

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

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES

February 28, 2025

Happy Friday NPHS Families,



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Students who have lost their IDs will be receiving replacement IDs during the upcoming week. Please remind your student(s) that it is important for all students to show their ID when entering the school building each day. This helps us maintain a safe and secure environment for everyone.

## MORNING DROP OFF-

When entering the drop off circle. If you are the first car (in the front) please drive up to the STOP sign. This allows more cars to get in. Also please do not allow your student to get out of the car on the opposite side of the crosswalk. When students cross it causes a delay in the flow of cars in the circle.



Thank you for your cooperation!

*Principal Simms*

# Important Dates

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February 28 All County Band Festival Gr. 4-12 @ Kingston

March 1 All County Band Festival Gr. 4-12 @ Kingston

March 2 All County Band Festival Gr. 4-12 Snow Date

March 7 End of 25-week marking period

March 11 HS Scholarship Choir Concert - 6:30 pm

March 13 HS Scholarship Band Concert - 6:30 pm

March 14 Progress Reports

March 17 JV/Varsity Spring Sports Begin

March 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences 6:00-8:00 pm

\*On Tuesday, March 4, 2025, there will be no classes running at Ulster BOCES CTI or Phoenix Academy

**It's Your Lucky Night!**  
**CHILDCARE EVENT**  
HOSTED BY PEER LEADERSHIP AT NEW PALTZ HS  
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)  
**MARCH 14TH 5:00PM-8:00PM**  
**KIDS IN K-5TH GRADE**  
**\$35 FOR FIRST CHILD, \$20 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD**  
QUESTIONS? EMAIL SHANNAN MAGNETICO  
SMAGNETICO@NEWPALTZ.K12.NY.US  
PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 12TH USING THE QR CODE BELOW!

All Proceeds will go toward the Teen a La Carte and Peer Leadership Club/Senior Scholarships.

## POETRY OUT LOUD

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Junior Wren Willow MacDonal competed in the Poetry Out Loud Regional Semifinal Recitation Contest at SUNY New Paltz on Tuesday, February 26th.

Wren Willow memorized and beautifully performed three poems: "Edgar Allan Poe's, Reached at the Baltimore Harbor, by the Shadows That Pursue Him" by Fernando Valverde, "When You Are Old" by William Butler Yeats, and "I Am Trying to Break Your Heart" by Kevin Young. Congratulations, Wren Willow!

-Ms. McKenna



# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



**Congratulations to our 2025 National Honor Society Inductees!**

Abigail Adams  
Alexis Ames  
Miriam Bickoff  
Aaron Birnbaum  
Ella Brassard  
Carly Brustein  
Nicolas Burda  
James D'Amour  
Tessa De  
Chiara-Saffer  
Samuel DePoala  
Nafi Diedhiou  
Lila Disciullo  
Malana Douglas  
Joshua Fabella  
Sienna Frey  
Dylan Friedman  
Ben Gabriels  
Mia Gagne  
Andres Galvan  
Olivia Gandin  
Jack Gates  
Kelsey Hacker  
Kaitlyn Harding  
Dahlia Haselton  
Lukas Kallio  
Bailey Kane

Emma Keeler  
John Kelly  
Andrew Lai  
Olivia Lathrop  
Sadie Lauchaire  
Heath Lester  
Ben Lipson  
Adam Looft  
Cole Maseo  
Iliana Eugenia  
Melissis  
Gianni Mikesh  
Valentine Morales  
Matthew Morrissey  
Addison Mumford  
Lily Nocito  
Maya Pizzarello  
Liam Pons  
Thomas Reinking  
Kala Schultz  
Audrey Shannon  
Ruby Stelmaszyk  
Rhiana Thomas  
Savannah Trinkle  
Sarah Vondra  
Mia Welz  
Wendy Zhao



