

NPHS FRIDAY MESSAGE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES

March 8, 2024

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Dear NPHS Families,

March 8th is International Women's Day. We continue to celebrate the women that shape our school community this week.

"If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then, you are an excellent leader." -Dolly Parton

Today 5 week progress grades are available on Parent Portal. Parent-Teacher Conference sign-up is open on School Bookings. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

*Kathleen Schneck-Suma
Acting High School Principal*

DATES

March 8, 9 –All County Band

March 10 – Snow Date–All County Band

March 15 – Spring Fling 7:30–10:00

March 19– Parent Teacher Conferences

March 21, 22, 23 – HS Musical

Around NPHS

SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT

Our NPHS Musicians put on an evening full of wonderful music this past Tuesday at our Scholarship Concert! The Tenor-Bass, Treble, Mixed, and A Cappella Choirs performed choral music across a variety of genres which really entertained the audience. They sang with musicianship, focus, heart, and joy. I am so proud of these students and their hard work so far this year! - Mrs. Foti

Congratulations to our Scholar Musicians on a wonderful concert performance! This concert also fulfilled a curricular requirement of our performing music classes at NPHS, and our student performances continue to be great because of the support of the community, Board of Education, and administration.

This spring, there are now 30 NPHS Band students earning college credit through the SUNY Ulster Collegian program. Congratulations to you, students, for your commitment to academic rigor and musical achievement!
-Mr. Newsome



MRS. HEKKING

This week we are highlighting the one and only Sandy Hekking, our high school nurse. She is the person the whole school can count on to help out when students are hurt or sick. She takes care of high school athletic physicals and helped countless people through all the COVID quarantining regulations.

Nurse Hekking has lived in New Paltz her whole life. She is a New Paltz High School alumni as well as her four children. During her time as a student here, she was on multiple sports teams winning some of the medals in our display cases for Cross Country Skiing. She also participated in Field Hockey and Track and Field.

Nurse Hekking encourages healthy lifestyles for the school community. She says its important to “Eat well, get good sleep, stay away from harmful substances and exercise!” Mrs. Hekking can often be found walking the track on her lunch breaks. “I love being outside and walking my dog.”

Thank you for being such a caring individual Nurse Hekking!



MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Lisa Watkins, Mary Kay Fiore and Shawn Doyle took students to the American Museum of Natural History on Wednesday. Students enjoyed checking out the new Insectarium, and of course, the dinosaurs!



MATHLETES

Our Mathletes A team took first place in our section (Ulster county) this season! This past Wednesday, the team spent the day at Vassar College competing against teams from Dutchess, Ulster, Sullivan, and Orange Counties in the Regional competition. Our team members (Weston Culp, Lalita Ma, Thornton Eis, Charlie DePoala, Mason Eyler and alternate Darren Chen) did an outstanding job. We took 2nd place, losing to John Jay in a riveting tie breaker.

Our own Mason Eyler had a perfect season and won the award, for the second year in a row, for the top scorer among the 500 plus students who compete in the league.

Mason will be joined by Thornton and Charlie at the State NYSML competition on April 12-13th. Wish them luck!

Congratulations to all the Mathletes! - Ms. Stewart



THE CLASS OF 2024 WILL BE HOSTING THE SPRING FLING ON FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024 AT 7:30-10:00 PM AT NPHS. THE SUGGESTED ATTIRE IS SEMI-FORMAL AND THE COST IS \$5 FOR SENIORS AND \$8 FOR ALL OTHERS.

ATTENTION SENIORS: PLEASE BE SURE TO ORDER YOUR CAP AND GOWN ASAP IF YOU DID NOT DO SO THIS WEEK. ORDERS MUST BE PLACED ONLINE THROUGH THE WEBSITE POSTED IN THE SENIOR CLASS GOOGLE CLASSROOM.

**SPRING
FLING**

FRIDAY, MARCH 15
7:30-10:00PM

Entry Fee:
\$8 For grades 9-11
\$5 For Seniors

Semi-Formal Attire

The poster features a decorative border of colorful flowers at the top and bottom. In the center, there is an illustration of a black t-shirt and a blue dress, representing the semi-formal attire for the event.