

## KITTATINNY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

WEEK OF: January 15, 2024

## **Announcements**



#### Kittatinny Education Foundation

The Kittatinny Education Foundation (KEF) would like to invite all members of the Kittatinny School Community, which includes current Cougar Parents, Cougar Alumni, and parents of our Cougar Alumni, to join in our efforts to enhance the educational opportunities for all of our students in the Kittatinny School District and to engage the entire community in philanthropic giving that strengthens our public schools, supports our teachers, and inspires our students.

The KEF is a philanthropic Non-profit 501-3C organization whose goals are to raise private funds which are tax deductible donations. These funds will assist in helping to provide the excellent programs that Kittatinny has long been known for in our school and around our campus. This funding will help offset the loss in aid that we have experienced over these last five years due to state aid cuts and will allow our school and programs to thrive. Our vision is to provide our School Community with the same quality programs and facilities that are a hallmark of Kittatinny, by raising money through sponsorships, private donations, and fundraising events. These fundraising events will become regular opportunities to reconnect and have some fun with former Kittatinny Cougar families as well as our current Cougar families. Although some of us have moved away, many in our Cougar Community still live in our area and we hope that ALL of our Cougar Family, near and far, would enjoy an opportunity to reconnect with our Cougar Nation!

If you are interested in getting involved with and want to help the **KEF** please send your email and cell phone information to:

Mrs. Jane Meyers (Jane Meyers) jjunoir@krhs.net or

Dr. Craig Hutcheson chutches@krhs.net

We thank you for everything you do for the Kittatinny Community and we hope to connect with everyone very soon!

With Warm Regards,

The Kittatinny Education Foundation

#### Don't Miss Out! Order Your Yearbook Today!

Here are the links for the High School and Jr High School yearbooks and recognition ads:

For High School Book and Senior Recognition ad: <a href="https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1056812/Kittatinny-Regional-High-School/2024-Yearbook/2023091904221450075/CATALOG\_SHOP">https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1056812/Kittatinny-Regional-High-School/2024-Yearbook/2023091904221450075/CATALOG\_SHOP</a>

For JR High School Book and Recognition Ads: https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/2990296/Kittatinny-Junior-High-School/2024-Yearbook/2023091904234947775/CATALOG\_SHOP

A personalized yearbook must be ordered by January 26, 2024.

A recognition ad must be ordered by January 31, 2024.

To guarantee your student a yearbook without any personalization, February 28, 2024 is the very last day to buy a book.

Any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Powers at <a href="mailto:mpowers@krhs.net">mpowers@krhs.net</a> or 973-383-1800 ext 1590. Thank you for appreciating all the hard work our yearbook staff puts into creating these special books of KRHS memories.

#### Community Awareness Night

Join our seniors for a night of advocacy, awareness and education.





YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

## KRHS COMMUNITY AWARENESS NIGHT

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 6:00—7:30PM









THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024 7:07 PM T0 9:45 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024 7:07 PM T0 9:45 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024 1:23 PM T0 3:08 PM

AT KITTATINNY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL 77 HALSEY RD, NEWTON, NJ 07860

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS: www.KittatinnyPlayers.com

## **High School News**

#### Poetry Out Loud Winner

Congratulations to this year's Kittatinny Poetry Out Loud champion Clayton Doyle. Clayton will represent Kittatinny at the regional contest on February 5 at the Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown.



## **Guidance News**

The 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is Now Available

Due to federal processing delays this year, HESAA (and colleges/universities) will not receive students' data for several more weeks. This will directly impact our work here at HESAA in processing state aid, but please be assured that we are monitoring the situation continuously and are prepared to load student award eligibility into NJFAMS as quickly as possible upon receipt of this data.

Please note that NJ Dreamers will be able to access the NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application by the end of January. This application will again be available in NJFAMS.

To help support students and their families, HESAA has expanded our calendar of free webinars to support participants in understanding and completing the application process. Please be sure to share our webinar schedule with the New Jersey students you serve:

FAFSA Completion Workshops: <a href="https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/FAFSA.aspx">https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/FAFSA.aspx</a>

NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application Completion Workshops for NJ Dreamers: <a href="https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/NJAlternativeApplication.aspx">https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/NJAlternativeApplication.aspx</a>

## Cougar Athletics

#### **KRHS Senior Athlete Honored**

Senior Hanna Olsen was honored last week at Rutgers Women's Basketball as an Outstanding Senior Athlete and was also awarded by the National Association of Girls & Women in Sports! Congratulations, Hanna! Incredibly well deserved!







