technology and social media are leveraged to connect participants and develop Personal Learning Networks. According to the EdCamp Foundation, since the original EdCamp Philadelphia in 2010, the Foundation has funded its support to over 700 conferences in 25 countries. The EdCamp movement has been recognized by the US Department of Education, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), the TEDx program and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for its ability to bring high quality, personalized professional development to all educators. “The National EdCamp Foundation was instrumental in helping to adapt the process to fit the needs of our District,” said Roberto.

In planning for the District’s March Superintendent’s Conference day, all teachers, teaching assistants, administrators and other professional support staff were surveyed to provide input about topics to help improve the learning environment. They also identified successful practices they would like to share. Sessions were created based on the responses, and participants were able to choose the sessions that met their professional development needs.

One benefit is the connections established between teachers from different buildings and different positions. The use of Twitter has enabled these relationships to thrive and the information exchange continues using #edcampwcsd. “We’re having a gigantic conversation as a faculty and staff about how to do our jobs more effectively,” said Paul Rubeo.

The District is beginning to see evidence of how EdCamp is having a direct impact on students. Two ideas that have gained momentum are Genius Hour and Maker Spaces. Both are founded in the belief that doing hands-on, independent work helps students learn and become actively engaged as members of their communities.

“Genius Hour allows students to pursue a self-directed passion project—whether it is writing a play, raising money for veterans, or learning how to cook healthy,” said Roberto. Maker Spaces are places of innovation and inquiry. Students are provided with opportunities and resources to investigate, explore and integrate ideas from science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics (STEAM). According to Rubeo, “The Innovation Room established at Van Wyck is that space, and it’s changing the thinking.”

Educators in the Wappingers District see EdCamp as a positive development. Both Rubeo and Roberto agree that, “The conversations about instruction has become richer, and that type of engagement will ultimately benefit all students.”

WCSD Named Best Community for Music

Congratulations to WCSD for being recognized as one of 476 school districts in the nation as a Best Community for Music Education in the US for 2016 by the NAMM Foundation! This is a prestigious accolade from a nationwide non-profit foundation, WCSD is demonstrating its commitment to innovative learning opportunities for all children as outlined in the new federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which lists music and the arts as recommended subjects as important for a well-rounded education for all students.

Orchard View 90s Club

Seven of our students obtained a GPA of 90 or above, and were invited to a catered lunch to honor their academic efforts. The Orchard View students were asked to invite an adult to who has enabled them to achieve this success. Guests included former teachers and the RCK School Resource Officer.
WCSD Alumna Published in a Local Magazine

Senora Beiner recently learned of the accomplishments of one of her former students, Maria Scrudato. She was selected to design the front cover of the Bard College's magazine La Voz! This is a Spanish-language magazine distributed all over the Hudson Valley to the entire Hispanic/Latino community. It has received many awards. Senora Beiner's students have submitted articles and have been published in this magazine for a few years now, however, this is the first time that a student made the cover!

Ms. Scrudato studied art and Spanish at John Jay High School. She was very successful in both. Ms. Scrudato was the president of the Spanish Honor Society, recipient of the Senior Scholarship from the National organization, and recipient of many arts awards. She was accepted into the Cooper Union School for the Advancements of Arts and Sciences.

Senora Beiner took the liberty of translating the article below.

About the cover: (by Maria)

Inspired by the theme for this month, the 3rd Annual Spelling Bee in Spanish, I created a small but extravagant work of art representing a group of bees that participate in their own spelling bee. On the background there are some bees seated, waiting for their turn to spell. And perhaps there is one that has even fallen asleep! The bee in front of the stage is spelling the word PRIMAVERA (spring) because spring is around the corner and it is worth getting excited about it. This painting was made with watercolors because I wanted it to be striking and colorful and, at the same time, related to the theme of the month.

