



# KITTATINNY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

WEEK OF: November 20, 2023

## Announcements

SCHOOL CLOSED NOVEMBER 23-24TH FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK.



care+solace

We are thankful  
for our community.

#HappyThanksgiving

Happy Thanksgiving to our families! We hope you take time this break to connect with loved ones and recharge. Even though our schools are closed, you will continue to have access to services provided by Kittatinny Regional High School.

Kittatinny Regional High School partnered with Care Solace to support the well-being of students and their family members. Care Solace is a complimentary and confidential care coordination service that can help you quickly find mental health or substance use treatment options matched to your needs, regardless of circumstance.

If you or a family member are looking for help with mental health or substance use and would like to use Care Solace to find a provider:

- Call 888-515-0595. Multilingual support is available 24/7/365.
- Visit [www.caresolace.com/krhs](http://www.caresolace.com/krhs) and either search on your own OR click "Book Appointment" for assistance by video chat, email, or phone.
- Have a wonderful and safe holiday! We look forward to when we return on Monday, November 27, 2023



Interact is holding its annual toy drive. Please bring in any New, Unwrapped toy or gift item, for kids of any age and drop them off in the toy box located in the library now until Friday, Dec. 8th. All toys and gift items will be donated to Project Self-Sufficiency Toyland Shop.

## Vote for the KRHS Marching Band!

The Marching Band has entered a contest being run by Metallica for high school and college bands that played their music this season! With our band's exciting performance of "Master of Puppets", including an insane guitar solo by senior Kyle Rittweger, we're taking our shot at winning some big prizes! Top band in our category, chosen by Metallica, will win \$15,000 of new equipment, and the top high school fan-vote winner will receive \$10,000 of new equipment. So please help us out by voting for the band!

You can view all submissions here: <https://www.metallicamarchingband.com/>

Or you can just text #HSKITTATINNY to 833-609-0330 (only one vote allowed per phone number).

Thanks for your support!  
The KRHS Marching Band

# KITTATINNY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND



## Great American Smokeout

For over two decades, the American Cancer Society has championed the Great American Smokeout, held on the third Thursday of November. This national day serves as a starting point for many on their journey to quit smoking or vaping. Even committing to one smoke-free day can pave the way for a tobacco-free life.

This year the Great American Smokeout took place on November 16, 2023. The Incorruptible.Us (a youth tobacco action group) team at Kittatinny Regional High School

hosted a lunchroom event with the Junior High and High School students. Resources to quit vaping were shared along with Great American Smokeout giveaways such as cups, yo-yos, bracelets, and stickers. All students were invited to draw or paint the outline of their hand on the paper and list their 5 reasons why they choose not to vape. Incorruptible.Us youth educate their peers and advocate for policy change in their school and community. Incorruptible.Us is an initiative of Tobacco Free for a Healthy NJ, a program of the NJ Department of Health and the Center for Prevention & Counseling.

The Sussex County Board of County Commissioners also proclaimed that "November 16, 2023 is The Great American Smokeout Day and together with the Center for Prevention and Counseling, recognizes that addiction to nicotine in tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, is one of the strongest addictions one can have. The Board of County Commissioners encourages all Sussex County residents to recognize this day as an opportunity to live healthy, smoke-free lives- not just for a day, but all year round."

For more information about Tobacco Free for a Healthy NJ, Incorruptible.Us & free cessation resources, please go to [www.tobaccofreenj.com](http://www.tobaccofreenj.com) or email [Tania@centerforprevention.org](mailto:Tania@centerforprevention.org)



**CALLING ALL MAKERS**  
Sandyston Walpack PTO  
presents our very first  
**MAKERS  
MARKET**

this market is geared towards our local makers  
featuring products that are mostly handmade

