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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES

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Happy Friday NPHS Families,



Before summer vacation ended I got an email from a senior, Maeve Eisenhandler. Maeve wanted to propose the idea of seniors painting their parking spots. Our meeting was set for the first week of school. Maeve had hopes of recreating what she had seen done at other High Schools, as she is an athlete who often plays at different schools. Let me tell you..., she came to the meeting prepared with a capital P. She had a copy of a proposed application, an example of requirements, a list of rules that must be followed to maintain a spot, painting guidelines, including ranges of disciplinary action and/or revocation of privileges. I could not keep a smile off my face. She was thorough... I explained to her that I would share the idea with the Director of Facilities and the District Office to see if the proposal would be approved. Thankfully she was given the green light. I asked her to form a committee of peers so we could meet to develop the finer details of the proposal.

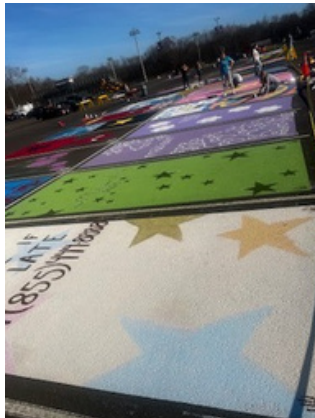
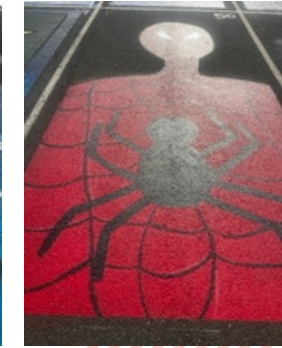
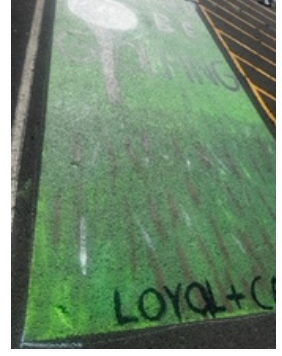
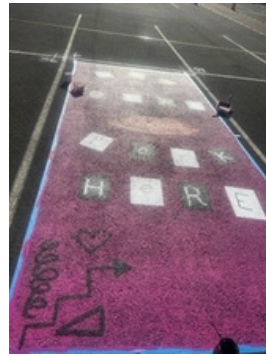
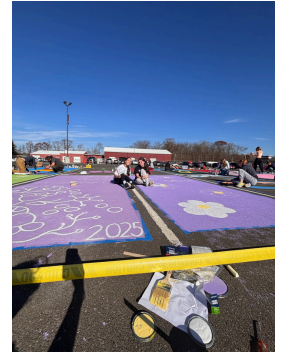
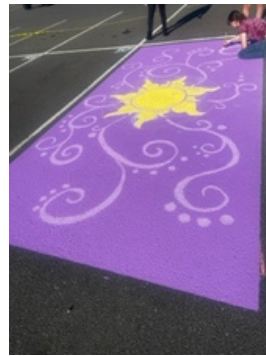
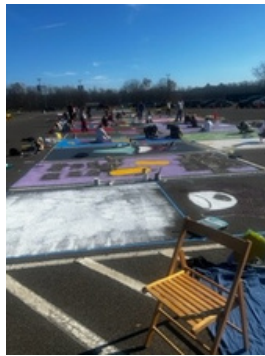
A few weeks later her committee was ready to go. A final revision of the application was made and the committee was fully in charge of copies, advertising and the initial review of all proposed sketches. Overall, more than 40 applications were approved and on November 5th students were geared up to paint their spots. That morning I headed to the parking lot since I knew a system needed to be in place to keep things orderly. By 8:45 am, Maeve and her team were already set up with a table and laptop and copies of the sketches. They were in the process of assigning spaces and answering questions. I stood back in ultimate delight. I was watching the realization of a student-led initiative unfold right before my eyes. Pure admiration. Many younger students stopped to admire the work being done and were inspired by the fact that one day, they too will be able to paint their spots at the high school. I hope more students seek to take charge in contributing to the spirit and essence of our school community. I invite you all to stop by when the parking lot is empty to take a look at the fantastic paintings. Here is to a new tradition, one that truly captures the artistic talents of our students and community.

Bravo!

Principal Simms

The Committee

Maeve Eisenhandler
Benjamin Gorney
Sidney Mayers
Ella Murphy
Ella Pons
Nina Rogers
Alaura Sheeley
Kate Suchowiecki



Important Dates

November 18- JV/U Winter Sports begin

November 19- Parent Teacher Conferences 6:00-8:00 pm

November 20- Picture-retake Day for Underclassmen

November 25- Variety Show 7:00 pm

November 27-29 Holiday-Thanksgiving break

December 12- HS Winter Concert @ 7:00 pm

Around NPHS

MATHLETES

Our math teams are having a great season so far (and having great fun, too)! At this week's meet, with teams from Kingston, Rondout, Red Hook, and Saugerties, our A team took first place! Congrats to all the Mathletes!



COLLEGE VISITS

College	Representative	Date
Manhattan University	Evelyn Orellana	Wed November 20, 2024
Ulster County Community College	Christine Castellana	Thu November 21, 2024
Lincoln Technical Institute-East Windsor	Michael Vetar	Fri November 22, 2024

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT



The Ulster County Prevention Council will be at New Paltz High School on 11/19 during parent teacher conferences to present their Hidden in Plain Sight program.

