

**Thursday, February 8, 2024**

**Good Morning Ketcham Nation!**

**Today is Day 6**

***Today's Motivation: "When I dare to be powerful, to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid."***

***— Audre Lorde was an American writer, professor, philosopher, intersectional feminist, poet and civil rights activist. She was known for her open expression about her struggle to overcome breast cancer.***

As we continue to celebrate National School Counseling Week and teach you about the counselling role, we want you to know that we are very focused on each of you as our students. We want you to know you are seen and you are heard. We try to get to know all of you well so we can best help you achieve your goals and succeed academically. Is there anything you think your counselor should know about you that perhaps they don't? Are you struggling with something or is there a success you'd like to share? Come see us in room 217. We are here to listen and we welcome your visit.

#### MILITARY VISITS

Military representatives are tabling in the cafeteria during each lunch period on the dates listed below. Please stop by their table if you would like to learn more about what they have to offer.

- Thursday, February 8: US Army
- Wednesday, February 14: US Navy
- Wednesday, February 28: US Army National Guard

#### BINGO NIGHT

Student Council is once again presenting Bingo for Prizes! Please join us on February 15 in the RCK Cafeteria. Doors open at 5pm and calling starts at 6pm. Lots of chances to win great prizes. Snow date is Feb. 16.

#### BOYS GOLF

If you're interested in joining the boys golf team please reach out to Coach Creeden ([ryan.creedon@wcsdny.org](mailto:ryan.creedon@wcsdny.org)) so you can be added to the google classroom page.

#### VALENTINE TREATS

Valentine Candy Bouquets and Valentine Stickers will be on sale 2/12-2/14 during lunch periods in the cafeteria created by The National Art Honor Society.

#### NAHS

National Art Honor Society - the next meeting will be on 2/14/24 in room 243.

#### FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY

The French Honor Society will be having a meeting on 2/14 after school in room 343 to discuss upcoming events, all members are encouraged to attend!

#### YEARBOOK

YEARBOOKS ARE ALMOST SOLD OUT. There are fewer than 35 available for purchase. Order yours now at <https://buytheyearbook.pictavo.com/login> School Code 715765

#### DRESS DOWN FOR SPARROW'S NEST

Join Ketcham in support of Sparrow's Nest, a charity that provides meals for families battling cancer, by participating in the WCSD Sparrow's Nest Dress Down Day on March 15th. Order your gear by February 14th. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e&#x2F;1FAIpQLSc32dhztkNw8cE5p5icBA-EkiA0Jq8YBGVS31R4eAbe1fN6vQ/viewform>

#### DCC INSTANT DECISION DAY

Dutchess Community College will be visiting on Monday, February 12th from 9:20-11:40 am (periods 3, 4, & 5) in the computer lab for Instant Decision Day. Stop by to work through your application with an admissions representative and be given an instant decision on your acceptance. Pre-registration for the event is available through SCOIR.

#### FLAG FOOTBALL

WCSO Girls Flag Football League - Interest meeting for Players and Parents/Guardians is Tuesday, February 13th at 6pm at John Jay HS (LGI Room 128). League play begins Spring 2025.

## SENIOR TRIBUTE ADS

DEADLINE TO PURCHASE A SENIOR TRIBUTE PAGE IS GETTING CLOSE.

Celebrate your Senior with a tribute ad in the yearbook. The deadline to order is 2/23. ORDER HERE <https://www.tributeads.com/-->

## COLLEGE FAIR

The inaugural Southern Dutchess College Fair will take place on Wednesday, March 6th from 6 pm - 8 pm in the Beacon High School gymnasium. Please see flier for more information! [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lddTE-qR1tgdllX37\\_KroSsFITyRhvP9/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lddTE-qR1tgdllX37_KroSsFITyRhvP9/view?usp=sharing)

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The Community Foundation Scholarship Program application portal is currently open. Students can register and apply for several local scholarships by submitting one application. Follow the link for more details or see your counselor. <https://communityfoundationshv.org/scholarships/>

Scholarship information is consistently updated on the Senior Google Classroom and on the scholarship link on the School Counseling webpage:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vSQI9lpLdXiG-2I5hjP5FpW-tJ\\_sMFJH5yqUo8y4r5LVW90Xzey5VnacRgcDd98BFmkceCyCKbo00Rh/pubhtml](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vSQI9lpLdXiG-2I5hjP5FpW-tJ_sMFJH5yqUo8y4r5LVW90Xzey5VnacRgcDd98BFmkceCyCKbo00Rh/pubhtml)

Community Foundation Scholarship Workshops:

Monthly virtual scholarship workshops are offered monthly via Zoom. Attendees are led through the online scholarship process and questions are answered throughout the workshop. This event is open to high school students and/or their parent/guardians, undergraduate college students, high school teachers, guidance counselors, and any high school staff or administration. Registration is required <https://communityfoundationshv.org/scholarships/> and click on any of the dates below to register. The Workshop Zoom link will be emailed to all registrants on the morning of each session.

Tuesday, March 5, @ 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 3 @ 6:00 pm

## RCK ATHLETICS

Good luck to the Ketcham teams competing today! JV Girls Basketball at Albertus Magnus, Freshman Boys Basketball at Scarsdale, Varsity Girls Basketball at Albertus Magnus. Let's go RCK!

## 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.

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

Your principal,  
Dave Seipp