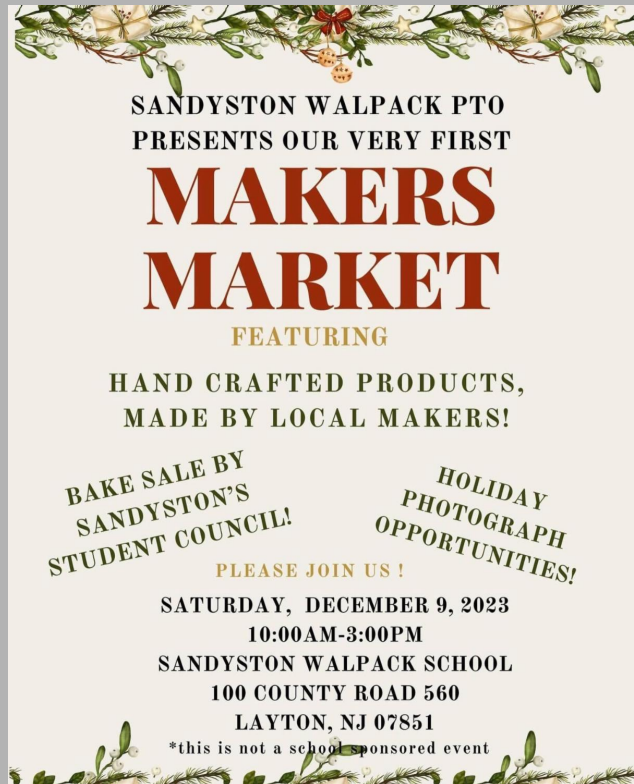
**NOW ACCEPTING VENDORS**

Limited table space available so please reserve promptly.  
Contact [sandystonmakersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:sandystonmakersmarket@gmail.com) for more  
information.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023 10:00AM-3:00PM  
SANDYSTON WALPACK SCHOOL  
100 COUNTY ROAD 560  
LAYTON, NJ 07851

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023

\*this is not a school sponsored event



SANDYSTON WALPACK PTO  
PRESENTS OUR VERY FIRST  
**MAKERS  
MARKET**  
FEATURING

HAND CRAFTED PRODUCTS,  
MADE BY LOCAL MAKERS!

**BAKE SALE BY  
SANDYSTON'S  
STUDENT COUNCIL!**

**HOLIDAY  
PHOTOGRAPH  
OPPORTUNITIES!**

PLEASE JOIN US !

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023  
10:00AM-3:00PM  
SANDYSTON WALPACK SCHOOL  
100 COUNTY ROAD 560  
LAYTON, NJ 07851

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# Hampton Christmas Tree Lighting

