



KITTATINNY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

WEEK OF: December 16, 2024

Announcements



KRHS will be closed December 23-January 1.
Have a safe and happy Holiday!

The Winners are in!

Congratulations to the following KRHS winners of the Center for Prevention and Counseling's "What's Your Anti-Drug?" Contest:

- Ethan Dalling (Grade 12)
- Addison Emma (Grade 10)
- Madison House (Grade 7)
- Emma McEvilly (Grade 9)
- Brianna Strada (Grade 10)

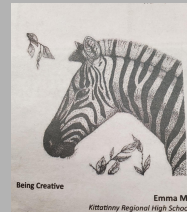
Their entries were featured in the NJ Herald!



My dog
Ethan D.
Kittatinny Regional High School



Encouraging for being Drug Smart!
Cheerleading
Addison E.
Kittatinny Regional High School



Being Creative
Emma M.
Kittatinny Regional High School



Creating artwork. Making family proud.
Madison H.
Kittatinny Regional High School



My Pig I raise pigs for 4-H
Brianna S.
Kittatinny Regional High School



Blanket Drive 2024

This year, we collected 91 blankets to help those in need! Thank you for continuing to support this annual tradition.



High School News

LMTI Recieves Coalition Award

On December 13, 2024, our LMTI chapter attended the Coalition Appreciation Breakfast, an event bringing together stakeholders who support the Center for Prevention. Among the attendees were the county prosecutor, members of the Sparta Police Department, a DEA officer, and other distinguished guests. During the event, our students delivered a presentation highlighting the initiatives we undertake as a school to create positive change in our community. I am thrilled to share that these nine students represented Kittatinny Regional High School with exceptional pride and professionalism. During their presentation, they received the award for community outreach.



Interact Club Spreading Holiday Cheer

Kittatinny's Interact Club was busy this past month helping various organizations get ready for the holiday season. Several members helped create 24 blankets that were donated by Kittatinny Education Association Pride, for kids that are in various local shelters. The blankets were given to the Samaritan Inn, located in Swartwood, who will give them out to the kids this holiday. Also, the Interact Club held their annual Toy Drive to help Project Self-Sufficiency, in Newton, raise toys for their Holiday Toy Giveaway, for families in need. They collected 95 toys, of which nearly 50 of those toys were purchased by the Interact Club from the funds they raised this year. Mrs. Kaminsky's Sociology class and some members of the Interact Club went to Walmart and picked out the toys that they thought the kids would like.



Guidance News

FAFSA Completion Night at KRHS

We are excited to invite you and your student to our FAFSA Completion Night at Kittatinny, which will take place on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Media Center. This event is an opportunity for families to receive hands-on assistance in completing the FAFSA application, a critical step in accessing financial aid for college.

Please note, the completion of the FAFSA is now a graduation requirement per the State of New Jersey. However, parents can request a waiver for this graduation requirement (if not already done) by completing the attached waiver and returning it to the Guidance Office.

To ensure you are fully prepared for this workshop, please complete the following steps by Thursday, January 23, 2025:

1. Complete this [Registration Form](#) by January 23, 2025
2. Create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID
3. Both the student and a parent/guardian need to create an FSA ID at studentaid.gov at least 3-5 days before completing the FAFSA application.
 - If you already have an FSA ID and password, please bring this information with you to the workshop.
 - For a tutorial on creating an FSA ID, visit [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=811111111111).

Additionally, please bring the following items with you to the workshop:

- 2023 federal tax return and schedules
- W-2 forms
- Personal Information: Knowledge of your parent's or spouse's names, dates of birth, and Social Security Numbers (to set them up as "contributors" on the FAFSA form).
- Account Balances: Balances for checking, savings, and any investment accounts (e.g., CDs or 529 Plans) for both the student and the contributors (retirement accounts are not needed).
- Child Support Details: Amount of child support your family received from January through December 2024.
- Real Estate Information: If you own property other than your primary residence or rent out part of your primary residence, bring the current market value and the principal mortgage balance of your investment property.
- Business or Farm Value: If applicable, bring the current market value minus any outstanding mortgage balance or debt against the business or farm.