Hidden in Plain Sight (HIPS) is an interactive program from the Ulster Prevention Council that aims to help parents identify potential hazards for their teenagers:

What it is

- HIPS is a workshop that educates participants about current drug trends, how to spot items in a teen's bedroom that could indicate at-risk behavior, and how to conceal substances.

Who it's for

- HIPS is designed for parents and community members.

How it's delivered

- HIPS is delivered through an exhibit and guided by HIPS certified educators. Participants are encouraged to look for items in a mock bedroom.



DRAMA CLUB PERFORMANCE



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAST AND CREW OF *TRAP* ON A MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCE. THANKS TO MS. NANCY OWEN FOR HER WORK WITH OUR STUDENTS. THERE ARE TWO MORE SHOWINGS SO PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT.

Abbie Adams, Emily Bishop, Sonora Brigagliano, Aether Burke, Francesca Ciulla, Haylee Coddington, Amelia Crisafi, Audrey Cuddire, Lillian Culpepper, Nafi Diedhiou, Sam DePoala, Gala Dixey, JP Fabella, Julia Fetherolf, Logan Fillette, Hailey Fisher, Dylan Freer, Zoe Gelber, Moira Goudy, Sawyer Ivchenko, India Jaynes, Cady Kubart, Finn Lochard, Paige Lucchesi, Calvin Maher, Suki McNair, Bentley McNulty, Lizzie Mitais, CJ Newell, Ellie O'Rourke, Tenzen Pelkyi, Megan Peters, Sam Pitt, Josh Quinn, Tierney Reed, Josh Ridenour, Sandra Rodriguez, Audrey Shannon, Della Sheridan, Noah Solano, Clea Spring, Marco Todaro, Sarah Wolrab, Stella Zigouras

CHOIR

On Friday, November 8th, members of the NPHS Choir attended a "Music Major for a Day" event at SUNY New Paltz. The students began their day participating in a fun and engaging Choral Workshop with Dr. John Wilson, Director of Choral Activities at SUNY. Dr. Wilson taught our Choir students a song, and they were able to sing with members of the SUNY New Paltz Choir. Throughout the rest of the event, the students attended college music classes like Conducting, Improvisation, Music Therapy, Finding a Career in Music, Chamber Jazz, and Audition Prep. Two of our NPHS Seniors, Amelia Crisafi and Charlie DePoala, had the opportunity to perform their own college audition pieces in the Audition Prep class. They received valuable feedback from their peers and SUNY New Paltz faculty. The day ended with our students performing the song they learned earlier in the day, and a Q&A with SUNY students and faculty. -Ms. Foti



ATHLETICS



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW PALTZ GIRLS VARSITY SWIM TEAM ON THEIR THIRD CONSECUTIVE OCIAA LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP!

Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Swim team on their outstanding performance at the Section IX Championship last weekend! Their medley relay finished 1st with a state qualifying time.

Maya Pizzarello was 2nd in the 200 freestyle.

Chloe Gaffney tied for 5th in the 200 IM.

Kate Suchowiecki was 3rd in the 50 free with a state qualifying time and Maggie Ziegler was 10th.

Maron Bruntil was 13th in the 100 fly and Alaura Sheeley was 8th.

Kate Suchowiecki was 4th in the 100 freestyle and bettered her state qualifying time.

Maya Pizzarello was 2nd in the 500 freestyle and Chloe Gaffney was 9th.

Our 200 freestyle relay was 6th overall.

Josephine Laurie was 2nd in the 100 backstroke and Emma Domitrovits was 14th.

Alaura Sheeley was the section 9 champion in the 100 breaststroke.

Our 400 freestyle relay was 6th overall.

They ended the day as a team, 2nd overall with 241.5 points, only 13 behind the 1st place winner.

Maron Bruntil, Josephine Laurie, Alaura Sheeley, and Kate Suchowiecki will be representing New Paltz Varsity Girls Swim at the state championship on the 22nd and 23rd in Webster NY!

- Ms. Manning

Congratulations

Good luck to Dylan Friedman as she competes in the Varsity Girls Cross Country State Championship this weekend!

- Ms. Manning



Congratulations to Caesar Baker and Luc Saguilan for making the Varsity Boys Soccer All-Class A team!

Congratulations to Annika Walsh for making the Varsity Girls Soccer All-Section 9 team, and to Malana Douglas, Lyla Laffin, Leah Schamberg, and Annika Walsh for making the All-Class A team!

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VARIETY SHOW



Get your acts together New Paltz High School! The Class of 2025 will be hosting the Variety Show on Monday, November 25th at 6:30 PM. Anything goes at the Variety Show - sing, dance, magic, make us laugh... Applications have been emailed to all students and posted in the grade level Google Classrooms.

Variety Show Important Dates:

Applications Due: Friday, November 8th 2:30 PM

Screening Time Assigned: Monday, November 11th by 5:30 PM


Screenings: Tuesday, November 12th 2:25-4:00 PM in Room 264

First Rehearsal: Friday, November 22nd 2:30-5:30 PM NPBS Auditorium

Dress Rehearsal: Sunday, November 24th 3:00-6:00 PM NPBS Auditorium

Variety Show: Monday, November 25th 6:30 PM in the HS Auditorium

-Ms. Maseo






Fall Picture Retake Day is Coming!

School Name: New Paltz High School
Picture Day Date: Wednesday, November 20
Picture Day ID: EVTXDCGBK

ACTION REQUIRED: CONFIRM PICTURE DAY DETAILS

Questions? Contact your Lifetouch Representative.



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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 NPBS PTSA aims to strengthen the connections between students, parents, the community and schools.