**December 1, 2023 6-8pm**

**1 Rumsey Way, Newton NJ 07860**

## ★ Join Us For ★

**Performances by the KRHS  
Madrigals & the Montague Twp.  
Bell Choir**

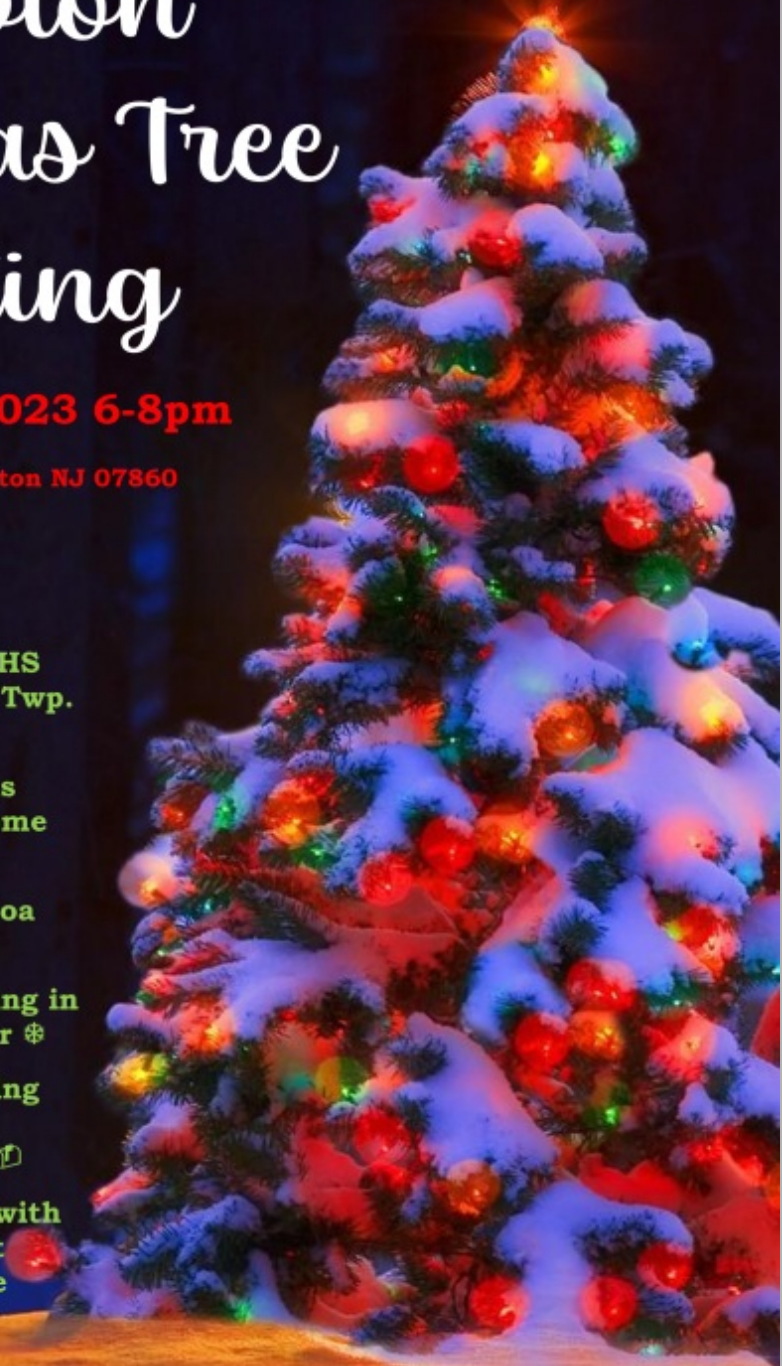
**Pics with our Christmas  
Inflatables – Including some  
2023 additions ☺**

**Complimentary Hot Cocoa  
for all!**

**Photos with Santa & Coloring in  
our Festive Senior Center ☼**

**A Christmas Letter Writing  
Station near Our  
Official Santa Mailbox 📬**

**Moo-For-You Food Truck with  
special sweets and hot  
beverages for purchase**



High School News



**CHARACTER • SCHOLARSHIP • LEADERSHIP • SERVICE**

Congratulations to the newest members of the National Honors Society:

Joseph Allison  
Juliana Chapple  
Bryce Coesfeld  
Paige DeCaro  
Lillian Hanlon  
Rihab Hassan  
Malena Johnson  
Alyssa Levin  
Kathryn Longcor  
Mara Mahon

Andre Moquete  
Josephine Nuzzo  
Maria Pavone  
Brenna Philson  
Evan Rodriguez  
Benjamin Ryan  
Holly Sajdak  
Colin Webb  
James Whitby

They were inducted during a beautiful ceremony last night.



## Students Decorate Trees for the German Christmas Market

It is the most wonderful time of the year and to start the holiday season the German Christmas Market will be open Friday, December 1- Sunday, December 3rd. The market organizers reached out to local schools to have students decorate various

Christmas trees. Mrs. Anderson's 3D Art class, with some help from German teacher Ms. Peemoller, created paper stars to decorate a tree. Below is the information on the history of these special decorations.

Froebel Star (or Fröbelstern in German)

"Froebel stars are three-dimensional paper ornaments that German children used to make in school for the family's Christmas tree or wreath. Froebel stars are made by folding and interweaving paper strips without the use of glue. It is a form of origami. Four paper strips of identical length are folded and woven until a star with eight flat and eight cone-shaped points emerges."

"Froebel stars are named after the German educator Friedrich Froebel (1782-1852) who advocated paper folding for young children to introduce them to basic mathematical concepts. Recognizing that children have unique needs and capabilities, Froebel designed educational play materials known as Froebel Gifts. The "gifts" included circles, spheres and geometric building blocks. Most likely,

Friedrich Froebel did not invent Froebel stars, however, because descriptions of how to fold them date back to the 19th century or even further. But he used the

folding and weaving concept in his educational activities."