We look forward to seeing you at FAFSA Completion Night and helping your family take this important step toward securing financial aid for college. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Guidance Office at (973) 383 1800 ext. 1200.

[Waiver Form](#)

We're excited to announce a new partnership between Kittatinny and Varsity Tutors, extending from now until June 30, 2030! This collaboration is designed to provide students, educators, and parents with a wealth of resources to support academic growth and success.

Through Varsity Tutors' comprehensive platform, the Kittatinny students will have access to:

- 24/7 On-Demand Chat Tutoring
- On-Demand Essay Review
- Live Enrichment and Remediation Classes
- SAT and ACT Test Prep Classes
- Self-Study Resources
- College & Career Readiness Resources
- Adaptive Assessments & Personalized Learning Plans
- Recorded Enrichment Classes

Getting Started

Students can access the Varsity Tutors platform by logging in with their Kittatinny email. To access the platform via the Kittatinny website:

1. Visit www.krhs.net.
2. Click on "Students" then "Student Resources" then "Links"
3. "Varsity Tutors" is listed at the bottom of the page

Students can also directly access the platform [here](#).

This innovative platform combines interactive study tools, collaborative workspaces, and dynamic tutoring options to ensure students are equipped with the resources they need for success now and in the future.

Spring 2025 SAT Prep Course

Kittatinny is offering a five week course to help prepare students for the SAT. This is a great opportunity to increase students' understanding of the test by preparing them with practice essay questions and math problems. Please, see attached flyer for more details and to register (if you cannot open the attachment on your phone, please use a computer). The deadline to register is January 10, 2025 with classes beginning on January 21.

[Registration Form](#)

2025-26 FAFSA is Open for New Applications

Good news! FAFSA 2025-26 has just opened for students and parent contributors.

[FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid](#)

www.studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa

or just www.fafsa.gov

Sussex County Community College offers free FAFSA workshops. Click the link below to register for upcoming workshops.

<https://www.sussex.edu/admissions/paying-for-college/financial-aid/fafsa-workshops/>

Sussex County
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FREE FAFSA WORKSHOPS

We're here to help you apply for your FAFSA for the 2025-26 Academic year.

WEDNESDAYS, 6 PM | ADMINISTRATION BLDG, B315

The student and parent completing the FAFSA must attend. Sign up by visiting sussex.edu/fafsa-workshops.

New! Student and parent must create a FSA ID 3-5 days prior to completing the FAFSA application at studentaid.gov. If you already have a FSA ID and Password, bring it with you to the workshop. For a tutorial on how to create a FSA ID, visit [youtube.com/watch?v=Pitb_aIQBVc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pitb_aIQBVc) (QR Code below)

Bring all income documents with you

- 2023 federal tax return/schedules
- W-2 forms
- Know your parent's or spouse's names, date of birth and Social Security Numbers as you will be setting them up as "contributors" on the FAFSA form.
- Know the balances for checking, savings, and any investment accounts such as CD's or 529 Plans for you and your contributors. No retirement accounts are necessary.
- Know the amount of child support your family received between January and December of 2024.
- If you own property in addition to your primary residence or rent out part of your primary residence you will need to know the current market value and current principal mortgage balance on your investment property.
- If you have a business or farm you will need to know the current market value minus any outstanding principal mortgage balance or debt against the business or farm.

VISIT FAFSA
WORKSHOP PAGE ▶



WATCH YOUTUBE
TUTORIAL ▶



CONTACT SCCC'S
FINANCIAL AID
OFFICE: 973-300-2225

Cougar Athletics

Boys Basketball Apparel

If anyone would like to purchase some KRHS Boys Basketball gear, the link is below

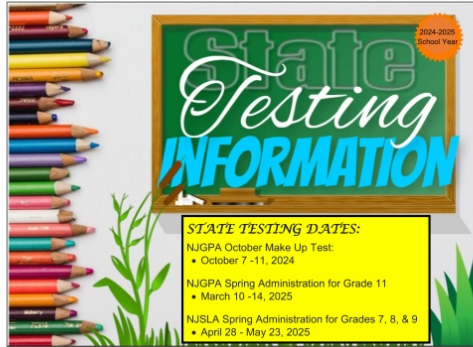
Boys Basketball
Apparel

Newton-Kittatinny Girls Wrestling Apparel

Please check out the Newton Kittatinny Girls Wrestling apparel link below.