About the artist: (by the Editor of the magazine)

Maria Scrudato is an art student in The Cooper Union School for the Advancements of Arts and Sciences located in New York City. Scrudato wrote in her artist's letter of invitation for the cover of La Voz: "I should be considered for this great opportunity because art and Spanish are my true passions. In high school, my favorite classes were Advanced Placement Spanish and Advanced Placement art. I showed my enthusiasm for Spanish as president of the John Jay Spanish Honor Society and every day I learned more about the culture and the language." Thank you to the La Voz's selecting committee (Pablo Shine, Fawn Potash, Pilar Roca, and Mariel Fiori) for selecting Maria Scrudato to design the cover for La Voz's April 2016 edition. It is important to note that the committee was comprised of accomplished artists, curators, and Spanish scholars.

25th Annual Community Spelling Bee

Meila Xiao and Gabby Watson were the student winners in the annual spelling bee, sponsored by the Literacy Connections of the Hudson Valley at Marist College. Asher Fisher and Samantha Yen also made it into the final elimination round. RCK teams competing included:

- Letter Righters: Laura Brito, Highway to Spell:
- Samantha Yen & Asher Fisher, Don't Stop Believin!:
- Gabby Watson & Meila Xiao, Beeyond Beelief:
- Jessica Matos & Delia Pineda

Some of the words from the final round: troika, ayayolla, cordillera, trinitrotoluene, chimopelagic, flagitious, carpaccio, culpaee, pronunciation, and lepidopterology.

Congratulations to all students who participated!

WCSD Chamber Choirs Perform with Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra

The John Jay and Roy C. Ketcham Chamber Choirs performed with the Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra (NDSO) at The Culinary Institute of America in the Marriott Pavilion Auditorium on Saturday, February 6th.

The NDSO presented A Night of "Brits on Broadway."

featuring the works of Lloyd Webber and Gilbert & Sullivan. The chamber choirs performed during the second half of the concert with Conductor Kathleen Beckmann and the NDSO.

John Jay Students "Take the Prize"

John Jay art students have been participating in Grace Smith House's "Love Shouldn't Hurt" art contest since its inception in 2011. In this year's contest two students won top honors: Senior Victoria Robustello won grand prize for her drawing "The Aftermath."

Senior Melissa Diakantonis won 1st place for her drawing entitled "Let Go."

This is the second time Victoria has won grand prize in this contest. Her first grand prize win two years ago had a big impact on her, and she has become involved with Grace Smith House in meaningful ways. Last year she organized two food drives and a dress drive. She also organized a fundraising walk to fight domestic abuse, creating promotional materials and paintings to raffle off at the fundraiser.

The photo entitled "ROBUSTELLO" is the grand prize winning drawing by Victoria Robustello entitled "The Aftermath."

The photo entitled "DIAKANTONIS" is the first place winning drawing by Melissa Diakantonis entitled "Let Go."

CGRACE SMITH HOUSE

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

SUNY Purchase for the PAWS

ELA & Theatre teachers Megan Cooke and Tanya Clifton received a grant this past fall for a field trip from the Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley.

This grant covered all of the costs associated with our trip to SUNY Purchase for the PAWS event (Performing Arts Workshops for Secondary Students). Students experienced the creative energy of PAWS during this unique opportunity to participate in a variety of performing arts workshops throughout an exhilarating day. Students learned skills and techniques not commonly taught in high schools, such as Latin dance, stage fighting, improvisation, and directing.

Members of the Theatre classes (Theatre I & II), as well as members of Proscenium and Masque & Mime attended free of charge. John Jay and Roy C. Ketcham each received just over $1,500 for a total of just over $3,000 in grants to the district.

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Around The Schools: What’s Going On

John Jay and Roy C. Ketcham Top Seniors, Class of 2016

Ashna Gupta - Valedictorian

Isabel Wu - Salutatorian

Stephanie Shum - Valedictorian

National Merit Scholarship Corporation

In late September of 2015, more than two-thirds (about 34,000) of the approximately 50,000 high scorers on the PSAT/NMSQT® receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. Although Commended Students do not continue in the competition for National Merit® Scholarships, some of these students do become candidates for special scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses. Winners of Merit Scholarship® awards (Merit Scholar® designees) are chosen from the finalist group based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments. A variety of information is available for NMSC selectors to evaluate: the finalist’s academic record, information about the school’s curriculum and grading system, two sets of test scores, the high school official’s written recommendation, information about the student’s activities and leadership, and the Finalist’s own essay. 