Via: [walled-in-berlin.com/j-elke-ertle/froebel-stars-handmade-german-ornaments/](http://walled-in-berlin.com/j-elke-ertle/froebel-stars-handmade-german-ornaments/)

Our Kittatinny students really enjoyed making these ornaments. It was a great opportunity to learn more about another culture in a fun and engaging activity, and to spread some cheer for the holidays. If you get to the market, please look for the Kittatinny star tree.



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CLASS OF 2026!



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973-579-3354  
911 Swartswood Rd**

Please show this flyer when picking up your order!

[Printable Flyer](#)

## Guidance News

Stockton Instant Decision Day

Congratulations to the following students who were accepted to Stockton



# University with merit scholarships during yesterday's Instant Decision Day:

Peyton Berg  
Audrey Bruno  
Delaney Burke  
Vincent Fasolo  
Madison Franek  
Kelly Gordon  
Alex Laoudis

Amanda Lo  
Andrew Mehringer  
Natalie Mulroy  
Jayden Niemasz  
Sophia Vitez  
Colin Webb  
Eric Winkleman



## Reminders



# BRANDON'S HOUSE



If you have attended any Kittatinny sporting events over the past 10+ years, you may know Brandon Bordt. When you meet him, he will boldly tell you that he is Kittatinny's # 1 fan. Without hesitation, I think every student athlete, parent, teacher, and administrator would agree 100%.

Brandon will attend most home Kittatinny sporting events and occasionally goes on the road whenever possible. We are hoping that Brandon's love and passion for all things Kittatinny will come full circle. You see, Brandon and his dad, Jim, have a modest home at Carriage Mobile Homes in Lafayette, NJ, and their home has come under disrepair. Several area residents and business owners have teamed up to assess the situation with Brandon and his dad.

Previous repairs have extended the life of their current home; however, the exterior of the home has become unsafe. Several options have been explored by this team, led by Tony Cerbo, Joe Fitzpatrick, & Dan Holdt, and they have concluded that Brandon and his dad need a new home. It is with this idea in mind that the team came up with "Brandon's House" as a local fundraising campaign to assist Brandon and his dad with this effort.

Local businesses, including Wilson Services and Wantage Excavating, are stepping up alongside local tradesmen like Electricians Mike Brucker and John DeSordi along with Plumber Steven Pisauro to disconnect and remove their old home from the Carriage Mobile Homes site and deliver and reestablish essential services to a new home from Champion Homes.

The team has set a goal of \$75,000. To date, we have already raised over \$7,000 with the help of area churches and local donations. We will be hosting events over the next few months, and we look forward to your participation in those events to help us reach our goal so that Brandon and Jim can have a safe, new home!

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Brandon's House is a fund-raising effort in coordination with the Hampton Township Educational Foundation (HTEF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with tax ID # is **22-3822075**. If you wish to donate to this cause, please mail your check or money order made payable to HTEF with "Brandon's House" in the memo line to:

Brandon's House  
c/o HTEF  
P.O. Box 478 - Augusta, NJ 07822

HTEF also has a Venmo account for on-line donations: @HTEFNJ

You can email us with any questions at [brandonshouse84@yahoo.com](mailto:brandonshouse84@yahoo.com)

## Practice SAT

The SAT Practice Test will be held on Thursday, November 30 from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. There is a noon dismissal that day, due to Parent-Teacher Conferences. Please, see attached flyer for more information and to register. The registration deadline is Wednesday, November 29.

\*This test is different from the PSAT that sophomores and juniors took in October\*

# PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences for parents with students in grades 7-12 will be held on **Thursday, November 30**. The school will be on an early dismissal schedule with students finishing the day at 12 noon. Afternoon conferences will run from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Evening conferences will run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## SCHEDULING A CONFERENCE

All parent-teacher conferences must be **prescheduled** with conferences being scheduled online. **Please go to [www.myconferencetime.com/kittatinny](http://www.myconferencetime.com/kittatinny) or access our website [www.krhs.net](http://www.krhs.net) where a quick link to "schedule a conference" is located under the **Parent** tab. The scheduling window will be open on **Thursday, November 9 at 7 a.m. and will close at midnight on Thursday, November 30**. Please refer to your child's schedule found on the Parent Portal as a reference for teacher names.**

\*When scheduling a conference with Mrs. DeCaro, you will also be meeting with Mr. Smith

\*When scheduling a conference with Mrs. Lippert, you will also be meeting with Ms. Chamings

\*If your child has Ms. Im or Mrs. Valenti, please reach out to them directly if you have any concerns in the middle of December.

