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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES

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Dear NPHS Families,

Monday we had our Annual Jazz Cabaret, it was a great night of music. We got to hear our students and teacher Samuel Newsome play Star Wars Cantina together to finish out the night. Speaking of music, our NPHS Drama Club is running Guys and Dolls. I was so impressed with the talent of our students!

We had parent-teacher conferences this week as well. The 3rd quarter will be ending two weeks after the break on Friday, April 12.

Today was our schoolwide Rock Paper Scissors game and Wellness afternoon. Thank you to the Student Government, Peer Leadership and New Paltz Youth Center for helping plan this fun filled afternoon.

Sincerely,

*Kathleen Schneck-Suma
Acting High School Principal*

DATES

March 21, 22 – HS Spring Musical 7:30 pm

March 23– HS Spring Musical 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

March 25–29 – Spring Recess

April 1– No School

April 8– No School (Solar Eclipse)

Around NPHS

PRIDEWORKS

Pride Club attended the Prideworks Conference at Westchester Community College on March 13. There were students from all parts of New York State as well as from Connecticut and New Jersey. Students were able to network with peers, hear inspiring key note speakers and attend various workshops that were informative and empowering.



MS. WATKINS

This week we are highlighting our high school social worker, Lisa Watkins. Ms. Watkins is also our Pride Club Advisor. She works with a number of students.

She is the first to help students in need. She is a true advocate for students. Her relationships are long lasting with 22 years in the New Paltz District.

Ms. Watkins loves to do yoga and hiking on a regular basis. She also has a private practice.

“I just love my kids, I love working here.”



HUDSON VALLEY 30TH ANNUAL SPELLING BEE

Perfunctory. Liaison. Acquiesce. Virulent.

On Tuesday, March 19, a group of thirty New Paltz High School students participated in the Literacy Connections of the Hudson Valley 30th Annual Community Spelling Bee. Alongside students from other high schools and adult community members, our spellers bravely faced ten rounds of very challenging words. Maintaining their composure and their sense of humor, students got some practice in public speaking, thinking on their feet, and working together. New Paltz had one team make it to the finals -- congratulations Steven and Calvin!!! New Paltz students Melissa and Linedaina, The Meant to Bees, won the prize for Best Team Name. A great day to support a great cause!

- Ms. McKenna and Hayden



WELLNESS AFTERNOON

Students had an afternoon to enjoy dancing, capture the flag, pickleball, arts and crafts, lawn games, and fundraise for their clubs. Rock, Paper, Scissors was intense throughout the day.



JAZZ CABARET

We had a wonderful time performing in our local 'nightclub' cafeteria yesterday! Students and parents assisted in decorating and setup, and it was a fantastic night! NPHS Alumnus Andrew Geher ('21) kicked off the evening with a short piano set, followed by the New Paltz High School Jazz Bands and then a Guest Band composed of local professional musicians, including Mr. Newsome on trombone. New Paltz HS Students joined the guest band for the Star Wars Cantina Band music - a finale that was "out of this world!"

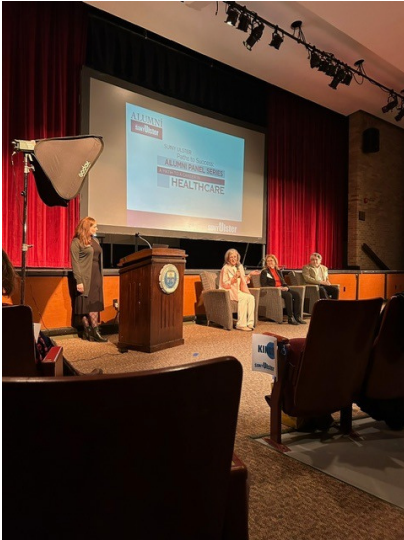
-Mr. Newsome



PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

PCS students Visit SUNY Ulster

Students who are recipients for the President's Challenge Scholarship (PCS) at SUNY Ulster attended a field trip to SUNY Ulster where they heard from three presenters in the healthcare system. The panel talked about their careers, how they got on this path and ways our students can use Ulster as a stepping stone to careers like theirs. Students also participated in breakout sessions of their choice on Compassionate Care, Drug Development or a tour and demonstration of the healthcare program at Ulster. It was a great learning experience for all.



HIGH SCHOOL BAND VISITS LENAPE

Side-by-Side Band Jam

Student-led ensembles from NPHS Band visited the Lenape 5th Grade Band this Wednesday! The Chamber Winds and Brass Ensemble performed for and then joined the 5th grade students in playing their band music, led by Lenape band director Mr. Finch.

The high schoolers also spoke about music opportunities at NPCSD, which include available Collegiate credit in the high school through SUNY Ulster. The shiny new instruments from the ARP grant were a great addition to the rehearsal!

March is Music in Our Schools Month, and the halls are full of beautiful music here at New Paltz!



HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

NPBS Musical Presents: Guys and Dolls!

Performances in the HS Auditorium on:

Thursday, 3/21 at 7:30pm

Friday, 3/22 at 7:30pm

Saturday, 3/23 at 2:00pm and 7:30pm



Purchase your tickets here:

<https://www.showtix4u.com/events/nphsguysanddolls>

Tickets will also be sold at the door!



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNY ULSTER
INSTANT
ADMISSIONS WEEK
ARRIVE, APPLY & ACCEPTED - ALL IN ONE DAY!

Monday, March 25 - Thursday, March 28
10 am - 4 pm
Vanderlyn Hall: VAN 119
Stone Ridge Campus

Learn more about what to bring & how to register: <https://conta.cc/48pMsEz>



 4th Annual Spring Window Painting Project 

It's time for the 4th Annual Spring Window Painting

You are invited to participate in the 4th Annual New Paltz Spring Window Painting Project!

This project is open to youth (grades 5-12), adults, families, and small teams of up to 4 folks.

Anyone interested in participating needs to complete the online registration form by 5 P.M. on March 29th.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/4acm1D4>

Questions???
Call Phoenix@ (845) 256-5014.

Saturday April 20th 11AM - 2PM
Rain Date: April 21st

Our theme: Celebrating Spring & the Earth