Ashna Gupta is honored to be the valedictorian of John Jay’s Class of 2016. She has put in a lot of hard work and dedication to achieve her goal in both her academic and her extracurricular pursuits. As the president of Science Olympiad and a captain of Math Team, Ashna has used her leadership skills both inside and outside of the classroom. When the John Jay Science Olympiad team won 7th place at the state competition, Ashna could not have felt more proud to be a part of the journey. To learn more about the sciences, she has been a part of Columbia’s Science Honors Program and has done research in an immunology lab at Boston University. Ashna has qualified for the New York State Math League state competition three years consecutively and achieved success in other science and math competitions including the MS Challenge, the American Chemical Society Exam, and the American Mathematics Competitions. Outside of school, Ashna is an avid dancer and musician. Starting in Bharatanatyam, an Indian classical dance form, she has a passion for many different types of dance, especially ballet, hip hop, pointe, and jazz. Ashna is also passionate about the clarinet. She has been a part of the Area All-State Band for four years and has also participated in activities such as the Aérophone Community Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Pit Orchestra. Ashna hopes to continue to develop her love and dedication for the sciences and the arts. In the fall, she plans to attend Yale University to pursue a chemical engineering degree. She would like to thank all of her teachers, coaches, teachers, friends, and family for all of their support and guidance.

Isabel Wu is the salutatorian of John Jay’s class of 2016. In recognition of her academic excellence, she was named a National Merit Scholarship Winner and an AP Scholar with Distinction. Apart from focusing on her academic pursuits in the classroom, she also busies herself with an array of extracurricular activities. Isabel has studied ballet for more than ten years, performing the principal role of the Sugarplum Fairy for two years in Dutchess Dance Theatre’s production of The Nutcracker. She has attended many prestigious summer dance intensives, including American Ballet Theatre and Exploring Ballet with Suzanne Farrell. In 2014, she received the Dutchess County Executive Arts Award for Student with Exceptional Promise in the Arts, awarded by Arts Mid-Hudson. Isabel has taught ballet in children’s dance classes at the Dutchess Chinese School and has choreographed and performed multiple routines for its annual Chinese New Year celebrations. Isabel has also shared her love of dance with the community, performing at local recitals and hospitals.

Stephanie Shum is very thankful for all of the opportunities she has had as a part of her school community. She is extremely grateful to have been the President of the National Honor Society, President and Editor of the Odyssey Literary Magazine, Captain of the Tennis Team, Captain of the WorldQuest Team, Founder of the National English Honor Society, Secretary of the Math Team, and Historian of Science Olympiad. She would like to thank the members and advisors of every club and activity she has been in, as well as all of her teachers, for inspiring her with their hard work and beautiful personalities. She has loved getting to work with and laugh alongside so many amazing people. Stephanie has taken an active role in raising money for her school clubs. Stephanie enjoys volunteering at the local cat-shelter, Mid-Hudson Animal Aid, where she has volunteered over 250 hours of service. She also enjoys volunteering through her Girl Scout troop. Stephanie also hosts and organizes environmental workshops, where she teaches participants how to make environmentally friendly projects, such as “Invasive Reindeer” and cut scratching boxes made of reused cardboard. She has taken her workshops to the New York World Maker Faire and the Woodstock-New Palz Arts and Crafts Fair.

Stephanie hasn't decided on a college yet, but is currently planning to study both business and computer science in Cornell University, NYU Stern, or Boston University. She would like to continue organizing and participating in community service and environmental activities while in college.

