

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

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES

January 10, 2025



Happy Friday NPHS Families,

We have made a couple of changes to our Regents and Midterm Schedule. Please see the revised schedule below.

During Regents week class will not be in session. Only students who have a Regents Exam, Midterm Exam, or those who need to complete seat time for excessive absences will be in attendance. BOCES classes will not be in session. We will have a modified bus schedule to accommodate morning and afternoon exams. Students who are testing should report to the building well before their exam is administered.

As it will be the week before the end of the semester we encourage students to schedule time to meet with their teachers if necessary.

*Principal Simms*

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## January 2025- Midterm and NYS Regents Exams

	Tues, Jan 21	Wed, Jan 22	Thurs, Jan 23	Fri, Jan 24
<p><b>AM EXAMS</b></p> <p><u><a href="#">Students can meet with individual teachers by appointment to complete assignments throughout the week.</a></u></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Regents ELA -8:00-11:00</a></u></p> <p><b>Midterms</b> 8:15-10:15</p> <p>ELA 9 and 10 ELA SC 9 AP Lit</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Regents Geometry US History -8:00-11:00</a></u></p> <p><b>Midterms</b> 8:15-10:15</p> <p>AP European History Global 9 Global 9 SC Global 10 AP Stats</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Regents Global -8:00-11:00</a></u></p> <p><b>Midterms</b> 8:15-10:15</p> <p>Geometry/ Geometry A AP Calculus Algebra 2</p> <p>Make-up Day/Conflict Day</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Regents Living Environment 11:00-2:00</a></u></p> <p><b>Make-up/Conflict Day</b> -Students with excessive absences will be in attendance as per the District Policy.</p>
<p><b>PM EXAMS</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Regents Earth Science &amp; Chemistry 11:00-2:00</a></u></p> <p><b>Midterms</b> 11:00-1:00</p> <p>English 101 AP Language Biology</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Regents Algebra 1 11:00-2:00</a></u></p> <p>US History APUSH Algebra 1 AP Bio</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Regents Algebra 2 11:00-2:00</a></u></p> <p><b>Midterms</b> 11:00-1:00</p> <p>Physics 101/102 APES AP Psychology Chemistry</p>	<p>Tues-Fri - Mid-day bus run available for all students. Contact transportation for pick-up times.</p> <p>Lunch and breakfast will be available each day.</p>

# Important Dates

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January 20- Holiday-Martin Luther King Jr. Day (school is closed)

January 21-24: Regents/Midterms Week (see below for more information)

January 29- Holiday- Lunar New Year (school is closed)

January 31st- End of First Semester

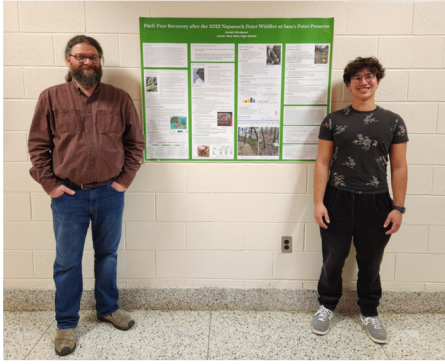
## Around NPHS

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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Each year, following winter break, our PE classes participate in a 2 week international dance unit. The focus of the unit is to expose students to various celebratory dances from around the world. We emphasize dances that we know they will see at some point in their adult lives. The dances we covered this year included the Hora, Kolo, D'Hammerschmiedsgselln, Virginia Reel, and Jerusalem. We strive to create an inclusive environment that the students feel safe learning new dances in with the hope that when they are presented with the opportunity to dance later in life, they dance the dance. -Mr. Tegeler, Mr. Vance, Mr. Norcross





*Congratulations!*

## **Nation's Top 300 Teen Scientists Selected for Achievements in STEM Innovation and Leadership in Nation's Oldest and Most Prestigious High School Competition** January 8, 2025

Regeneron Science Talent Search Sees Record Number of Applicants; \$1.2 Million to be Awarded to Nation's Most Promising Young Scientists and Their Schools  
WASHINGTON, D.C. (Jan. 8, 2025) – Society for Science (the Society) today announced the top 300 scholars in the Regeneron Science Talent Search 2025, the nation's oldest and most prestigious science and math competition for high school seniors. The 300 scholars will be awarded \$2,000 each and their schools will be awarded \$2,000 for each enrolled scholar.

The Regeneron Science Talent Search scholars were selected from nearly 2,500 entrants from 795 high schools across 48 states, American Samoa, Guam, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and 14 other countries. US citizens living abroad are eligible to apply.

