



# New Paltz Central High School

## NEWS SHEET

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March 2016

A Smoke Free Campus

Dear Parents / Guardians:

Once again, the weather seems to dominate discussions throughout the community and in the schools. The winter sports season finished with temperatures in the 50s and spring sports have begun with temperatures in the mid 60s. Everyone is outside! And of course, everyone wants to know, "What happens to the Snow Days?" (Details are posted on the district website.)

In addition to the weather and sports, March is "Music in Our Schools" month with concerts, festivals and our musical production of "Fiddler on the Roof". Many of our students participate in these events and all are enjoyed by our community. Please check the High School website for details.

And academically, Seniors are making post secondary plans and students in grades 9-11 are exploring the many options available to them as they plan for the next academic year. It is indeed a busy time.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 256-4100.

Sincerely,

Barbara P. Clinton  
Principal



On February 24th, New Paltz High School students Alexandra Jaccone, Ariana Crimi and Cameron Miller were three of fifteen Pre-University/New Visions Advanced Robotics and Health students who shared the progress on designing and manufacturing of a robotic therapy device to aid stroke and traumatic brain injury patients suffering from hand paralysis. The project is part of a \$10,000 Lemelson-MIT grant created to inspire young people to solve real-world problems through invention.

The students have created a prosthetic hand to test an exoskeleton glove they are engineering and building under the direction of Advanced Robotics instructor Mark Harris and Dr. Mustafa Khan, a neurologist with the Lebanon VA Medical Center in Pennsylvania. The Ulster BOCES Lemelson/MIT InvenTeam, as they are called, demonstrated their prototype and presented their findings to a group of approximately 100 family members, friends, faculty, staff and the local business community.



### Congratulations

Congratulations to Olivia Profaci who won 3 gold and 4 silver medals in the Scholastic Arts Awards.

Congratulations to Teddy Chazkel who wrestled his way to a 6th place in the NYS Division 2 Wrestling Championships in the 182 lb. weight class.

Congratulations to Jordan Nagel who placed 4th in the NY State Nordic Skiing "Skate" Race.

Congratulations to the following Winter Sports teams who have earned the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete team award: Girls Nordic Ski—96.418%, Boys Basketball—93.473%, Boys Nordic Ski—93.263%, Girls Basketball—90.097%, Boys Swim—90.052% and Wrestling—90.010%.

Congratulations to Seamus Trzewik-Quinn who placed 9th in the 200 individual medley and 6th in the 100 backstroke at the NY State Swimming Championships.

Congratulations to Carlos Cuellar, Kenneth Diaz and Alegandra Guzman who have been chosen to represent the Hudson Valley in Albany at the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leader Institute. It is the fifth year in a row that NPHS students have been selected.

The IAABO Hudson Valley Board #114 (local boys basketball officials association) selected New Paltz High School to receive the 2015-2016 Sportsmanship Award. The award is voted on by their membership and given to one school in either Ulster or Dutchess counties. Congratulations to our coaches, players, students and fans on being selected.

**All AP exam fees are due by March 18th.**

If you wish to support the district initiative to go paperless, please sign onto the Parent Portal at <http://ps.newpaltz.k12.ny.us> and click on the "Paperless" icon.

**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**



## Upcoming Events

March 11-12

All-County Band Festival—UCCC

March 14

PTSA Meeting—6:15 p.m.

Parent/Teacher Conferences— 7 -9 p.m.  
(by appointment only)

March 15

Fed Challenge— NYC

March 16

Board of Education meeting—7 p.m.

March 17-19

Spring Musical—*Fiddler on the Roof*  
7:30 p.m. and 2

p.m. matinee on 3/19

March 21-28

Spring Recess



April 1

All-County Orchestra Festival-UCCC

April 8

Snow date for All-County Festivals-  
UCCC

Junior Prom— Anthony's Pier 9 -  
7 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

April 15

Physics trip to Six Flags

May 2-13

AP Exams

May 17

Budget Vote—6 a.m.-9 p.m.-Gym

Art Show—5:30 p.m.

Spring Concert—7:30 p.m.-Auditorium

June 6

Student Recognition Night—7 p.m.

June 24

Graduation—6 p.m.



### HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE

At our high school website [www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us](http://www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us) you can access the Guidance web pages to keep informed about career information, college advisement, community service suggestions, pre-college checklist, senior calendar, scholarship bulletins, college related upcoming events, etc. Athletic events are online at our high school website: [www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us](http://www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us) or [ociaa.oubores.org](http://ociaa.oubores.org) or you may listen to them by calling the SPORTS HOTLINE at: (845) 256-4045. This HOTLINE is updated regularly with information pertaining to games, meets and, if necessary, cancellations and re-scheduling.

### SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND DELAYS

In addition to listening to the radio, you can find the closings/delays online at [cancellations.COM](http://cancellations.COM), as well as on our district website, [www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us](http://www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us) after 6:00 a.m. You can still call our weather hotline at 256-4099 which is updated at 5:45 a.m.

## Did You Know ?

From The Nurse:

Add more fruits and vegetables to your diet. Several studies have shown we aren't eating enough produce. Here are some tips to increase your intake of fruits and vegetables:

Cut fruit and vegetables up and put them on your counter or where you can see them.

Serve green salad with dinner.

Add a fruit or vegetable to foods you like.

Make a point to try a fruit or vegetable that you've never eaten before.



### Local Architect Visits High School

A local architect, Kim Hoover, met with Suzan Brassard's Design and Drawing for Production class recently. Ms. Hoover, who designs both commercial and residential spaces, shared her experiences in terms of becoming and working as an architect. The students were inspired by her beautiful designs as they begin working on their own computer-assisted designs.



On Friday, March 4th, the guidance department took students on a campus tour of the University of Massachusetts Amherst. They started off in a typical UMASS classroom, and learned the structural set up of the academic schedule, along with a number of anecdotes from the informative tour guide. They went to the library, recreation center, dormitories, and ate at the Berkshire dining hall (their campus food is ranked #2 in the country!). UMASS is known for its hospitality and tourism program, but has over 90 majors to choose from. Students enjoyed the opportunity to experience the culture of a large university campus.

School Counselors are currently doing their annual review (scheduling) meetings with students in grades 9,10, and 11. If you haven't received notification of when your child's meeting is please call the guidance office at 256-4120.

**Revision: The first snow day to be returned will be Monday, March 28, 2016.**



The Annual Spring Eel Count on the Black Creek will begin on Wednesday, March 30th and each following Wednesday through April. The eel count is a fun way to take part in a Citizen Science program that helps students understand more about the eels and the habitat we share with them. Students will meet local researchers in the field and earn community service. Students leave the high school at 2:30 p.m. and return in time to take the athletic bus home at 5:00 p.m.. Anyone interested should see Mr. Ulrich.

**Please check the high school website for updated information.**

### PTSA NEWS

*Everyone—parents, educators, students and community members—  
is invited to join our PTSA!*

*The next PTSA meeting is Monday, March 14th at 6:15 p.m.  
in the High School library*

*If you have any questions, please contact  
Stephanie Baker at [stfbk@hvc.rr.com](mailto:stfbk@hvc.rr.com)*



New Paltz High School...caring, connecting, and making a difference™

Mission Statement: To become a community of learners that emphasizes mutual respect and responsibility in which everyone realizes his or her potential.