Wrestling
Apparel

24.25 Testing Information



RESOURCES:

- <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-tests/>
- <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-tests/english/>
- <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-tests/math/>
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- <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/resources/reporting/ELAPerformanceLevelDescriptorsGrades3-HighSchool.pdf>
- https://www.nj.gov/education/standards/math/docs/2016NJSLA-M_K-12.pdf
- <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/resources/reporting/MathPerformanceLevelDescriptorsGrades6-8.pdf>
- <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/resources/reporting/MathPerformanceLevelDescriptorsHighSchool.pdf>
- <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/tutorial/>
- <https://nj-results.pearsonaccessnext.com/login>
- https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/resources/reporting/New%20Jersey%20Parent%20Portal%20User%20Guide_20200707.pdf

Pearson Support

Business Office News

1) PaySchools Central is the District's online payment system for applying funds to your child's lunch account and/or to pay a school fee. You still have the option to send in a check or cash.

2) Voluntary Student Accident Insurance will aid in covering your child's medical expenses should an accident occur. There are different plans available depending on what coverage you are seeking.

Please review and reach out to the Business Office should you have any questions.

PaySchools Information

Student Accident Insurance

Fundraisers

Support The KRHS Green Team In Expanding Recycling Efforts

gofund.me/h5ea3673

Scan the QR code to donate



Scan to donate



KRHS Student Council Fundraiser



Wish your favorite KRHS student or staff member

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

on the marquee message board in front of KRHS!

Donation: \$15

Your Name:	(first)	(last)
Your Phone Number:		
Name of Birthday Person:	(first)	(last)
Name to be posted on the marquee:	(Full name? Nickname? First name only?)	
Birthdate of Birthday Person:		Is this a half birthday? Y / N

Details: Birthday wishes for current KRHS students and staff only. Birthday wishes will be posted each Friday and will run for at least 7 days. Birthdays will be confirmed prior to posting. Summer birthday? No problem- Do a half birthday! Cash or checks accepted. Make checks payable to KRHS. Submit orders to Ms. Bitondo's school mailbox or mail to:

Kittatinny Regional HS
 Attn: Dana Bitondo
 77 Halsey Rd . Newton, NJ 07860

[Order Form](#)

KRHS Weight Room Fundraiser

SCAN TO SHOP



KRHS WEIGHT ROOM FUNDRAISER

online ordering
all year round



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

TWENTYFOURINK.COM/COLLECTIONS/KITTATINNY-WEIGHT-ROOM

Community Events



Camporees

FAIRVIEW LAKE YMCA CAMPS

1035 FAIRVIEW LAKE RD
NEWTON, NJ 07860

**JAN
3-5
&
JAN
10-12**

INFO:

Let's hear it for the Girls! We're hosting two winter experiences in nature for girls of all ages! We'll have something for everyone at camp. Groups are paired with specialized staff to facilitate your programming. We can also accommodate individual Parent/Daughter registrations.

Arrive:

Friday Evening, after 6pm (evening snack provided)

Depart:

Sunday Morning, before Lunch.

Price:

Friday-Sunday: \$180, Saturday Only: \$97

You'll be staying in our year-round cabins, which have heat, bathrooms, and bunk beds for everyone. Meals and snacks are served in our dining hall, and we'll have plenty of indoor and outdoor activities for you to try.

