

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

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES

November 22, 2024



Happy Friday NPFS Families,

We will be starting our after school help sessions on Monday, November 25. There is a late bus pick up at 3:30 pm for student who participate. Sessions are open to all students. Please see the schedule below.

*Principal Simms*

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Teacher	Room #	Day	Subject
Ms. Abdelrahman	210	Thursday	Algebra 1, Algebra A
Mr. Davis	202A	Monday	History (all students are welcome regardless of subject or grade level)
Mrs. Dudek	203	Thursday	Social Studies, English, Biology
Mrs. Foti	182	Monday-Friday 7:00-7:45 am	Choir Review- Area All-State, All-State, NYSSMA
Mr. Gomez	209	Monday, Tuesday	Biology & Chemistry
Mrs. Kurzban	135	Thursday	Algebra 1, 2, Algebra 2A
Mr. Paley	205	Wednesday, Thursday	Algebra, Algebra 2, Geometry, Calc (AP or Intro), Statistics
Mrs. Russolello	207	Tuesday, Thursday	Geometry, Algebra 2
Mr. Shanley	136	Tuesday, Wednesday	Geometry, Algebra, College Algebra
Ms. Stewart	137	Monday, Thursday	AP Calc., Intro to Calc., Algebra 2A
Mr. Vasquez	Library	Wednesday	Algebra 1, Bio, Earth Science, Geometry

# PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



Starting Wednesday November 6th, African American people all over the country received targeted, anonymous text messages of a racist character. Additionally, Monday this week, another group of text messages went out around the country to Hispanic people and members of the LGBTQ, community. The African American messages contained threats of forced relocation and enslavement, while the messages to Hispanic people and members of the LGBTQ community threatened deportation and forced re-education.

This kind of harassment has caught the attention of police agencies across the country and even the FBI, as Hate Speech is a crime, especially when disseminated across state lines. Unfortunately, some of our own students here at New Paltz High School were targeted by these messages. As administrators and teachers here, we are appalled by the nature of these threats, we reject the intent behind them. All students here at New Paltz should feel welcome and safe, that is a critical part of the work that we are doing here.

We are standing together representing our community values, on behalf of parents, students, teachers, administrators, and support staff. If at any time, as students you feel harassed or distressed by any kind of message of this sort, please know that there are adults here in the building that are here for you, and that this community is endeavoring to live up to our stated values.

The Video Link can be found here: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fSSr8L27-S\\_w7qUBYGZH\\_GGXfhDhmYyI/view?usp=drive\\_web](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fSSr8L27-S_w7qUBYGZH_GGXfhDhmYyI/view?usp=drive_web)

Credits:

Inspired by Students of Color Alliance (SOCA)

Written by Mr. Cook

Filmed by Mr. Woods

Edited by Mikey Bauer; Intro to Film And Video student

Voiced by Our School Community



# Important Dates

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- November 25- Variety Show 6:30 pm
- November 27-29 Holiday-Thanksgiving break
- December 12- HS Winter Concert @ 7:00 pm
- December 13 End of 15-week marking period

## Around NPHS

### HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

The interactive training was in partnership with the Ulster Prevention Council, and was open to parents at NPHS. A mock teen bedroom with a number of different drug stash items, items that reference drug culture, and items that indicate self-harm, were created for training participants to walk through, explore, and try to decipher possible drug paraphernalia. After a chance to explore the room, The Ulster County Prevention Council representatives were present to have discussion with parents and staff that attended our parent teacher conferences on Tuesday Night.

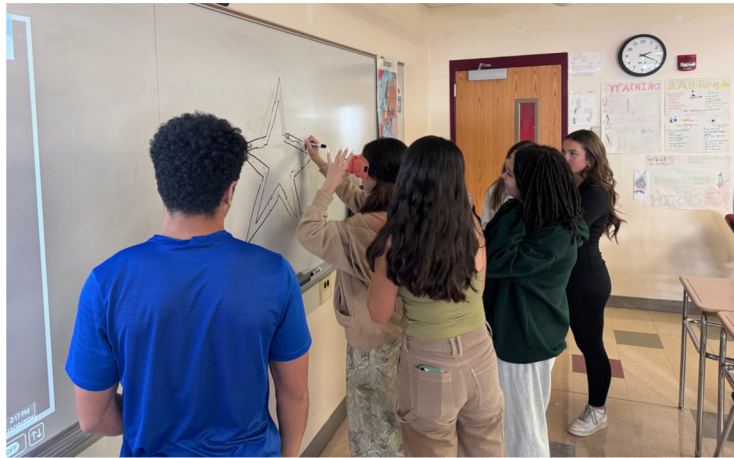
-Ms. Schneck



### COLLEGE VISITS

# PSYCHOLOGY

Students in Psychology used inversion goggles this week to try their hands at Brenda Milner's famous "Star Experiment" - a mirror tracing task which, through her work with patient "HM," brought about the discovery that procedural memory and declarative memory are processed in different parts of the brain. -Ms. Costello



# ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB



The Environmental Club planted over 300 tulip bulbs in the courtyard this week. -Mr. Esposito

# PUERTO RICAN/HISPANIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

New Paltz High School teacher Rod Castro joined seniors Luis Martínez, Sandra Rodríguez, and Javier Mercado-Núñez at Rockland Community College for the fourth session of the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute.