## CANCELLING A CONFERENCE

If for some reason you need to **cancel or reschedule a conference**, you can easily refer to your **confirmation email**. A quick link is provided for you to make changes as necessary. You can also go to [www.myconferencetime.com/kittatinny](http://www.myconferencetime.com/kittatinny) to cancel or reschedule. A confirmation email is sent to you every time you request a conference, make a change or cancel conferences.

If you have to cancel on November 30, please call or email the teacher directly, as the window will be closed for changes on the day of conferences.

## TEACHER CONTACT INFORMATION

If you missed the scheduling time period, the teacher's appointment schedule was full, or you prefer a phone conference, please email the teacher directly to setup a meeting at a later date.

Email addresses can be found on our website [www.krhs.net](http://www.krhs.net), click on Staff Directory, enter teachers name and click on profile.

**If you have any difficulties with the program, please call Jennifer Fuchs in the Guidance Office for assistance, (973) 383-1800, ext. 1200.**



## **NEWTON TROPHY – VARSITY JACKETS**

**10 BROAD STREET  
BRANCHVILLE, NJ 07826  
973-948-0613**

**Newton Trophy is coming to your school, to custom size you for your Varsity Jacket.**

**DATE: December 8, 2023**

**TIME: 11:20 – 12:45**

**SCHOOL: Kittatinny**

**PLACE: CAFETERIA**

**\$250.00 Deposit required on all orders. All Jackets are custom orders and take 12 weeks to complete.**

**Any Jacket ordered at school will receive a \$15.00 discount.**

**Please make all checks payable to: NEWTON TROPHY**

***Please bring your varsity certificate or letter from your coach to show you are eligible for a jacket.***



## **Junior High Winter Formal**

*Help create fun memories of Junior High for your child!*

**Junior High Winter Formal**

**Friday, December 15, 2023, 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**"Dress to Impress but don't Stress!"**

**\$20 Tickets; Purchased in Advance: DJ and Desserts are included!**

Tickets go on sale in the cafeteria Monday, November 27  
The deadline for purchasing tickets is Friday, December 1  
ALL TICKETS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCED

*We are always looking for donations of water, Gatorade, or Shoprite gift cards.  
All proceeds of the student council go to charities and the students here at KRHS  
so every penny helps!*

If you have any questions, please email Mr. Chiariello at [rchiarie@krhs.net](mailto:rchiarie@krhs.net)

## KRHS Green Team Needs Your Help

Paige DeCaro, Josie Nuzzo, and Charlie Lindo have taken up the task of getting the Kittatinny Cougars back on track with recycling. Their end goal would be to have us composting to use in the Cougar green house to serve fresh veggies to our school.

They began by researching both online and by talking with KRHS staff. Did you know the top three items found in landfills are:

- Food 21.9 percent
- Plastics 19.2 percent
- Paper 13.1 percent

So these three industrious students are reminding us of the three R's:

- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle

Items we can recycle:

- 1) Commingled Plastics: Plastic containers #1, #2, and #5 as well as glass, aluminum cans, tin, and steel
- 2) Cardboard: Pizza boxes, brown bags, and chipboard
- 3) Mixed Fiber: Chipboard such as cereal boxes, office paper, magazines, catalogs, and paperback books
- 4) Rigid Plastics: Laundry basket
- 5) Newspaper

Items that are not recyclable:

- Plastic bags
- Polystyrene
- Non-recyclable sign
- Clothing materials

Phase one has begun with collecting donations of old five gallon pails such as old spackle buckets. If you have a pail to donate, please reach out to Mr. Chamberlin.

