

# N P H S F R I D A Y M E S S A G E

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES

December 6, 2024



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Happy Friday NPHS Families,

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration in ensuring the eligibility of our students. Your partnership has been essential in helping us maintain a smooth process, and we truly appreciate your attention to these important details.

Ineligibility will be checked again before the Winter Break. Students failing 2 or more classes and students with persisting unexcused tardies and absences are included on the list. Students who are on the list for a second time for the 2024-25 school year will not be eligible for a contract. These students will remain ineligible until the end of the 2nd Quarter.

There are many teachers that stay after school for extra assistance. Please see the After School Academic Support Schedule on the Student Support Webpage for further details. Please contact your school counselor to get further assistance.

*Principal Simms and Assistant Principal Schneck*

# Important Dates

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**December 12- HS Winter Concert @ 7:00 pm**  
**December 13 End of 15-week marking period**

## Around NPHS

### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

NPHS Band Student (and All State French Horn Musician!) Sam Hollman was in Boston, Mass. yesterday for the TubaChristmas event. His father Eric was kind enough to serve as photographer and caught this great picture of Sam in action with a 90-year old Baritone provided by a friend!

Sam is one of 16 NPHS Students who will be performing at the ORIGINAL and BIGGEST TubaChristmas event at Rockefeller Center next Sunday. Approximately 10 of these students actually play other instruments, and LEARNED baritone for the event. Way to go Band, and thank you for your hard work! - Mr. Newsome



## VISITING ARTIST

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Today, New Paltz High School had the honor of hosting award-winning and nationally recognized artist and illustrator Bryan Collier!

Bryan gave two inspiring presentations, sharing his journey as a professional artist, the techniques behind his breathtaking illustrations, and the meaningful themes in his work, including social justice, family, and historical figures. Students also enjoyed a Q&A session, gaining valuable insights into his creative process and career.

A heartfelt thank you to Social Studies teacher James Gill and the New Paltz Foundation for Student Enhancement for bringing this unforgettable experience to our school! -Ms. Urrico



## MICROGRANT AWARDEES

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The NPCSD Foundation for Student Enhancement recently announced the winners of the Fall 2024 Microgrant Program, which is designed to support student research at New Paltz High School. These microgrants provide up to \$200 towards individual research projects.

We are proud to congratulate the following students for their successful applications:

1. Wendy Zao
2. Cora Shuryn
3. Joseph Birnbaum





# MUSIC

On November 23rd, twenty-one NPHS Students had the honor of participating in the NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) Zone 9 Area All-State Festival. These students were selected as the top musicians in Zone 9, which consists of Ulster, Orange, Sullivan, Greene, and Rockland Counties. We are so proud of their hard work and musicianship!

Congratulations to Abbie Adams, Emily Bishop, Josh Cotter, Amelia Crisafi, Charlie DePoala, Sam DePoala, Nafi Diedhiou, JP Fabella, Ethan Faure, Jack Gates, Loyal Goodermote, Moira Goudy, Sam Hollman, Lukas Kallio, Finn Lochard, Wren Willow MacDonald, Lily Nocito, Marco Todaro, Savannah Trinkle, Jenna Vasquez, and Anya Weinstein. -Ms. Foti





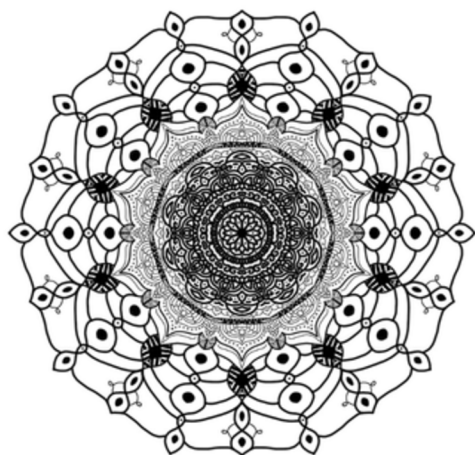
# MEDIA ARTS

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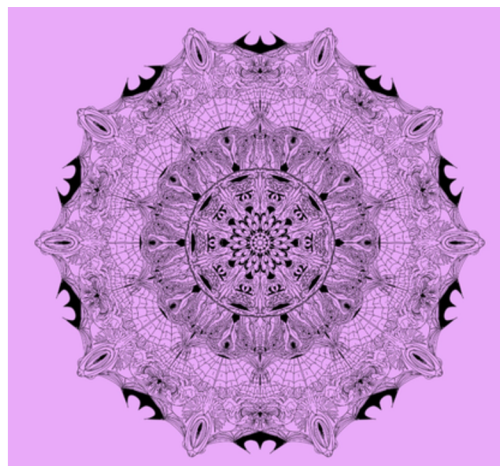
Intro to Media Arts students are learning about Balance and Symmetry while creating a collection of hand drawn Mandalas. [Check out this link to student work samples!](#) Students used Adobe Photoshop painting and drawing tools in combination with "Wacom" drawing tablet pads funded by the New Paltz Foundation for Student Enhancement.

