

Wappingers Crew Club

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Dear Donor,

I am a proud member of the Wappingers Crew team, beginning our 18th year as a club sport. The team is comprised of students from Roy C. Ketcham and John Jay High Schools, Van Wyck and Wappingers Junior High schools. The Wappingers Crew Club Varsity Girls placed 1st multiple times in scrimmages this past season while the Varsity Boys placed 7th overall in the State Championships.

On Sunday February 27th, 2022 I'll participate in the Wappingers Crew Club team rowing fundraiser, the Erg-A-Thon. My teammates and I will gather at Poughkeepsie Galleria, center court, where we'll set out on stationary rowing machines, called ergometers, to row a combined total of 600,000 meters... in just

six hours! Our last Erg-A-Thon, my teammates rowed 495,000 meters or 300 miles.

The Wappingers Crew Club is a parent run and funded club operating within the Wappingers Central School District for the benefit of Wappingers Central School Students. The club was established in 2004 by a group of parents dedicated to providing students within the Wappingers Central School District the opportunity to participate in the historic sport of rowing.

As a parent sponsored school club we do not receive any financial assistance from WCSD. Crew parents cover a majority of the costs in the form of annual rower's fees.

We are currently fundraising to cover operating expenses such as; boat house rental in the newly constructed HRRA boat house, US Rowing dues, insurance, boat maintenance and repairs, travel and regatta fees. We also have a goal to purchase new equipment such as; boats and new oars.

Our athletes are looking forward to working hard and being competitive in their eighteenth season, Spring 2022. Any donations or financial support from you will help us achieve our goals and is greatly appreciated. These donations are tax deductible as we are a non-profit tax-exempt club.

At this year's Erg-a-thon, I am personally pledge to row up to 10,000 meters (over 6 miles) to help meet the fundraising challenge. I'm asking you to sponsor me. Your tax-deductible sponsorship will bring our team that much closer to our Erg-A-Thon goal of \$6,500.

Please join us as an Erg-A-Thon sponsor. Your gift of any amount is appreciated. You can also go to our web site <u>www.wappingerscrewclub.org</u> which is a great way to follow our activities throughout the season. On behalf of all of us at Wappingers Crew Club, thank you for your support!

Sincerely,