#### KRHS Weight Room Fundraiser



VISIT OUR WEBSITE
TWENTYFOURINK.COM/COLLECTIONS/KITTATINNY-WEIGHT-ROOM

## Reminders

The Kittatinny Players Booster Club

# **CLOTHING DRIVE**



## **DROP OFF JANUARY 13-26, 2024**

DROP OFF AT KITTATINNY REG. HIGH SCHOOL

See website for a list of accepted donations and detailed pickup times

www.thekpbc.org/clothingdrive

## **Blood Drive**



#### **Sponsored By:**

### Kittatinny Regional High School

Thursday, January 25, 2024 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

Gymnasium 77 Halsey Road Newton, NJ 07860

Students can pickup 16 year old consent forms in the main office.

Please see Ms. Bitondo with any questions.

Appointments strongly recommended.

You may make an appointment using the link below or QR code: https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/56665

Join The Vitalant Donor Recognition Program
Earn points for each donation. Points can be redeemed for
e-gift cards to a variety of national retailers & restaurants.
Enroll Today!

1 Visit Vitalant.org/Recognition or 2. Call our Customer Care Center at 1.877.258.4825

\* Donors must be enrolled to participate.

#### **Donor Guidelines:**

- \* All 16 year old students need a signed Parental Consent Form in order to donate
- \* Weigh at least 110 lbs
- \* Bring ID
- \* Eat a meal before donation
- Drink plenty of water before and after donation

#### Ann BLOOD RECIPIENT:

"I wish I could tell my donor how grateful I am for your selfless act. You may have wondered what became of your donation well, it saved my life."





#### Kittatinny Adult School

#### **Dear Kittatinny Parents:**

Kittatinny Adult School will be offering evening classes beginning February 20, 2024. Attached for your convenience is the brochure. The Kittatinny Adult School brochure can also be viewed on Kittatinny's website @ https://www.krhs.net/ on the home page under News & Announcements or click on the Community Links tab then Adult School. The mail-in registration form can be printed out for the following classes:

- Body Sculpting
- Expressing Yourself with Watercolors
- Are You Ready to Start Your Own Business?
- Investments and Creating Retirement Income

50 Common French Phrases to Know for Travel & Everyday Life

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact 973-383-1800, ext. 1290.

Spring 2024 Adult School Brochure

#### Please Check the Parent Portal for Student Obligations

Dear Kittatinny Parents/Guardian:

Please log onto your Parent Portal to see if your child has any outstanding obligations, including negative cafeteria balances, for the 2023-2024 school year. If the obligation is not met by Thursday, January 18, 2024 the following will be withheld until any and all obligations have been fulfilled:

Student's grades and report card information (withheld)

You can access your Parent Portal using the following URL: https://www.fridayparentportal.com/kittatinny or through the Kittatinny website @ www.krhs.net, click on the Parent tab and then the Parent Portal.

- Outstanding Fees: Once on the Parent Portal, scroll down under Menu and click on "Fines." If your child has an outstanding obligation, it will be displayed on the "Fines" page.
- Negative Cafeteria Balances: Once on the Parent Portal under Menu, click on "Food Services" to view your child's account. If your child has a negative cafeteria balance, you have been receiving weekly notifications on the amount due.

You can either send in a check made payable to KRHS for the outstanding obligation or pay online with PaySchools Central @ https://payschoolscentral.com/. If you have not registered for a PaySchools account, you will find the PaySchools Central account setup guide through Kittatinny's website @ www.krhs.net, click on the Parent tab, Parent Resources then Payschool.

\* Technology fee cannot be paid online through PaySchools. Please send in payment of cash or check made payable to KRHS.

Any questions, please feel free to contact:

Colleen Chiariello, x1610: Activity fee/Negative Cafeteria balances Rob Erlemann, x1550 (IT Department): Technology fee April Orozco, x1440: Athletic fee Cindy Bizik, x1290: All other fees

#### National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

**Attention Senior Parents and Senior Students:** 

Kittatinny Regional High School will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. If you have been selected to participate in the NAEP, you will receive a Notification Letter in the mail. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. NAEP is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP is different from our state assessments because it is a common

measure of achievement across the country. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents/guardians, policymakers, and the public.

Your child (will/may) take a mathematics, reading, or science assessment. In addition to subject-area questions, students voluntarily complete NAEP survey questions. These questions provide valuable information about participating students' educational experiences and opportunities to learn both in and outside of the classroom. More information about NAEP survey questions is available at https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents under the section "What Questions Are on the Test?"

The assessment takes about 120 minutes for most students, which includes transition time, directions, and completion of survey questions.

The information collected is used for statistical purposes only.