Let's start to reduce and reuse Kittatinny.





## Blanket Drive

KRHS will be holding its annual Miller/Mein blanket drive from now until Friday, Dec. 15th. You can drop off any new or gently used blanket, comforter etc. to Mr. Joyce in B-16 until this date. Blankets will be distributed to various shelters in the tri-state area to help those who are less fortunate. Contact Mr. Joyce with any questions!

## Winter Coat Drive

The Student Council is teaming up with Project Self Sufficiency in the 8th Annual Winter Coat Drive. All sizes are needed, both NEW and gently used are welcome. Monetary donations towards a coat can be given to Ms. Bitondo. Coats will be collected in the Library over the next six weeks. Please help keep our community warm during this holiday season.



## Discover Universal Technical Institute

Hello HS Parents,

Mr. DeMartini is planning on taking a group of students to the Universal Technical Institute (Bloomfield, NJ campus) on December 13th. The bus leaves at 7:45am and we will return at 2:00pm. The following programs are offered at UTI:

Automotive  
NASCAR  
Diesel  
Motorcycle  
Marine  
Collision Repair  
CNC Machining  
Welding

If you think your child is interested in any of these areas as a potential career or if you just want to see what UTI is all about, please have them sign up with Mr. DeMartini. He will only be taking the first 30 students to sign up. The sign-up sheet will be on his office door with permission slips.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. DeMartini at ext. 1240.





# You are invited to PBC's Girls' Leadership Weekend



Sat. December 2 -  
Sun. December 3  
2023

Princeton-Blairstown Center  
158 Millbrook Road  
Blairstown, NJ 07825

Enjoy a weekend of fun and leadership at the beautiful  
Princeton-Blairstown Center.

Girls ages 11-14 learn to build confidence, overcome fears, and  
work cooperatively through engaging activities  
on the challenge course and high ropes.

**Girl Scout Troops -  
Complete Badge  
Requirements!**

\$75 per participant/\$50 per adult  
All Inclusive



PLEASE NOTE: All participants must be accompanied  
by an adult for the weekend.



For more information or to register, Contact Pat Karl,  
pkarl@princetonblairstown.org 908.362.6765 x1



# Lifeguards Wanted!

Basic Lifeguard Certification Required

Contact Todd VanOrden, Athletic Director

[tvanorde@krhs.net](mailto:tvanorde@krhs.net)

Kittatinny Regional High School

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Dell, Lenovo, HP Chromebook	Cost of insurance	OR	Replacement cost without insurance
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	Unlimited Claims, 0 Deductibles		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: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Mandatory): \_\_\_\_\_ \*Unit Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Policy Documents are emailed)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**1.888.978.3515**

**Mail a check with this form to:**  
School Device Coverage  
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Westlake Village, CA 91362

- Checks need to be payable to: School Device Coverage
- Payments cannot be made over the phone

**Simple Claims Process:**  
Go to <https://schooldevicecoverage.com/login> to log into your account and file a claim.

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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	<a href="https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/naep/">https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/naep/</a>
PSAT 9	March 5, 2024 Grade 9	<a href="https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9">https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9</a>
NJPGA (ELA, Math)	March 11-15, 2024 (makeups March 18 - 22, 2024) Grade 11	<a href="https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/">https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/</a>
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	<a href="https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/sites/default/files/documents/StateBonusItems/Parent_Brochure.pdf">https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/sites/default/files/documents/StateBonusItems/Parent_Brochure.pdf</a>
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.	<a href="https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/">https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/</a>
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	<a href="https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/">https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/</a>  <a href="https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/resources/district/unit_test_times.shtml">https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/resources/district/unit_test_times.shtml</a>

## New School Store Items Available Online

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



SCAN TO SHOP



VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
[TWENTYFOURINK.COM/COLLECTIONS/KRHS](http://TWENTYFOURINK.COM/COLLECTIONS/KRHS)

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

## Important Upcoming Dates

- November 22: Noon Dismissal
- November 23 & 24: Thanksgiving Break SCHOOL CLOSED
- November 30: Noon Dismissal
- November 30: Parent-Teacher Conferences

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