Emma Sampugnaro - Salutatorian

Emma Sampugnaro would like to be remembered as “nonstop”. She has attempted to make every moment of her high school career count. She was proud to lead Ketcham’s Math League and Science Olympiad as President. She medaled at State Science Olympiad her junior year for Disease Detectives and received many awards at Regionals over the years. Emma can also be found at Debate Society, where she serves as Vice President and attempts to gather support for her political movement, “Veritas”. She is an accomplished student-athlete who has twice qualified for Junior Olympics in Women’s Épee Fencing. She fences for the Phoenix Center in Poughkeepsie, and hopes to soon see a fencing club at Ketcham. Emma participated in karaoke night, which brought together her interest in National Honor Society and Chorus and her love for late 2000s pop music. Emma is currently designing “FlameCheck”, a free Android app to promote home fire safety. It will soon be available in the App Store.

Emma expects to study neuroscience at Dartmouth College in the fall, intending to become a neurosurgeon and then perhaps the Surgeon General.
### John Jay Students Win Best New School Award at Yale Invitational and place 7th at NYS Science Olympiad Competition!

John Jay's Science Olympiad Team excelled in 2016, finishing seventh at the New York State Science Olympiad competition in March. More than 400 schools participate in Science Olympiad and only 54 earned a place at the state event. This is the highest ranking John Jay has ever earned.

#### Individual Medals Won

- **Nick Fan and Brent Kohl for Bridge Building - 3rd place**
- **Karthik Ledalla and Joshua Sudijono for Cell Bio - 5th place**
- **Ashna Gupta and Crystal Wu for HydroGeology - 6th place**

**Congratulations to the team.** Four months of academic preparation produced fantastic results – John Jay now proudly boasts a Top 10 New York State Science Olympiad team!

**The team won seven medals in 25 events, including 1st place medals in Air Trajectory by Nick Fan and Aydin Wells and in Cellular Biology by Ashna Gupta and Karthik Ledalla.**

**Other medals include**

- 2nd place in Chem Lab (Ashna Gupta and Salil Chandra); 4th place in Invasive Species (Iris Benjamin and Isabel Wu); 5th place in It’s About Time (Nick Fan and Isabel Wu); 6th Place in Wright Stuff (Ashna Gupta and Isabel Wu); 10th place in Wind Power (Josh Sudijono and Gaurav Gupta).

#### 2016 John Jay Science Olympiad Team

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### Roy C. Ketcham's NYS Scholarships for Academic Excellence

**Recipients of the 2016 Scholarships for Academic Excellence** awarded by the State Education Department/The University of the State of New York in Albany, New York State Board of Regents:

- $1,500 Scholarships: Stephanie Shum, Emma Sampugnaro

### WCSD Future Business Leaders of America

**Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)** is a business oriented organization with a goal of preparing students for careers in business related fields. FBLA participates in school and community events, fund raising activities, and FBLA sponsored events.

Membership in the FBLA is open to students in grades 9-12, enrolled in a business or business-related course, who accept the purpose of FBLA, subscribe to its creed, demonstrate willingness to contribute to meaningful school-community relations, and possess qualities for employment.

Students from WCSD attended the district competition in February, which includes Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties, coming away with their hands full of awards.

Subsequently fourteen WCSD students traveled to the NYS FBLA competition on April 13th-15th in Rochester, NY to compete with schools from across the state. We are extremely proud to report that an unprecedented eleven students made it all the way to the finals in a variety of public speaking and business related events. Congratulations to Camille Secor, Joe Torres, Madisen Sturm, Jack Bott, Joe D'Annamile, Amy Zhou, Tanvi Athavale, Jeevenojt Bhinder, Shakin Williams, Charles Gray, Joe Rabasco, Aaron Roberts, Ruby Miller, and Devin Walsh for a great showing! FBLA is a great opportunity for our students to put what they are learning in the classroom into action.

### John Jay Exhibits in Albany

**Photography III**

Photography III students in Mrs. Talbot’s class at John Jay HS had their work exhibited on the Concourse of the Empire State Plaza in Albany, NY. The students created unique images that illustrated their research and utilized their skills in digital photography and various editing techniques. Displayed from mid-January through February, the submissions have now become part of the State of New York collection.

#### RCK Greenworks Wins Regionals

On Thursday, April 14th, the RCK Greenworks club competed in the Hudson Valley Regional Envirothon, and performed very well, winning Dutchess County and making them eligible for the NYS Envirothon.

