

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

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES

April 10, 2025

*Happy Thursday NPHS Families,*

*This is a friendly reminder that tomorrow 4/11/25 is the last day of the 3rd Quarter. If you have work due please submit assignments as soon as possible. I hope you all enjoy your Spring Break.*

*See you soon!*  
*Principal Simms*

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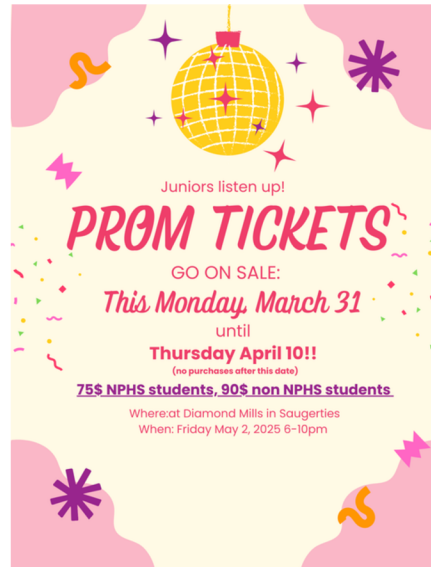
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*Around NPHS*



# Important Dates

April 11- End of Third Quarter  
April 11-21 Spring Recess



\*Students on the ineligibility list will not be permitted to attend the dance or prom.

## Around NPHS

### HORTICULTURE CLUB

Students have been participating in the Hudson River Eel Project, collecting and counting juvenile eels as they migrate upstream. This hands-on research helps scientists track eel populations and protect aquatic ecosystems. We'll be heading to Black Creek after school every Wednesday until the end of May—any students interested in joining are welcome!

-Mr. Esposito



### COLLEGE VISITS

University at Buffalo

Brent Zimmerman

Wed April 23, 2025



# MATHEMATICS

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Sophomore Mary McIntyre competed on the DUSO Math team at this year's New York State Math League state championships last weekend in Long Island! She did us proud! (And a shout out to Mr. Paley's son, Hudson, who was one of Mary's teammates.) -Ms. Stewart



# SCIENCE

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Both Joe Birnbaum (The Effects of Wildfire Intensity on the Regeneration of Pinus Rigida on the Shawangunk Ridge) and Roxy DeNey-Bhagat (An Observational Study of the Host Specificity of Ectomycorrhizal Fungi in the Shawangunk Mountains) were accepted as finalists in the Genius Olympiad competition in June. -Mr. Ulrich

# POSITIVE VIBES

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LUIS PLACIDO  
JASMINE CHAINAM  
ZOEY STIMPSON  
HAYDEN SACKETT  
ANASIRLEY FLORES-TRUJILLO  
RILEY WELLS  
PHOENIX JOHNSTON  
JULLIAN RUMSEY  
RUSSELL PATTERSON  
MAYA PIZZARELLO  
GIANNI MIKESH  
IDA STOEVER  
LAUREN WILLIAMS  
PIPER GAGNE  
KAITLYN HARDING  
STELLA ETTINGER  
MIA CERAGIOLI  
DJ CUEVAS  
RAIN LARSEN  
JIMIN SON  
SONIA LEVY





# WELLNESS DAY 2025

THANK YOU STUDENT GOVERNMENT FOR ORGANIZING  
A WONDERFUL WELLNESS DAY!

## WELLNESS DAY!

PICKLEBALL | GYM

RESTORATIVE YOGA | RM 138

CAPTURE THE FLAG | FIELDS

ART ACTIVITIES | CAFETERIA

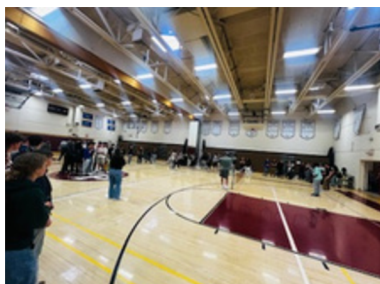
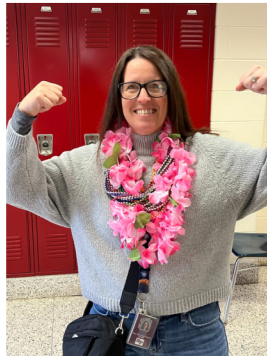
JUST DANCE | WELLNESS  
CENTER

BOOK CLUB | RM 264

NINTENDO SWITCH | AUDION

LAWN GAMES | OUTSIDE CAFE

THE LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN TO THOSE WHO  
OPT OUT OF PARTICIPATION!





# SCREENAGERS



Students have begun to watch Screenagers in their English classes. Students will continue throughout the month of April to get more education about the consequences of vaping. Students after break in 4th quarter PE classes will have a visit from Jennifer Ryan from Ulster Prevention Council to present a Vaping Crash Course. We will also welcome back Ulster County Probation who works with our 11th graders to learn about safe driving. They will learn about how driving under the influence affects reflexes.

We encourage conversation with students to make healthy choices for themselves.

-Ms. Schneck-Suma

## MOCK TRIAL

Our Mock Trial team won last night's competition against their main rival the Mount Academy to win back to back Ulster County Championships!

Our next step is to compete in the Regional Tournament against schools from Ulster County as far south as Westchester. If we win that tournament we will be ranked in the top 8 teams for NYS (out of about 400). The State Tournament will be held in May in Albany. Last year we placed 3rd out of the 8 teams there. We are hoping for another strong run! Thank you for your support! -Mr. Cook

Pictured: Iris Allred, Jimin Son, Olivia Lathrop, Josh Quinn (Captain), Jiho Son, Charles DePoala, Lujayn Aljamal, Sasha St. Louis, Isabel Loyer (Captain) and Bailey Kane.

Missing: Tahlia Elkin





# LATINO HERITAGE/INTERNATIONAL CLUB

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Yesterday, Wednesday, April 9, three representatives from SUNY New Paltz LASU (Latin American Student Union) came to our high school to chat with members of the Latino Heritage/International Club. They talked about college expectations, experiences, and tips to succeed at the next level. Their main goal was to encourage our underrepresented students to attend college and offer their mentorship. Thank you LASU!

-Mr. Castro

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## ATHLETICS

The NPHS Girls and Boys track teams opened their 2025 spring season with convincing wins over Marlboro on Tuesday this week. Despite the frigid temperatures and snow flurries, the team was in good spirits as they jumped, threw and ran their way to a victory in their home opener. They compete again at the Cornwall Dragon relays on Saturday. -Coach Seim



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## UNIFIED BASKETBALL

The Unified Basketball team is back for another season. Games start in April and May! -Coach Davis



## IMPORTANT INFO

# Plastic Fantastic

## Donate used Water Bottles for the Installation



The 3rd block class with the most collected bottles by

**Friday, May 16**

will win a Pizza Party in the dome

Coming to NPHS May 28-June 16

## Teen Mental Health First Aid



**Maya Gold Foundation**

*Are you interested in becoming certified in Teen Mental Health First Aid?*

**Looking for students Grades 10-12**

*6 week course, 1 meeting a week*

*More information at [mayagoldfoundation.org](http://mayagoldfoundation.org) or see Ms. Seim in room 262*

*Don't let the magic run out*



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### 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