

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

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES

March 14, 2025



CONTENT

A Message from Principal Simms

Important Dates

Around NPHS

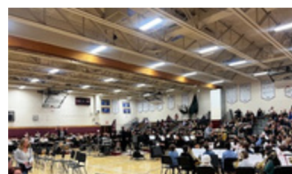
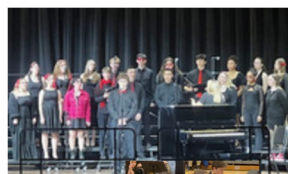
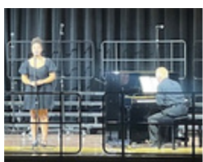
Happy Friday NPHS Families,

The Scholarship Concert was held this past week, with all proceeds benefiting scholarships for graduating Seniors in the Music Department. Around one-third of our students participated in one or both of the concerts.

This year, the music teachers aimed to enhance the Scholarship Concert by organizing two separate events—one for the Choirs and another for the Bands. The Choral Scholarship Concert took place on Tuesday, March 11th, featuring the 5th Grade Chorus, 8th Grade Chorus, and HS Choirs. The Band Scholarship Concert followed on Thursday, March 13th, with performances from the 5th Grade Band, 7th Grade Band, and HS Bands.

Both events were well attended, and the students delivered outstanding performances. We extend our gratitude to Ms. Foti and Mr. Newsome for their ongoing commitment and dedication to our students.

Principal Simms



Important Dates

- March 14 Progress Reports (5 week)
- March 17 JU/Varsity Spring Sports Begin
- March 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences 6:00-8:00 pm
- March 27, 28- HS Spring Musical 7:30 pm
- March 29 HS Spring Musical 2:00 pm



New Paltz High School Presents
The musical:



March 27, 28 & 29 - 7:30 PM Curtain
Matinee (3/29) 2:00 PM
130 So. Putt Corners Rd. NP. HS Auditorium
Scan code to order tickets (reserved seating)



Tickets also available at the door.
(Box office opens 1 hour before curtain.)

Around NPHS

SPARROW'S NEST

Sparrow's Nest is an organization that cooks and delivers meals to individuals and families throughout cancer treatment. Thank you Ms. Pountain for organizing this yearly fundraiser.



BOOK LAUNCH



On Saturday March 8, eleventh-grader Christopher Musalier presented a book launch for his book entitled *My Hero, My Enemy*. The book explores the history and social challenges black people have faced in manifesting their identities within the mainstream, as well as the movements that have existed and continue to thrive for black culture to fully express itself.

Chris organized and executed the event largely on his own. He invited New Paltz Deputy Mayor Alexandria Wojcik, who spoke on the topic and praised Chris for his efforts. -Ms. Watkins

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

The Environmental Club recently planted cold-treated bulbs in three new large planters. We can't wait to see them bloom and add vibrant color to the courtyard this spring!

-Mr. Esposito



MATHLETES

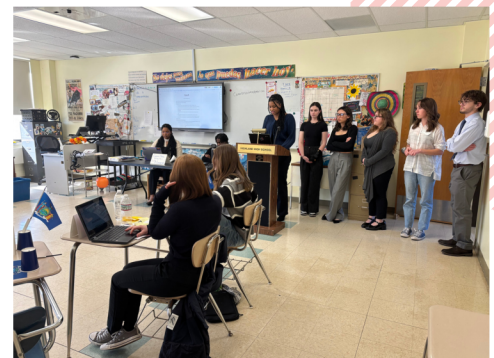
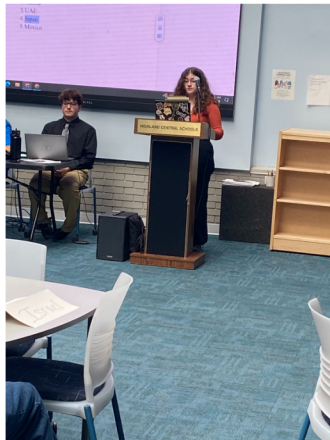
Our Mathletes' A team competed at the Regional meet this past Wednesday at Vassar College. Sixteen teams from across Dutchess, Ulster, Sullivan, and Orange counties competed, and our A team tied for 5th place in this very competitive field! Even more impressively, after spending a day doing math, most of the team spent another hour after school working on the problems some more! Congratulations to Sienna Frey, Lalita Ma, Charlie DePoala, Lukas Kallio, and Mary McIntyre.

-Ms. Stewart.



MODEL U.N.

On Friday, March 7th, the Model U.N. Club attended a conference at Highland High School. The topics included the use of nuclear energy in space technology, the impact of immigration on the United States since the 1990s and how the Greek Gods and Percy Jackson characters would handle the issue of reproductive rights. The students had to research what their respective nation, state, or character have stated and acted upon in those areas, speak to and represent those positions and collaborate with other members to arrive at a consensus that could achieve a 2/3 majority resolution. -Mr. Gill



MUSIC

Congratulations to Jack Gates and Josh Cotter. They were accepted to the New York State Band Directors' Association High School Honor Band, which took place in Syracuse last weekend. They rehearsed three challenging musical selections along with students from all across New York State, culminating in a rousing performance on Sunday.

Also at the Conference were NPHS alumni Josh Clinton and Alex Peyser, who were performing with SUNY Binghamton's Jazz Ensemble in the "lead chairs" of Alto Sax I and Tenor I. These members of the Class of 2022 represented New Paltz well at the state level. Way to go! -Mr. Newsome



CONGRATULATIONS

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Coach Dan Diklich and our Varsity Boys Basketball Team for their Section IX Class A Championship win last Friday March 7th.



INELIGIBILITY

Ineligibility will be sent out early next week. Students may be deemed ineligible if they are failing 2 or more classes and/or excessively late or absent. Students who are on the ineligibility list consecutive times for course failures or poor attendance will be suspended from after school activities until the end of the marking period, April 11, 2025. For latenesses, the ineligibility period will be for two weeks. We encourage all students to work with their teachers to develop a plan to get back on track. -Ms. Schneck-Suma, AP

IMPORTANT INFO



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
Questions? 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!!!!!!

bit.ly/NPHS2025YearbookOrderHere

Questions? Contact:

fmckenna@newpaltz.k12.ny.us

thewitt@newpaltz.k12.ny.us