An Envirothon is a hands-on environmental education competition where a team of five high school students work together to compete in five different environmental categories (i.e., soils/land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, and wildlife) and this year’s current environmental issue: “Invasive Species – A Challenge to the Environment, Economy and Society.”

**Congratulations to RCK Greenworks Envirothon Team:**

- Mark Heyer
- Dylan Jorge
- Grace Mei
- Sandra Hernandez
- Thea Bjornson
Van Wyck Students Politically Aware & Civic Minded

Van Wyck Participates in Mock Presidential Election

Who will be the next President of the United States of America? It’s a question that the country won’t answer until November, but recently, Van Wyck Junior High School students participated in a mock election to choose the nominee for the next election.

This event is part of an ongoing effort at the school to get students civically involved in issues that affect their lives.

There was a crowded field of presidential hopefuls at the time on the Republican ticket with two on the Democratic ticket. More than fifty percent of the students participated in the mock election with Donald Trump winning the nomination on the Republican side and Hillary Clinton winning the nomination on the Democratic side. A mock presidential election is planned for September 2016.

Van Wyck Debate Club Going Strong

This year, the Van Wyck Debate Club invited local elected officials to help moderate their debates. Students discussed many important topics during the club meetings including:

- Should the minimum wage be raised?
- Who should choose the next United States Supreme Court Justice to replace Justice Antonin Scalia?
- Should the United States curtail immigration in light of terrorist threats across the globe?

It was truly an honor to have Dutchess County Legislator John Metzger and County Clerk Brad Kendall visit our school and lead Debate Club discussions.

John Jay HS & WJHS Students Research American Glass Eels

Wappingers Junior High School students are researching migrating juvenile American eels in Hudson River tributaries as part of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s (NYSDEC) American Eel Research Project. “This is real science, real field research, for a real environmental agency, giving our students first hand experience as well as a better understanding of why science fluency is important,” said Patrick Hancock of the John Jay Science Department.

The research involves students checking a ten-foot cone-shaped net specifically designed to catch tiny eels. They count and release the glass eels back into the water and record weight and environmental data on temperature and tides.

The eels are born in the Sargasso Sea north of Puerto Rico and after a year arrive in estuaries like the Hudson River each spring as translucent, two-inch long “glass eels.” The eels live in freshwater streams and lakes for up to 20 years before returning to the sea to spawn and die.

From mid-March through May, approximately 250 students, teachers, college interns and community volunteers check nets daily at 13 different sites including several Dutchess County sites. The newest location, Hunters Brook at Reese Park in the Village of Wappingers Falls, was added in April.

“The American Eel is currently being heavily studied, not only in the interest of pure science just learning more about these amazing creatures— but also due to a concern and desire to develop sustainable fishing regulations for this important global food resource,” said Rosellen Harat.

“Our students are very privileged to have, along with their teachers, such a hands-on scientific experience before they even enter high school.”

The Japanese Eel and the European Eel, once common, are no longer a viable commercial food source due to irresponsible fishing practices. The American Eel is on the decline and its commercial fishery is closed in all east coast states except for Maine and South Carolina. A one-pound bag of glass eels can sell for more than $2,000. They are sold and raised in tubs, mainly in China, until they are large enough to be sold and used as food.

WCSD Annual Spelling Bee

The 12th Annual Spelling Bee was held on Wednesday, January 6th. Twenty students, ranging from grade 4 to grade 7, participated in the event held at Myers Corners Elementary School. This year’s competition included not only a spelling round, but a vocabulary round as well. Including the vocabulary round meant the District was in alignment with the format of the regional and state competitions. Congratulations to all of the participants. The top four finalists in each category went on to compete at Regionals.

Justin Tullo placed 7th, Hamid Tipo placed 16th, and Allen Vinod placed 30th out of 116 competitors at the regional competition. Job well done!

WCSD Elementary Students Read Across America!

Read Across America is held annually on March 2, Dr. Seuss’ birthday. All across the nation, students celebrate reading by highlighting fun, rhyming works like “One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish,” and “Horton Hears a Who.”