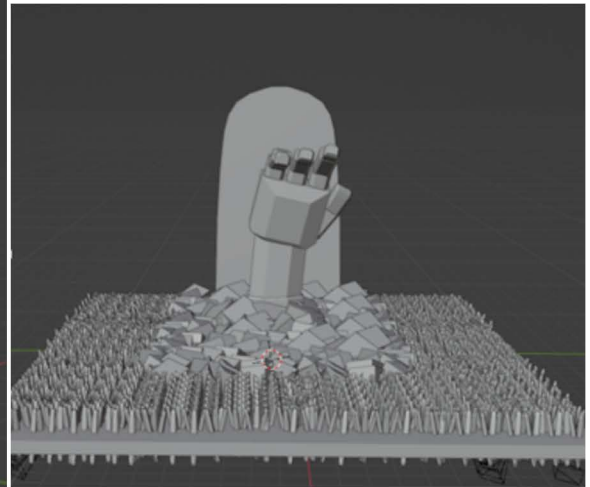
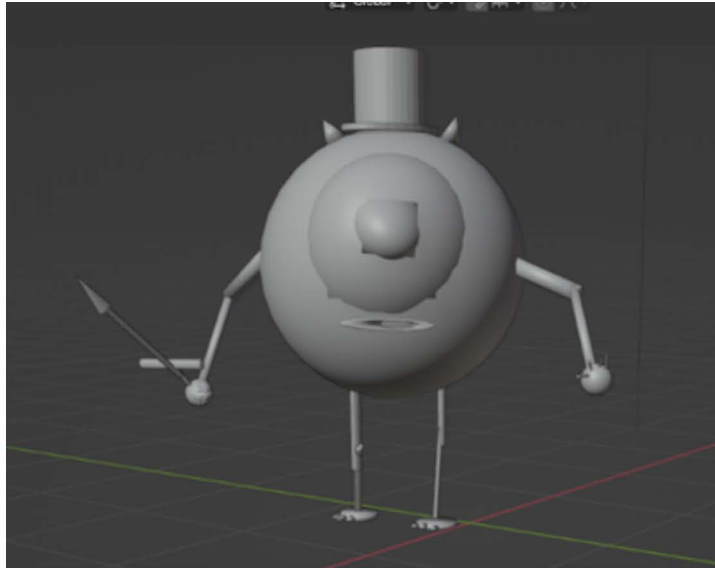
# MEDIA ARTS

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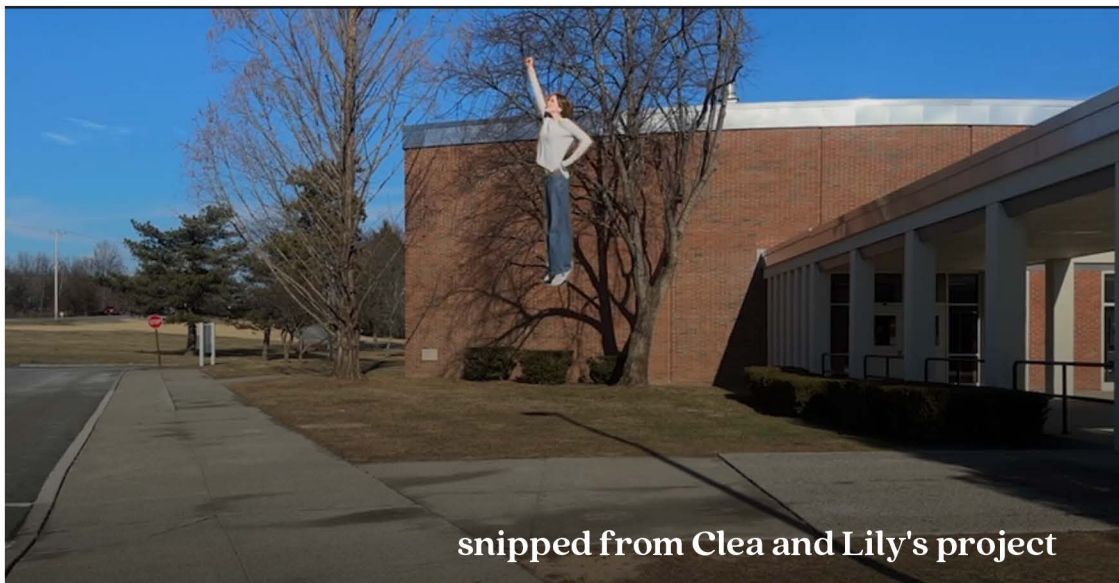
Intro to Media Arts students are quickly gaining more 3d modeling skills in Blender.