Check out these samples from Computer Graphics students of 2D-3D cartoon renderings students have been busy creating.... Can you name the show? [check out this link to more student samples](#)

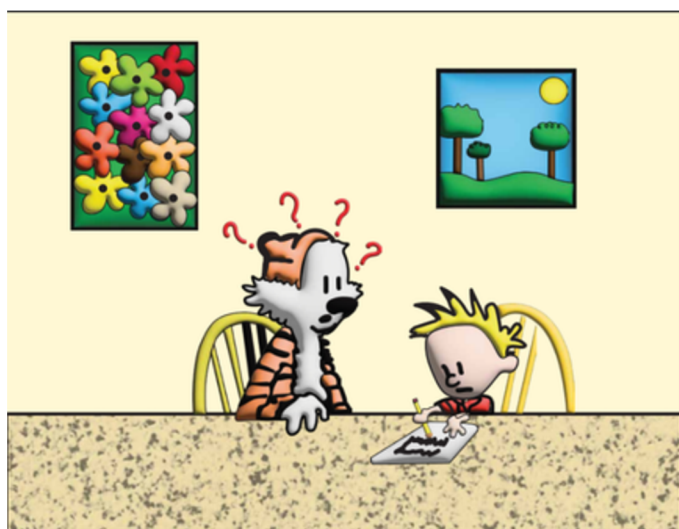
-Mr. Woods



FRANCESCA CUILLA



LIJAH DREHER-JACOBOWITZ



ROHAN KENNEY



MARIO TIBERIA

# ATHLETICS

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Dylan Friedman found a new running partner at the Federation XC Meet this past weekend at Bowdoin Park.

The Federation race includes runners from all NY High schools (private, city, Catholic, etc...). that qualify from previous races.

In the girls race there were 283 runners-Dylan placed a solid 61st. Congratulations on a fantastic season! -Coach Gregory



*Congratulations*





## SENIORS

Cap & Gown Order: Snow Date  
Jostens will be here on Wednesday,  
December 11th during block 3 to take cap  
and gown orders paid for with cash or  
check. They will have a table in the lobby  
by the gymnasium.

Reminder: if paying for the order with a  
credit/debit card, orders must be placed  
online. Please visit the senior class google  
classroom or the senior class website for  
the link.

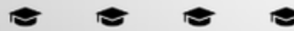
-Ms. Maseo



**New Paltz SENIORS!!!**  
We will be at your school on:  
~~Thursday Dec 5<sup>th</sup>~~ during lunch!  
**Dec. 11th**



- Scan this code on your phone to place your order online. Or go to Jostens.com, choose your school, click: Shop Grad, scroll down this page, click: Shop All Grad.
- If you want a cap/gown/tassel only, scroll down the page past the packages and you will see just the cap/gown/tassel unit.
- All cap/gown pkgs contain a tassel, so there is no need to add a tassel to your order unless you want a second tassel!
- If you need to pay by cash/check, paper packets are available in the office. Fill out the order form and bring with payment to our table on December 5<sup>th</sup>.



**Special offer for seniors only!**

Want to get your cap/gown/tassel FREE?  
Order a Class Ring!  
All Seniors who order a class ring during senior  
year receive their cap/gown/tassel for FREE!

Scan this code to design your ring now! Then just  
let us know on ordering day or by letting us know  
at the email below that you bought a class ring!  
Give us your name, height, and weight and we will  
take care of the rest! FREE!  
Ring must be purchased during senior year.



Questions? Contact Jamie or Cheryl  
203 453 9000 Jamie.hagness@jostens.com



COME JOIN US  
FOR A

# PENGUIN Party

**December 13th, 5:00-8:00**

KIDS K-5TH ARE WELCOME! \$35 FOR FIRST  
CHILD, \$20 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD

**FUNDED BY PEER LEADERSHIP**

Movie, crafts, gym activities, games and more!  
Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be served as well  
(If there are allergies, please let us  
know and/or bring your own food)

Questions? Email Shannan Magnetico  
SMAGNETICO@NEWPALTZ.K12.NY.US  
PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 11TH  
USING THE QR CODE BELOW!

\*All proceeds will go toward the Teen a La Carte and  
Peer Leadership Club Scholarships\*

**The PTSA supports a variety of events & activities including:**

- Scholarships for Graduating Seniors
- Orientation and Open House
- HS Staff & Transportation Appreciation
- Graduation Reception
- Field Trips
- College Planning & Parent Education Events
- Social Emotional & Wellness Activities

**Join & Donate**

**Volunteer**

**Connect**

**2024-2025 Meeting Schedule**  
All meetings take place at 6pm in the HS Library

Wednesday, 9/25/24  
Wednesday, 11/13/24  
Wednesday, 1/8/25  
Wednesday, 3/12/25  
Thursday, 5/8/25

*The NPHS PTSA aims to strengthen the connections between  
students, parents, the community and schools.*