Another classic, “Green Eggs and Ham,” inspired Mr. Neevel to scramble up some green-tinted eggs for his wife’s kindergarten class at Beinecke School in Dover. At Vassar Road, Read Across America coincided with a week of celebrating PARP (Parents as Reading Partners). Staff members pulled out their best Seuss fashions and a Lorax mustache adorned numerous faces.

The Myers Tigers even had rhyming sock pairs hanging on a bulletin board to highlight “Fox in Socks,” a book full of fun tongue twisters. Thanks to Target for donating Dr. Seuss books and to the volunteers from Target who read books to our Myers Tigers.

And at Fishkill Plains, Mrs. O’Dell used technology to read “What Pet Should I Get?” to the entire building at once. All of the classrooms could view her storytelling by displaying the Google Hangout on their screens.

James S. Evans Eagles participated in many student-centered and engaging activities during “Read Across America.” From a “Read Across America” oath to inviting parents in to read to the class, Evans was filled with knowledge, fun, laughter, and spirit. Not once, but twice, the entire school went into the hallway and sang their hearts out at the same time to unite the school! In order to prepare and excite the students, every single classroom door was decorated with a different literature theme as well as pictures of every student reading their favorite book.

Each day of the week featured a new event for the children. The older students read to the younger students to promote the enjoyment of reading. Parents came in to guest read to remind students of all ages how storytelling can never get old. Children wore shirts and hats that could be read on different days, signed and recited on oath that was hung in the hallway, and filled in a reading log each night that had them “Read Across America”, which students were able to color in states on a map. Not only did the students take on the challenge, but so did their teachers!
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**Oak Grove Reaches for the Stars**

About a month ago each child in the 6th grade gave a persuasive presentation on a planet or innovation in space. Their instructions were to persuade their classmates to vote for their project to get the Stellar Award for space innovation or aspect of the solar system. This is a real award that is given out each year by NASA. Students nominated projects to be sent to NASA for review. NASA engineers looked over the projects and chose the top 5 projects. Each student received a personalized letter from NASA. The project was designed to get girls thinking about career opportunities in science, math, and technology.

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Wappersing was led by two first place finishes. Jonathan Nunez won the 200 yard Freestyle (1:54.61) and Thomas McCaffrey won the 200 yard Individual Medley (2:04.28).

Thomas McCaffrey also placed second in the 100 yard Freestyle (50.79). Other second place finishers for Wappersing included Dylan Joyce in the 100 yard Butterfly (57.65), Brandon Vasquez in the 500 yard Freestyle (5:33.90) and Justin Lee in the 100 yard Breaststroke (1:07.43).

Jonathan Nunez placed third in the 100 yard Butterfly (57.71). Other third place finishers included Ian Koenig in the 200 yard Freestyle (2:02.58) and Jarred Rizzi in both the 100 yard Freestyle (53.61) and 100 yard Breaststroke (1:08.37).

Wappersing Gynastics Wins 1st Place in the League!

Wappersing Gynastics Team took 1st place in the Divisional Championships on Monday at Odyssey Gymnastics in Mahopac scoring a 163.45. The team will advance to the Section 1 Championships to compete against Lakeland/Panas and Mahopac for the team title.

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Vault
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- JJ Wrestling
- JJ Tennis

Spring:
- JJ Girls Basketball
- JJ Baseball
- WCSD Boys Golf
- JJ Bowling
- WCSD Girls Lacrosse
- JJ Softball
- JJ Boys Track

Congratulations to the following Roy C. Ketcham teams:

2015-2016 Varsity Team Scholar Awards

- Baseball
- Softball
- Wappersing Girls Lacrosse
- Boys Tennis
- Boys Track
- Girls Track
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Girls Swimming
- Cheerleading
- Field Hockey
- Football
- Volleyball
- WCSD Gymnastics

Vault
Olivia Frederick (1st)
Cheylene Sura (5th)
Uneven Bars
Olivia Frederick (3rd)
Balance Beam
Olivia Frederick (2nd)
Samina Sura (4th)
Floor
Jessica Healey (5th)
McKenna Farrere (5th)
All Around
Olivia Frederick (1st)
Samina Sura (3rd)

Roy C. Ketcham Cheerleaders Go to Dallas

Roy C. Ketcham’s cheerleading team traveled to Dallas, Texas in February to compete in an All-Star National Championship. They placed 16th out of 23. More than 1,200 of the country’s top cheerleaders and dance teams participated.