[CHECK THIS OUT](#) and see [what they were able to accomplish](#) in just one hour as they learned and implemented a variety of modeling techniques.

These are samples from Evan Lewis and Lijah Dreher-Jacobowits



Intro to Film and Video students have been busy accumulating skills for creating special effects. In the most recent task they obtained superhuman powers of "liftoff" [check out the work HERE](#)



snipped from Clea and Lily's project

Advanced Film and Video students are busy planning this year's "Student Life" film. Anyone with VIDEO clips from school activities or sports is encouraged to send in their moments to be remembered forever in film!

Please share them to [NPZTV@newpaltz.k12.ny.us](mailto:NPZTV@newpaltz.k12.ny.us) from your school email with a subject of STUDENT LIFE CLIPS.



# ATHLETICS

## MHAL CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Varsity Boys Basketball team who defeated Ellenville with a score of 73-42 on Wednesday, 2/26, to become the MHAL Champions! Come cheer them on as they take on Highland on Monday, 3/3, at 5:00 PM here at the High School!



Gregory Warren, the New Paltz Central School District's director of health, physical education, and athletics, has been selected as the recipient of the prestigious National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) State Award of Merit. This honor is awarded annually to one New York State athletic administrator who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to the advancement of education-based athletics at the local, state, and national levels.

# ATHLETICS



At section finals this past Saturday, February 22nd the New Paltz Varsity Swim Team finished 16th overall.

In the relays, the team placed 10th in the 200 Medley relay, 12th in the 200 Free Relay and 14th in the 400 Free Relay. The following swimmers were part of those relays:

Eli Yastion  
Bennett Sheeley  
Lennox Johnston  
Phoenix Johnston  
Paul Easton  
Zachary Martin

In the individual section final events, Zachary Martin placed 9th overall in the 100 Breast and Lennox Johnston placed 16th overall in the 100 back.



The Nordic Ski Team competed at the State Meet on Monday and Tuesday at Gore Nordic Ski Bowl. We had fabulous snow conditions on a very hilly and challenging course.

Monday's race was a 7.5K Classic Race, Tuesday's race was a 3 x 2.5K Skate Relay. Our top finisher for the girls was Dylan Friedman in 19th, and Matei Jirka for the boys in 35th.

All State results can be found on [underdogtiming.com](http://underdogtiming.com)

If you love the outdoors, come join us next year. We have equipment to train with or without snow.

Sportsmanship award winners for Section 9 were; Roxy deNey-Bhagat and Sam Hollman

State Team-pictured left to right  
Dylan Friedman/ Clio Miller/ Roxy deNey-Bhagat/ Lujayn Eljamal/ Gala Dixey/  
Sam Hollman/ Matei Jirka/ Elon Rosenthal.

Congratulations on a great year. -  
-Coach Gregory



# IMPORTANT INFO

NEW PALTZ ATHLETICS  
**COACHES NEEDED**

**MODIFIED GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
SPRING 2025 SEASON



**MODIFIED BOYS TRACK & FIELD**  
SPRING 2025 SEASON



**MODIFIED BOYS LACROSSE**  
SPRING 2025 SEASON



PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
[HTTPS://WWW.NEWPALTZ.K12.NY.US/PAGE/46](https://www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us/page/46)



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)

### 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

## PARENT CORNER

The next Screenagers event for parents will take place  
during the March Parent-Teacher conference night. The  
screening will take place in the Auditorium at 5 PM on  
March 18th.

For more information on the film:

[https://www.screenagersmovie.com/about-  
screenagers-under-the-influence](https://www.screenagersmovie.com/about-screenagers-under-the-influence)

-Ms. Schneck-Suma

Don't let the magic run out



Order your Yearbook  
TODAY!!!!!!

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