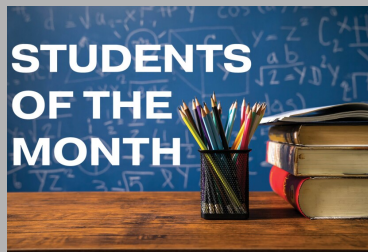




# KITTATINNY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

WEEK OF: January 2, 2025

## Announcements



Congratulations to the following December Students of the Month:

Extracurricular Students of the Month: Tyler Coombs, Emily Wallace

Academic Students of the Month: Gabriel Galione, Ciara Hurley, Billy Jackson, Frank Korszoloski, Allia Reiley-Bitter, Jaden Roberts, Naila Watley

Fine Arts Students of the Month: Sophia Belardo, Marissa Roberti

Most Motivated Student of the Month: Jared Begraft

I Have Cougar Pride Students of the Month: Alexis Holland, Nia Johnson, Ava McMullan, William Wallace, Vincent Zaruba

Student Athletes of the Month: Jonathan Kern, Quinn Wydner

### Optical Academy Event Canceled

The Optical Academy vision event scheduled for 1/13/25 is canceled, as we did not meet the minimum number of appointments. The Community Awareness Night (health education for 12th grade students) event on that date WILL be held as scheduled.

### Kittatinny Adult School, Spring 2025

Kittatinny Adult School will be offering evening classes beginning March 3, 2025. The Kittatinny Adult School brochure is attached for your convenience and can also be viewed on Kittatinny's website @ [krhs.net](http://krhs.net) on the home page under News & Announcements or on the Community Links tab, then click on Adult School. The mail-in registration form can be printed out for the following classes:

- Body Sculpting
- Expressing Yourself with Watercolors
- Investments and Creating Retirement Income

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

[Brochure](#)

## High School News

### Jr. High News

#### Cougar CAT Award

Congratulations to the following Junior High students who received a CAT award (Caring and Thoughtfulness) Award for the month of December. Sometime during the course of



each month, faculty members will nominate a student(s) they have observed doing something that was caring or thoughtful for someone else. Thank you to the following students for making a positive influence on those around you each and every day here at Kittatinny.

Zoey Graham  
Thomas Moschberger  
Lily Swanson

### PAW Program

Congratulations to the following Junior High students who received a PAW (Positive Attitude Winner) for the month of December. The PAW Program allows teachers to nominate students as many times as they wish when they witness positive actions occurring in their classrooms.



Chloe Bello  
Blair Carter  
Jack Maring  
Emma Oskirko  
Angelica Osorio  
Liam Parada  
Kaiden Persaud  
Derek Then

## Guidance News



Check out January's Scholarship Newsletter!

[January Scholarship Newsletter](#)

### 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](https://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](#).

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](#)

### Kittatinny Partners with Varsity Tutors

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](http://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/fafsa](http://www.studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa)

or just [www.fafsa.gov](http://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](http://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](http://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=Pttb\\_aIQBVc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pttb_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](#)

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

Wrestling  
Apparel

## 24.25 Testing Information

**STATE TESTING DATES:**

- NJGPA October Make Up Test:
  - October 7 -11, 2024
- NJGPA Spring Administration for Grade 11
  - March 10 -14, 2025
- NJSLA Spring Administration for Grades 7, 8, & 9
  - April 28 - May 23, 2025

**RESOURCES:**

- <https://nj.mypersonsupport.com/practice-tests/>
- <https://nj.mypersonsupport.com/practice-tests/english/>
- <https://nj.mypersonsupport.com/practice-tests/math/>
- <https://nj.mypersonsupport.com/practice-tests/science/>
- <https://nj.mypersonsupport.com/practice-tests/njgpa-english/>
- <https://nj.mypersonsupport.com/practice-tests/>
- <https://www.nj.gov/education/standards/ela/index.shtml>
- <https://nj.mypersonsupport.com/resources/reporting/ELAPerformanceLevelDescriptorsGrades3-HighSchool.pdf>
- [https://www.nj.gov/education/standards/math/Docs/2016NJSLA-M\\_K-12.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/education/standards/math/Docs/2016NJSLA-M_K-12.pdf)
- <https://nj.mypersonsupport.com/resources/reporting/MathPerformanceLevelDescriptorsGrades6-8.pdf>
- <https://nj.mypersonsupport.com/resources/reporting/MathPerformanceLevelDescriptorsHighSchool.pdf>
- <https://nj.mypersonsupport.com/tutorial/>
- <https://nj-results.pearsonaccessnext.com/login>
- [https://nj.mypersonsupport.com/resources/reporting/New%20Jersey%20Parent%20Portal%20User%20Guide\\_20200707.pdf](https://nj.mypersonsupport.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

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



online ordering  
all year round

24  
KRHS WEIGHT ROOM  
FUNDRAISER



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[TWENTYFOURINK.COM/COLLECTIONS/KITTATINNY-WEIGHT-ROOM](http://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](http://WWW.FAIRVIEWLAKEYMCA.ORG/CAMPOREE)**

Not a School Sponsored Event

## 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](http://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](http://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 Erlenmann, 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



## 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](https://schooldevicecoverage.com) or Mail a Check to the Address Below!

#### Customer Service

888.978.3515  
support@schooldevicecoverage.com

**Create Account & Purchase**  
schooldevicecoverage.com/signup

#### Claims

schooldevicecoverage.com/login

#### Mail a check with this form to:

School Device Coverage  
3390 Auto Mall Drive  
Westlake Village, CA 91362

Please make your check payable to School Device Coverage. Mail must be postmarked prior to close of open enrollment.

#### We also accept



License #0661972 U-PIC Insurance Services, Inc. All rights reserved. School Device Coverage is a trademark of U-PIC Insurance Services, Inc. Coverage is underwritten by an A (Excellent) rating from A.M. Best.

[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](https://www.krhs.net/collextions/krhs)



[Click here to shop the new collection or scan the QR Code above](#)

## Important Upcoming Dates

January 13: Community Awareness Night 6pm  
 January 17: Close of MP 2  
 January 20: MLK Jr. Day - School Closed  
 January 29: MP 2 Grades Available on Portals

KITTATINNY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL |  
[\[www.krhs.net\]](http://www.krhs.net)