The elite competition took place at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center before more than 50,000 spectators.

The 25,000 cheerleaders and dancers who participated were from 35 U.S. states and eight countries.

These teams have spent many months training and were judged on athletic skills, such as stunting and tumbling, along with their overall performance.

Athletic Accomplishments

John Jay’s Athletic Achievements (Spring 2015 and Fall, Winter 2016)

League Champions Teams: Softball, Girls Tennis, Field Hockey, Girls Soccer, Boys Bowling, Girls Bowling, WCSD Boys Swimming

Season Champions: Girls Soccer, Cheerleading, Boys Bowling

Individual All-State Athletes: Ryan Schumacher, Frankie DiFusco (Football) Randy Earl (Wrestling)

Individual State Qualifiers: Randy Earl, (Wrestling), Nicholas Pagan, John Bald, George Pacacha, Peter Cannizzu, Joseph Greene, Tyler Reilly (Boys Bowling); Victoria Pacacha, Jillian Burns, Alyssa Rubio (Girls Bowling)

Individual All-Section Mentions: Samantha Fitzgerald, Jamie Harvey (Softball), Antonio Pragana (Baseball), Travis Ventera, Jack Decker (WCSD Boys Lacrosse), Marissa Bennett (WCSD Girls Golf), Ryan Schumacher, Frank DiFusco, Andrew Anthony, Travis Contenius (Football), Ellie Beck (Field Hockey), Kevin Turi (Boys Soccer), Erin Thriller, Deana Lomino (Girls Soccer), Samantha Fitzgerald, Maddie Barberan (Volleyball), Ryan Schumacher (Boys Basketball), Samantha Fitzgerald (Girls Basketball); Nicholas Pagan, John Bald, George Pacacha (Boys Bowling); Tyler Albs, Randy Earl, Eric Wakefield, Andrew Anthony (Wrestling)

Individual All-Section Honorable Mention Athletes: Erika Fleming, Bridgette Rouney, Tori Dixon (Softball); Deanna Durland (Girls Soccer); Andrew Anthony, Daxham Greene, Josh Barr, Tyler Lemere, Josh Edwards, Bryan Krycikoff (Football)

Individual All-League Athletes: 52 Athletes for Spring 2015, 42 Athletes for Fall 2015, 41 Athletes for Winter 2015-16

Poughkeepsie Journal All-Stars: Kyle Hiver (Boys Golf) Marissa Bennett, Allen Fischer, Brianna Loforte (Girls Golf); Antonio Pragana (Baseball) Aaron Hamilton (Boys Track); Samantha Fitzgerald (Softball), Pia Krishnamurti, Likhita Kamar, Justin Lee,	Craig Leslie, Jonathan Allen, Paul Berenson, Marcus Andre, John Barbarian, Brendan Gullen, Matthew Fletcher, Ronny McCabe, Jack Ninus, Eric Wakefield (Wrestling); George Pacacha, John Bald, Joseph Greene, Nick Pagan (Boys Bowling); Victoria Pacacha, Jillian Burns, Alyssa Rubio (Girls Bowling); Marion Dietz, Samantha Fitzgerald, Alana Kroener, Claire Mosca, Samantha Mosca (Girls Basketball), Ryan Schumacher (Boys Basketball), Thomas McCaffrey, Christopher Allen, Dylan Joyce, Justin Lee, Craig Leslie, Jonathan Nunez, Jarred Rizzi, Brandon Vasquez (WCSD Boys Swimming)

Coach of the Year: Christopher Greenwood (Girls Soccer); Kristin Perry (Field Hockey); Tim Kemmer & Donde McIntyre (Boys and Girls Bowling)

