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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES

April 4, 2025



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Happy Friday NPHS Families,

As we navigate our busy lives, I'd like to take a moment to remind everyone of the value in connecting with nature. Whether it's enjoying a walk in the park, finding stillness by the water, or simply stepping outside to enjoy the fresh air, nature offers us a powerful way to recharge and gain clarity.

Spending time outdoors not only supports our mental and physical well-being, but it also helps us cultivate a deeper appreciation for the world around us and fosters a sense of gratitude. I encourage each of you to carve out time to step outside, embrace the beauty of nature, and allow yourselves a peaceful moment to reflect.

*Warmly,
Principal Simms*

Important Dates

April 4- Spring Fling dance 7:30 to 10:00 pm (cafeteria)

April 11- End of Third Quarter

April 11-21 Spring Recess

April 18- Holiday-Good Friday

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



Around NPHS

FIELD TRIP TO FIT

Students enjoyed a trip to the Fashion Institute of Technology on Friday.

-Ms. Watkins



COLLEGE VISITS

U.S. Army Recruiting Command, RCAPA

University of Rhode Island

Drexel University

Johnson & Wales University-Providence

Brandon Duncan

Ruby Morris-Jones

Devin Ryman

Elizabeth Smahi

Mon April 7, 2025

Wed April 9, 2025

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MUSIC

NPBS Band students and families gathered for Music Night on March 2nd. Attendees enjoyed live music from soloists, Chamber Winds, and the Jazz Band in a relaxed informal setting. Guest Musician Vito Petrocitto (Orleans, Doobie Brothers, Professor Louie and the Crowmatix) also sat in with the Jazz Band in a special set! Congratulations to our wonderful students, parents, and music staff! -Mr. Newsome

Music Night Videos and Pictures



PIGLETS

The PIGLETS students have been preparing for their fourth-quarter project, where they will research and address a community issue. Throughout this process, they have engaged with representatives and local organizations to discuss topics such as affordable housing, immigration and school safety. They attended a Naturalization Ceremony at the Ulster County Courthouse and traveled to Albany for a tour of the NYS Capitol Building. On Thursday, they had the opportunity to meet with

Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado to discuss state and federal issues, including the impact of social media, Citizens United, and political polarization. Thank you to Madison Kiley, Ady Laurie, Javier Mercado-Nunez and Marco Todaro for arranging this opportunity for our students.

-Ms. Masseo and Mr. Dolan



SCHOOL-WIDE ART INSTALLATION

New Paltz High School will have a special immersive art installation outside of the cafeteria from May 28-June 16 called Plastic Fantastic. Students and staff will collect 6,000 bottles to be used to create the installation. The goal of the project is to create a space of gathering, building community. The bottles collected are going to be recycled and money will be donated to a local organization. Please help us collect bottles for the project. The 3rd block class with the most bottles will win a Pizza Party in the dome.

For a link to the project: <https://vimeo.com/1071258333/1d0b8c56ec?share=copy>

-Ms. Schneck-Suma



LATINO HERITAGE CLUB

The Latino Heritage Club attended the Flamenco Ballet Show on Wednesday during the day at the Tarrytown Music Hall. A big thank you to the PTSA and their Mini Grant to help us come and enjoy a wonderful Latin American and Spanish dance performance. It was a great way to share pure culture! A total of 9 students from the Latino Heritage Club represented New Paltz.

-Mr. Castro



ATHLETICS

Four of our student-athletes attended the NYSPHSAA Student Leadership Conference on Thursday, April 3rd in Latham. These fabulous student leaders are Julian Eames, Dylan Friedman, Cole Masseo, and Liliana Tozzi.

Special thanks to Coach Vance for accompanying our students and to Mr. Warren, our award winning AD, for making it possible! NP had the most leaders in attendance for Section 9!



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Cayden Dones who was named the Daily Freeman's High School Basketball player of the year!



ALL SECTION TEAM

Callie Meyer was selected to the BCANY-Section IX Girls' Chapter All-Section "TOP 50" Team for the 2024-2025 season. She is among just 50 players from all classes in Section IX to be voted onto this team by the coaches in Section IX. The All-Section Team was honored at the annual Awards Brunch on Sunday, March 30th at the Otterkill Country Club in Campbell Hall.

Congratulations Callie!

-Ms. Maseo



MEDIA ARTS

Intro to Media Arts students recently created amazing 3d Architecture designs. For this task students were tasked with researching and exploring the design elements of three different styles of architecture; Art Deco, Deconstructivist, and Gothic. They then chose one style of architecture and several key design elements to create their own unique 3dDmodels.



Lijah Dreher-Jacobowitz(art deco)



Owen Gonzalez Art Deco



Shea Baker Gothic



Liam Fuller HERE Gothic

Click on the links below to check out some of these final animated render views!

Intro To Film students are going "Unscripted". In this recent project, Film students were tasked with uncovering new information about the students, teachers, and staff of NPHS. Check out NZPTV's Morning Show to watch them as they air over the next few weeks!

Here is a SNEAK PEAK of an "UNSCRIPTED" episode by Clea Spring.



Computer Graphics students are rapidly gaining advanced animation skills. Check out their workspace views in Adobe Photoshop as they begin setting the groundwork for more extended animating



(snipped from Mario Tibera)



(snipped from Leyla Tranter)

Congrats to the Senior Film and Video students for hosting family and close friends as we premiered 5 short films on the "big screen"!

The class is now well into production of this year's Student Life, and they are PUMPED to bring yet another amazing end of year film to the HS community!

We are still accepting video clips from SPORTS, ACTIVITIES, and EVENTS from this school year to include in the end of year video, email clips to npztv@newpaltz.k12.ny.us , see Mr. Woods, or scan this QR code



IMPORTANT INFO

NPHS INTERACT CLUB PRESENTS

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

APRIL 5TH, 2025
KIDS (12-17 YRS) 9AM - 12PM
ADULTS (18+) 12PM - 3PM

ADULT DOUBLE TEAM **\$40**

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\$20
KIDS DOUBLE TEAM

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Thank you!
Ms. McKenna & Ms. Hewitt