

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

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES

January 31, 2025



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*Goodbye First Semester and Hello Second Semester! We are moving toward the latter portion of our school year. Over the past few weeks I have witnessed our students working hard to do well in their courses. It is never too late to refocus and strategize. As always, we are all here to help you succeed.*

*I acknowledge the emotional state of our families, students and staff in the wake of many changes in the world around us. Know that every staff member is here to support all of our students. In the days and weeks to come we are planning a number of informational forums to give the most up to date information and resources.*

*All of our students regardless of class, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and/or immigration status are important individuals in our school community. Our commitment will continuously be to our students. We have support staff available to meet with students who are in need of a space to share their feelings or ask questions.*

*In Peace,*

*Principal Simms*

# Important Dates

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January 31 End of Second Quarter

All County Jazz Band Festival @ Highland

February 1 All County Jazz Band Festival @ Highland

February 7 Report Card Distribution

February 17 Holiday-Presidents Day

## Around NPHS

### ASIAN CULTURE CLUB

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THE ASIAN CULTURE CLUB KICKED OFF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WITH THE ENTIRE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.



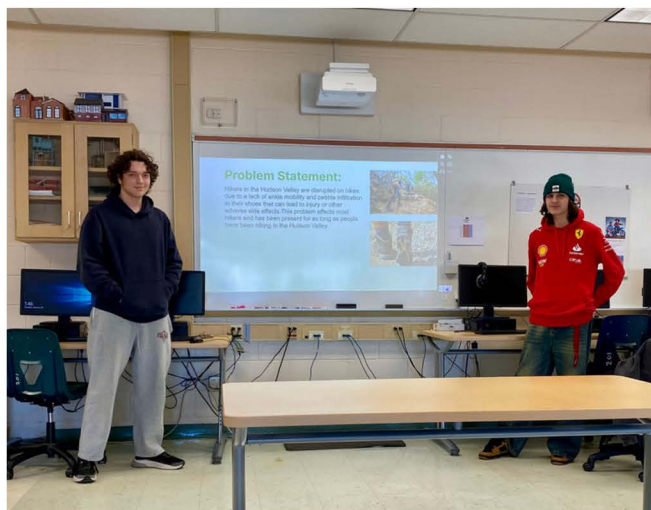
# PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT

New Paltz Village Mayor Tim Rogers spoke to the Participation in Government classes this week. He spoke about his responsibilities and actions taken as Mayor. In particular he spoke about water and sewer, the building of bike lanes and the possibility of combining the village and town of New Paltz governments. He listened and spoke to student presentations on affordable housing, carpooling, climate initiatives and parking concerns in the village. His insights showed the students what can be done by acting locally while thinking globally. -Mr. Gill



# ENGINEERING AND DESIGN

The PLTW Engineering Design and Development (EDD) class presented their Project Proposals this week. In this open-ended project class, the students work in teams to solve real-world problems of their own choosing. We are excited to move on to the next phases of the design process: developing solutions and prototyping. -Ms. Ma-Passadetti



# Senior Recognition



Logan Brown, Aiden Caso-Sabon, Luke Dunphy, Hunter Holmes, Keirnan Saxe, Garrett Thompson,

## PARENT CORNER

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New Paltz High School has joined the Screenagers platform for this school year. In the fall before Open House, there was a parent screening of Screenagers. We are using this program to help address some of the enduring issues in the high school such as the impact of social media on mental health and vaping. Screenagers offers a weekly Tuesday Podcast for parents. -Ms. Schneck-Suma

To learn more about this program use the following link:  
<https://www.screenagersmovie.com/resources>

# IMPORTANT INFO

## Coaching Vacancies

<https://www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us/Page/46>

**Modified Boys Track & Field**  
**Modified Girls Track & Field**  
**Varsity Boys Tennis**  
**Modified Boys Tennis**  
**Modified A Girls Lacrosse**  
**Modified Softball**



Please contact Greg Warren, Director of Health, Physical Education, & Athletics:  
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The NPCSD Foundation for Student Enhancement  
is proud to announce:

## Student Microgrants!

### Info:

Request up to \$200 towards research projects  
Spring Application Deadline: February 28, 2025

### Eligibility:

New Paltz High School student (9-12 grade)  
Requires a teacher supervisor  
One application per year per student

### Great resource for:

Research-related purchases (equipment, supplies, etc.)  
Research-related travel (conference fees, transportation, etc.)  
Independent study projects  
Senior projects

### TO APPLY:

[npschoolfoundation.org/studentmicrogrants](https://npschoolfoundation.org/studentmicrogrants)  
Questions? [info@npschoolfoundation.org](mailto:info@npschoolfoundation.org)

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## Yearbook!!!

**You can now order your 2025 Yearbook directly on the New Paltz High School Homepage!!**

**Click the direct link under announcements!**

**The yearbook website is also updated and active.... You can find it in the "Clubs" tab on the High School Homepage!!**

**Please check often for submission deadlines and information!!**

**Thank you!**

**Ms. McKenna & Ms. Hewitt**

## College Application Assistance for Juniors