- Your child's grades will not be affected.
- Students may be excused for any reason, are not required to complete the assessment, and may skip any question.
- While the assessment is voluntary, NAEP depends on student participation to help policymakers improve education. However, if you do not want your child to participate, please notify me in writing by Monday, January 22, 2024.
- Upon completion of the assessment, NAEP participants will receive a Certificate of Community Service.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP, but please encourage your child to do their best. Contact Sharon Falchetta at 973-383-1800, ext. 1270 or at sfalchet@krhs.net if you have any questions.

It is exciting that Kittatinny is participating in NAEP. I am sure that Kittatinny Regional High School's students will show what our nation's students know and can do.

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) conducts the National Assessment of Educational Progress to evaluate federally supported education programs. All of the information you provide may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (20 U.S.C. §9573 and 6 U.S.C. §151). By law, every NCES employee as well as every NCES agent, such as contractors and NAEP coordinators, has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of \$250,000, or both if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you. Electronic submission of your information will be monitored for viruses, malware, and other threats by Federal employees and contractors in accordance with the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015.

What Every Parent ShouldKnow About NAEP Certificate of Community
Service







SPAGHETTI DINNER
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**Band & Tricky Tray** 

\$25 Per Ticket For tickets scan QR code

Located at Newton VFW 85 Mill St Newton NJ 07860 TIME: 6PM-10PM





School Device Coverage







Kittatinny Regional School District

## **Protect Your School Device!**

#### Covering Accidental Damage, Loss and Theft.

Unlimited Claims, Full Transferability, with No Deductibles and No Hidden Fees!











OR





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Dell, Lenovo, HP Chromebook Cost of insurance

\$25.00

Unlimited Claims, 0 Deductibles

Replacement cost without insurance

\$100.00-\$300.00

Replacement Cost

\*Does not cover accessories, unless specified. In order to take advantage of this opportunity, coverage must be purchased within 30 days of receiving your device. Credit card payments are subject to a 4% processing fee. \*\*Coverage excludes known damage/losses which are present at the time of purchase.

#### Kittatinny Regional School District

Student Name:

Grade Level:

Parent Name:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email (Mandatory):

\*Unit Serial Number:

(Polity Documents are emailed)

Date:

Signature:

Sign Up & Buy Online:

https://schooldevicecoverage.com/signup School Device Coverage

Call/Questions: 1.888.978.3515

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Printable Flyer

Coverage Website

#### Kittatinny Assessment Testing Schedule 2023-24

Test	Dates	Resources
LinkIt Benchmark B (ELA, Math, Science)	January 29 - February 2, 2024 Grades 7-11 (approximately 60 minutes)	
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	February 27, 2024 Grade 12	https://www.nj.gov/education/ assessment/naep/

PSAT 9	March 5, 2024 Grade 9	https://satsuite.collegeboard.or g/psat-8-9
NJPGA (ELA, Math)	March 11-15, 2024 (makeups March 18 - 22, 2024) Grade 11	https://nj.mypearsonsupport.co m/ForParent/
LinkIt Benchmark C (ELA, Math, Science)	April 22-25, 2024 Grades 7-11 (approximately 60 minutes)	
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Year End (YE) Model: ELA, Math & Science	April 29 - May 17, 2024	https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/sites/default/files/documents/StateBonusItems/Parent_Brochure.pdf
Advanced Placement (AP) Eng. Lit., Eng. Lang, Calc AB, Calc BC, Chem, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Drawing, 2D, 3D, Enviro, Euro, Macroeconomics, Precalc, Physics 1, Physics C Mechanics, Physics C Electricity & Magnetism, Stats, US Gov, US History, World History	May 6 - May 17, 2024 (makeups May 22,23,24) Grades 9-12 Please refer to the link for information on the duration of each test. Test scores available in July 2024.	https://apcentral.collegeboard .org/
NJSLA (ELA, Math, Science) Grade 7-9 (Alg I, Alg II, Geo)	April 29, 2024 - May 24 , 2024 (makeups May 28–May 31) Grades 7-9	https://nj.mypearsonsupport.co m/ForParent/ https://www.nj.gov/education/ assessment/resources/district/u nit_test_times.shtml

#### New School Store Items Available Online

Show your Cougar spirit with this amazing new collection of items from the online school store!





VISIT OUR WEBSITE TWENTYFOURINK.COM/COLLECTIONS/KRHS

Click here to shop the new collection or scan the QR Code above

## Important Upcoming Dates

January 19: Close of MP 2

January 31: MP 2 Grades available on Portal

February 7: NCAA Signing Day #2

February 12-16: Scheduling

February 19: Presidents' Day: SCHOOL CLOSED

February 21: Mid MP3

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