Scholars were chosen based on their outstanding research, leadership skills, community involvement, commitment to academics, creativity in asking scientific questions and exceptional promise as STEM leaders demonstrated through the submission of their original, independent research projects, essays and recommendations. The 300 scholars hail from 200 American and international high schools in 33 states, Washington D.C., China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Switzerland.   
-(excerpt from: <https://www.societyforscience.org/press-release/300-teen-scientists-selected-as-regeneron-sts-2025-scholars/>)

**Joseph Birnbaum**, a senior in our Science Research program, was named as a scholar in the Regeneron Science Talent Search competition for his research paper titled, "The Effects of Wildfire Intensity on the Regeneration of *Pinus rigida* Mill. on the Shawangunk Ridge". Joe's project successfully identified strategies for protecting the dwarf pitch pine, an endangered tree found only in the Shawangunks and the New Jersey Pine barrens. Joe will receive a \$2000 award and the NPHS Science Research Program will receive \$2000 as well.

Congratulation to Joseph and his teacher Mr. Ulrich!

# MUSIC

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2024 NPHS Graduate Jacob Alma visited Band students in class on Thursday and spoke about daily life, class schedules, and challenges as a first year college student and music major at SUNY Fredonia. Jake is now majoring in Sound Recording Technology at Fredonia, a program which has generated Grammy-winning Recording Engineers who have worked with artists including Taylor Swift, Olivia Rodrigo, and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Thank you for your time and expertise, Jake!



# ART

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Art students took a field trip to The Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center at Vassar College on Tuesday. Advanced Drawing and Painting and AP Studio Art Students were able to view and respond to various works with a docent as well as do field research for their various in class endeavors. - Ms. Pountain

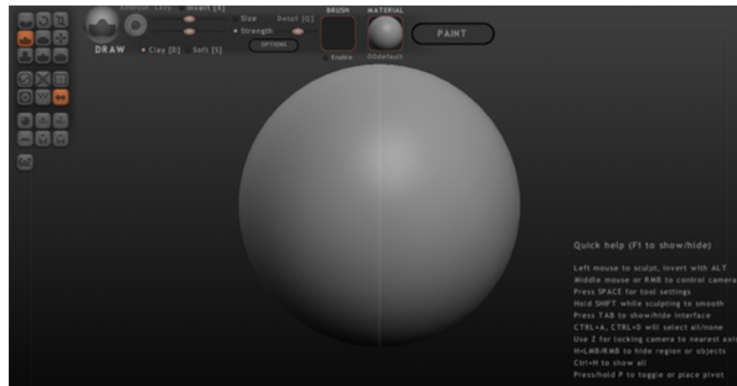


# MEDIA ARTS

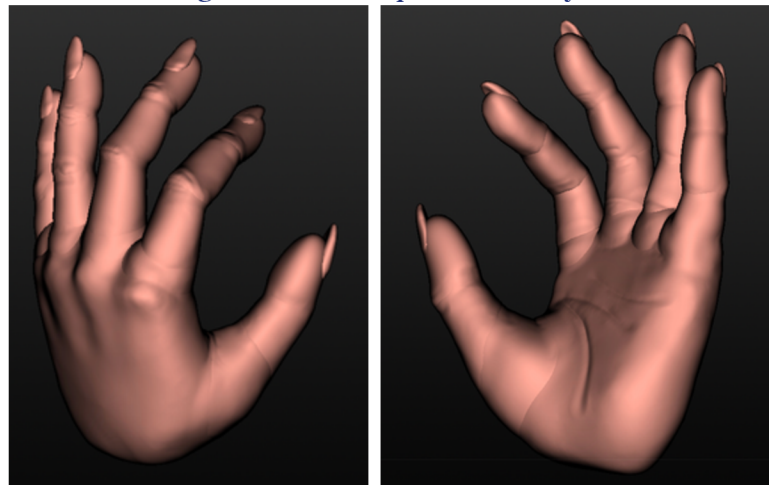
Students in Computer Graphics are working in Sculptris, a virtual clay modeling program and quickly becoming skilled at creating complex forms.

Check their work out [HERE](#) after only **TWO DAYS** of learning the program.

All work starts with a ball of virtual clay like this



and students turn it into this amazing work- example from Leyla Tranter !



Advanced Film in Video students have new show productions airing daily on the NPZ Morning Show.

This week had the premier of both Teacher Games (Izzy Loyer and Jiho Son) and No Place For Late Work. (Calvin Maher and Steven Hunlock)

-Mr. Woods