Our students, alongside peers from 13 school districts, explored two bills currently under consideration by the NYS Assembly: Bill A04424: Addressing false or misleading advertisements of food and food products. Bill A05634: Concerning compensation for positions requiring foreign language skills. Through this program, students are learning how bills become laws while developing critical leadership and advocacy skills by debating the pros and cons of each proposal. With 112 students participating, this initiative is shaping tomorrow's changemakers!





# FOOD AND NUTRITION

Over the past few days, Food and Nutrition students participated in King Arthur Baking Company's Bake for Good program. This outreach program gives students the opportunity to learn the math and science of bread baking, bake at school, and share as an act of kindness. Each group baked two loaves, one to keep and one to share. Together, these students shared over 30 loaves of bread and 6 dozen rolls to the Family of New Paltz. - Ms. Tuttle



# BOOK CLUB



The Book Club held their first fundraiser during parent/teacher conferences this week! Offering tea, cookies and cider! The Book Club meets on Mondays in room 163 and is currently reading *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold and up next we plan to read *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig!! All are welcome!!!  
Ms. DePoala, Ms. Hewitt & The Book Club  
Pictured: Amelia Balutowski, Livia Drazek and Ms. Hewitt



# PIGLETS

Last week, our PIGLETS class visited Philadelphia. Students toured Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were debated and signed, and explored the Constitution Center, a museum that highlights how our American experience has evolved over time. The trip provided an opportunity to connect classroom lessons with history, as students walked the same streets where American democracy was born deepening their understanding of the principles that continue to shape our government today.

-Mr. Dolan & Ms. Maseo





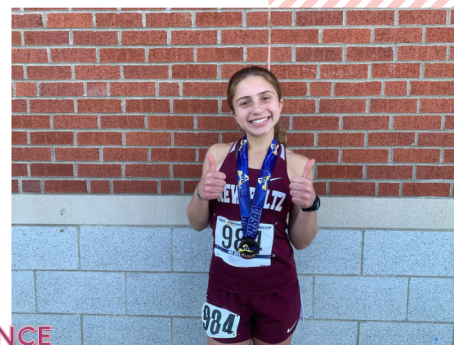


The Girls Swim Team won the Division II OCIAA's Championship and they finished second overall at Section 9 Championships. We had 2 Section 9 Championship titles; the first being the 200 Medley Relay team of Jojo Laurie, Alaura Sheeley, Maron Brunttil and Kate Suchowiecki. The second Section 9 Championship title goes to Alaura Sheeley in the 100 breaststroke. Kate Suchowiecki qualified in the 50 and 100 freestyle as well. This weekend, the relay team of Jojo, Maron, Kate and Alaura, along with Chloe Gaffney and Maggie Ziegler will be advancing to the NYS Championship meet in Webster, NY. -Ms. Gruver-LaPolt



Dylan Friedman participated in the State XC meet this past weekend in Queensbury. In Class B she earned a State Medal by placing 14th out of 121 runners- the top 20 receive medals.

Dylan was 55th in the merge of 469 female runners She also earned a trip to the Federation Meet being held this weekend at Bowdoin Park. New Paltz hasn't sent a female runner in over 10 years to the Federation Meet.





# IMPORTANT INFO

## SENIORS

There will be a brief Senior Class meeting on Tuesday, November 26th at 2:05 in the Auditorium. 4th block teachers will bring seniors to the meeting.

If you are unable to attend (PM Vo-tec/New Visions/Etc.), please stop by Room 264 or the main office to pick up a cap and gown information packet.

Josten's will be visiting NPBS on Thursday, December 5th during Block 3 to accept cap and gown orders.

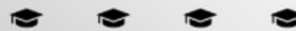
-Ms. Maseo



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



- Scan this code on your phone to place your order online. Or go to [Jostens.com](http://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](mailto: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 Magnético  
[SMAGNETICO@NEWPALTZ.K12.NY.US](mailto: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 NPBS PTSA aims to strengthen the connections between students, parents, the community and schools.

