



# New Paltz Central High School

## NEWS SHEET

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March 2019

*A Smoke Free Campus*

Dear Parents/Guardians:

*It's March, the sun is out and the snow is giving way to spring flowers! Seniors are planning their post-secondary experiences and students in grades 9-11 are selecting their courses for the 2019-20 school year. This year the students will complete the scheduling process on-line. Guidance counselors have reviewed course offerings with the students, and introduced the new format. Counselors also will be available to answer any questions and assist students throughout the process. Additional information on the scheduling process is posted on the Guidance website, please feel free to review.*

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

*And...*

*Congratulations to the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the Class of 2019:*

*Valedictorian—Claire Deen Taylor*

*Salutatorian—Elijah Tamarchenko*

*Sincerely,*

*Barbara P. Clinton  
Principal*



### Congratulations

Congratulations to the NPHS Science Olympiad Team on their performance Saturday, February 9th at the Science Olympiad at John Jay High School. The team competed against students from 30 other schools.

The following students won medals in their events: Elijah Tamarchenko—1st in Circuit Lab; Elijah Tamarchenko, Luciano Crimi, and Kazu Shimada—3rd in Code Busters; Elijah Tamarchenko and Luciano Crimi—3rd in Fermi Questions; Alex Coenen—3rd in Water Quality; Hope Nitza and Elijah Tamarchenko—1st in Write It Do It; and Maia Rose and Jonah Nidorf—4th in Write It Do It.

Congratulations to Carlos Rodriguez-Murcia who will be representing New Paltz High School and Ulster County as a delegate to the Hispanic Youth Leadership Conference in Albany, N. Y. March 8th through March 10th. Carlos will participate as a youth representative at the New York State Assembly where he will be debating four bills currently being discussed as possible New York State laws affecting the Latino population in our state. He will have attended five training sessions during the winter to qualify for this event.

As part of their Anatomy & Physiology class at NPHS, twenty-eight students trained and earned the highest level of certification for Basic Life Support CPR for adults, children and infants. The training included clearing obstructed airways and use of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to reverse cardiac arrest.

### NPHS Mathletes

Three of our four Mathletes teams qualified for Sectionals at Vassar College on March 13th! Also, five students qualified for the prestigious State Meet held in Middletown on April 6th. Those five students are Jaden Thomas-Markarian (ranked 1st out of more than 500 students), Mason Eyler, Claire Taylor, Noah Kalus and Elijah Tamarchenko.

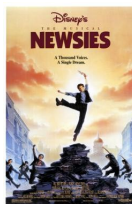
Congratulations to Leo Kuyl who is the NYSPHSAA State 100 meter Freestyle Swimming Champion.

### Blood Drive at New Paltz High School

The New Paltz High School chapter of the National Honor Society is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, April 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Community members are welcome after 2:30 p.m.

### Newsies comes to New Paltz

The big headline for April is “Newsies” is coming to New Paltz High School! This Disney musical is based on an actual news strike in New York City during the summer of 1899. Organized by the newsboys who hawked the papers on street corners, the strike spread and virtually closed down the city. Although it only lasted 2 weeks, it inspired other newsies across the country to take a stand helping the country to come to terms with child labor practices. Besides a strong story line, the show has incredible music, featuring our talented dancers and singers. Well known songs include “Santa Fe”, “Seize the Day”, “And the World Will Know”, “I’m the King of New York” and “Carrying the Banner”. The cast of 55 features Andrew Geher as Jack, Kiah Saxe as Katherine, Maddy Leitner as Davey, Christina Rust as Medda, James Hyland as Race, Trevor Crofton as Pulitzer, Alina Gorney as Les, Ryan Kelso as Albert, and Emily Barbato as “Specs”. The curtain goes up April 4th, 5th, and 6th at 7:30 p.m. with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on April 6th. For ticket info and reservations, call our ticket hotline at 256-4111 (after March 1st). Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for Senior Citizens and students. Matinee seats are all \$10. Reservations are strongly suggested.



# Upcoming Events

## March 7

Scholarship Concert—7:30 p.m.

## March 8-9

HS All-County Band Festival-  
SUNY Ulster

## March 12

Parent/Teacher Conferences—7-9 pm  
(By Appointment only)

## March 13

Board of Education meeting—7 pm

## March 15

Full day of classes for NPHS students

## March 17

St. Patrick's Day



## March 19

Festival of Winds at SUNY Ulster

## March 19-21

PTSA sponsored Book Fair

## March 22

Full day of classes for NPHS students

## March 22-23

Snow dates for All-County Choral and  
Band Festivals—SUNY Ulster

## April 2

Blood Drive- 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

(general public is welcome after 2:20 p.m.)

## April 4-6

Spring Musical- "Newsies" - 7:30 p.m.

## April 6

Matinee performance of "Newsies"- 2 p.m.

## April 9

College & Career Night—6:30 p.m.

## April 10

Choir Trip to NYC

## April 15-18

Spring Recess—NO SCHOOL

## April 22

Superintendent's Conference Day-  
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

## April 26

Junior Prom- the Chateau, Kingston  
6:30 p.m.—11:30 p.m.

## April 30

Senior Citizens Dinner

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

### 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.

### New Paltz Students Travel to Skidmore College Performance

On Saturday, February 23rd, New Paltz High School Band students traveled to Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York to participate in the Skidmore Wind and Brass Festival.

Students took on challenging performance tasks in small, student-led chamber groups. Participating students received chamber music coachings from Skidmore Faculty, joined college students in the Festival Concert Band, and performed in the acoustically-tuned Helen Filene Ladd Concert Hall at Arthur Zankel Music Center. Additionally, individual students qualified for master classes with professional musicians on the Skidmore faculty.

The Grand Finale featured New Paltz High School students and director Sam Newsome joining the Festival Concert Band in performing with the Windscape Quintet, an elite New York City-based professional woodwind quintet.



### NPHS HS Band Students Learn From the Composer of Their Music

Band students at New Paltz High School will have the opportunity to work with Dutch composer and giant of the wind band world Johan De Meij in rehearsal. On Tuesday March 19th, band students will travel to SUNY Ulster to participate in a band festival hosted by the music department at the college's Quimby Theater.

De Meij will listen to, inspire, teach and encourage New Paltz High School Band students as they perform a movement from his work, "Symphony No. 1—The Lord of the Rings". Students will observe other high school bands and have the opportunity to enjoy a meal at SUNY Ulster before appearing in concert at 7:30 p.m. with the SUNY Ulster Wind Ensemble, a select audition-only ensemble featuring a number of New Paltz High School students.

### NPHS Peer Leadership Child Care

On Friday, March 22nd from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., NPHS Peer Leadership is providing child care for children K-6th to give parents a little break. The cost is \$15 for the first child, \$12 for each additional child. There will be crafts, games, a movie and group activities run by the Peer Leadership members. Pizza, juice and water will be served. (If allergies are a concern, please bring your own food!) Please RSVP by Thursday, March 21st at [NewPaltzPeerEducation@gmail.com](mailto:NewPaltzPeerEducation@gmail.com) or call Shanna Magnifico at (845)-256-4100. All proceeds will be donated to senior scholarships and Peer Leadership.

### PTSA NEWS

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

*The next PTSA meeting is Thursday, April 25th at 2:45 p.m. at the High School*

*If you have any questions, please contact  
Reneé Falanga-Brenner at [rfbadvocacy@gmail.com](mailto:rfbadvocacy@gmail.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.*