Individual Highlights:
- Marissa Bennett: Poughkeepsie Journal Girls Golfer of the Year
- Ryan Schumacher: Section One Football overall Co-Defensive Back of the Year
- Frank DiFusco: Poughkeepsie Journal Defensive Football Player of the Year
- Randy Earl: Poughkeepsie Journal Defensive Lineman of the Year
- Nicholas Pagan: John Bald, Randy Earl, Andrew Anthony, Paul Berenson, Marcus Andre, John Barbarian, Brendan Gullen, Matthew Fletcher, Ronny McCabe, Jack Ninus, Eric Wakefield (Wrestling); George Pacacha, John Bald, Joseph Greene, Nick Pagan (Boys Bowling); Victoria Pacacha, Jillian Burns, Alyssa Rubio (Girls Bowling); Marion Dietz, Samantha Fitzgerald, Alana Kroener, Claire Mosca, Samantha Mosca (Girls Basketball), Ryan Schumacher (Boys Basketball), Thomas McCaffrey, Christopher Allen, Dylan Joyce, Justin Lee, Craig Leslie, Jonathan Nunez, Jarred Rizzi, Brandon Vasquez (WCSD Boys Swimming)

Spring Budget 2016 InPrint
Two Summer Sessions
First Session Starts – June 27, 2016

This 48 hours of instruction leads to a NYS driver education certificate (MV285). This certificate, in most cases, assures students a reduction in their auto insurance for three years which practically covers the cost of the program. Students are also then eligible to receive their senior license at 17. Applications are now available on the Wappingers website. The cost is $400 and is open to WCSD students. Students must be 16 years of age by the start of the first class and have a valid learner’s permit. Applications are processed on a first registered, first served basis.

You must pre-register for these sessions. Deadlines for acceptance of applications are listed on the website.

Look for Driver Education Summer Class Schedule on the Wappingers website NOW!
Go to www.wappingersschools.org and click on the Driver Ed link or for more information call 298-5000, ext. 40130 or ext. 40137.

Important District Announcement Regarding Megan’s Law

"...From time to time local law enforce-
ment officials will notify the District when an individual with a history of sex offenses against a child is being paroled or released into the community. Upon written request to the principal, notifi-
cation will be provided by the principal to the community members who have made the request of the fact that such an individual has been paroled or re-
leased into the community. Requests for particulars about the individual being released will be referred, at the request of local law enforcement, to the hotline number or the website provided..."
1-800-262-3257
(www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/index.htm)

Wappingers Central School District
Fine & Performing Arts Department
The
66th ANNUAL
FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS
Saturday May 14, 10:00am-4:00pm
Mesier Park, Wappingers Falls

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 15, 10:00am - 4:00pm

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES K - 12
For complete details of each camp view our online Continuing Ed brochure.
Any questions call 298-5000, ext. 40130 or 40137

Last year we offered 50 weeks of summer camps. This year we are offering 80 weeks of camps.

Camps offered this summer include:
More computer camps
Foreign Language Camps
More Music Camps
More Art Camps
Summer SAT/ACT review classes
More weeks of Lego Robotics
Sports Camps
More camps for 1st-3rd graders
Food, Crafts
STEM Camps

www.wcsdny.org
click on Continuing Ed link - summer camp listings

For additional camps, specific times, locations, costs and grade levels, go to www.wappingersschools.org and click on Continuing Education

GRADUATION DATES

John Jay High School
Friday, June 24 — Mid-Hudson Civic Center, 6:30 p.m.
Roy C. Ketcham High School
Saturday, June 25 — Mid-Hudson Civic Center, 11:00 a.m.
Orchard View Alternative High School
Friday, June 24 — Wappingers Junior High School, 10:00 a.m.

VOTE

Tuesday, May 17, 2016
7:30 am – 9:00 pm
Fishkill Elementary • Fishkill Plains Elementary
Gayhead Elementary • Myers Corners Elementary • Vassar Road Elementary
Wappingers JHS

If this newsletter was mailed to you, please check the address label for your polling location or call 298-5000 ext. 40145