BADGE WORK:

Grades K-1:

Camper, Trail Adventure, Snow or Climbing Adventure, Eco Learner, Outdoor Art

Grades 2-3:

Camping, Dance, Eco Friend, First Aid, Friendship, Hiking, Games, Outdoor Art, Outdoor Adventure, Scientist, Snow or Climbing Adventure, Snacks, Senses

Grades 4-5:

Camping, Outdoor Art, First Aid, Geocaching, Habitats, Leave-No-Trace, Writing, Snow or Climbing Adventure

Grades 6-8:

Animal Husbandry, Archery, Camping, First Aid, Hiking, Leave-No-Trace, Night Programs, Outdoor Art, Outdoor Games, Snow or Climbing Adventure, Woodworking

Grades 9-10:

Adventurer, Explorer, First Aid, Games, Sky Studies, Textile Arts

Grades 11-12:

First Aid, Outdoor Art, Outdoor Challenge

REGISTRATION:

**LEARN MORE & REGISTER AT
WWW.FAIRVIEWLAKEYMCA.ORG/CAMPOREE**

Not a School Sponsored Event

Optical Academy is Coming to KRHS!

The KEA is hosting an Optical Academy event on Jan. 13, 2025, to coincide with the "Community Awareness Night" event. Optical Academy will be set up in the old weight room just outside the HS gym, to provide eye exams, contact lens fittings, and/or eyeglasses. They work with all insurance plans and offer a self-pay option. A flyer is attached, and the link below must be used to sign up for the event, which is open to all local residents. We need a minimum of 50 people signed up in order for Optical Academy to come.

Based on the number of eye exams and eyewear sales from this event, Optical Academy will donate free exams and free eyewear to KRHS community members in need.

OPTICAL ACADEMY

KITTATINNY REGIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION VISION DAY!

<https://optical-academy.com/events/kittatinnny-regional-education-association>

Monday, January 13th 2025
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

To Register:
Use Link or Scan QR Code Below

EYE EXAMS \$30
CONTACT LENS FITTING
ADD \$30

EYEWEAR STARTING
AT \$29 FRAME &
LENSES

WE ACCEPT ALL INSURANCES!

1-800-530-2730 www.Optical-Academy.com

[Optical Academy Sign-Up Link](#)

Reminders

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 2024-2025 school year. If the obligation is not met 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 Eriemann, x1550 (IT Department): Technology fee
April Orozco, x1440: Athletic fee
Cindy Bizik, x1290: All other fees

Free & Reduced Lunch Application 24.25

Click [here](#) for information regarding the Federal Free and Reduced lunch information, along with the application.

If you do not qualify for *Federal* Free and Reduced lunch, you may qualify under the *State of New Jersey Working Class Families Anti-Hunger Act*.

You do not need to complete an application if you received a letter via US Mail stating you have already qualified.

Applications are due back as soon as possible.



No Aerosols and Perfumes Please

It is important that our students do not bring aerosols and perfumes to school, as we have people in the building as well as students who have asthma and may be affected by the spraying of such products. Thanks for your understanding.

Chromebook Insurance

SCHOOL DEVICE COVERAGE

Insurance for Your School Issued Device

Accidental Damage, Loss, Theft | No Deductible | No Hidden Fees | No Waiting Period For Claims



Student Device Insurance Coverage: Purchases can be made before or during the coverage term during open enrollment. Coverage is active from the start of the term August 1, 2024 until July 31, 2025.

Purchases made after the start of the term will be covered from the date of purchase until July 31, 2025

Does not cover accessories, unless specified. Coverage excludes known damage/losses which are present at the time of purchase. If you are paying via credit card or PayPal, there is a 4% processing fee

Insurance Premium

Device	Replacement cost Without Insurance	Insurance Cost
Dell Chromebook	\$330.00	\$25.00

Scan QR to sign up!



Kittatinny Regional School District

Student Name: _____ School: _____

Grade Level: _____ Parent Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email (Mandatory): _____ Unit Serial Number: _____
(Policy Documents are emailed)

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Sign Up Online Now at schooldevicecoverage.com or Mail a Check to the Address Below!

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Westlake Village, CA 91362

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[Printable Form](#)

New School Store Items Available Online

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

KRHS SCHOOL STORE
online ordering

SCAN TO SHOP



VISIT OUR WEBSITE
TWENTYFOURINK.COM/COLLECTIONS/KRHS



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

Important Upcoming Dates

December 20: Noon Dismissal
December 23-January 1: Holiday Recess

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[\[www.krhs.net\]](http://www.krhs.net)



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