



New Paltz Central High School

NEWS SHEET

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April 2016

A Smoke Free Campus

Dear Parents / Guardians:

Spring is here! The April showers are giving way to the beautiful flowers of the season and a full array of school activities. With only ten weeks remaining in our school year, everyone at the high school is busy. Seniors are completing graduation requirements and finalizing their post secondary plans and, of course, planning for graduation. Students in grades 9-11 have selected their coursework for the 2016-17 school year and are fully engaged in end of the year activities and spring sports.

During the final ten weeks of school, our students will be very busy showcasing their talents in the classroom, in musical ensembles, on the athletic fields and throughout the community as they finalize their commitment to service. Please check the calendar and our website for details on upcoming events.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 256-4100.

Sincerely,

Barbara P. Clinton
Principal

May 17th—Budget Vote—7 a.m. to 9 p.m.—High School Gym
Art Show—5:30 p.m. Spring Concert—7:30 p.m.



Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the Class of 2016

The Valedictorian of the Class of 2016 is Darren Tsai, son of Chingo and Chihyang Tsai of New Paltz. Darren's grade point average is 101.354. Darren will be attending Cornell University in the fall. The Salutatorian of the Class of 2016 is Sarah Rubin, daughter of Peter and Leslie Rubin of New Paltz. Sarah's grade point average is 100.866. Sarah will be continuing her education at the University of Chicago. Congratulations!!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Ana Kimber who is playing for the nationally ranked New Jersey Colonials Girls Hockey program. The NJ Colonials U14 team was awarded the opportunity to represent the Atlantic District at the USA Hockey Girls/Women's Tier 1 National Tournament in Blaine, Minnesota.

Congratulations to Jennie Mele, Kaylamarie Morrison, Shannon Wolfrum, Elijah McKee and Dongwook Kim who were recognized by the Board of Education for translating Biology notes and SED required labs for our Spanish speaking students. Good job!

Congratulations to the winners of the PTSA Book Fair raffle. Cerissa DiValentino won an i-Pad and Vincent Barresi won a gift card to Inquiring Minds Book Store and a box of Krause chocolates.

Congratulations to Kate Fishman who was awarded a gold key at the Scholastic Writing Awards for the short story she wrote. Kate's story was chosen for the Cuppa Pulp Writers Space award/scholarship for \$200. This award honors the region's top work submitted from Rockland, Orange, Ulster or Dutchess Counties in New York. Kate received her award at a ceremony at Manhattanville College. Her short story will now be entered into the National Scholastic competition.

On April 5th NPHS students attended the Ellen Robbins Poetry Forum at SUNY Ulster featuring Aja Monet. Of Cuban-Jamaican descent, Aja Monet is an internationally established poet, performer, singer, songwriter, educator, and human rights advocate. The reading was followed by a question and answer session, and students engaged in a discussion of the creative process. For more information about Aja Monet, please visit <http://www.ajamonet.com/>. "Education was the village that raised me." (Monet)

If you wish to support the district initiative to go paperless, please sign onto the Parent Portal at <http://ps.newpaltz.k12.ny.us> and click on the "Paperless" icon.

Upcoming Events

April 22

Earth Day
Snow Give Back Day—NO SCHOOL

April 24

NP Athletic Association Raffle—4 p.m.
NP Elks Club

April 25

NPHS Scholarship Auction— 6-9 p.m.
Gilded Otter

April 29

Arbor Day

May 2-3

9th Grade Earth Science trip to
Minnewaska(rain dates 5/4 & 5/5)

May 2-13

AP Exams

May 4

Board of Education meeting—7 p.m.

May 9

PTSA meeting—7 p.m.

May 17

Budget Vote—7 a.m.-9 p.m.-Gym
Art Show—5:30 p.m.
Spring Concert —7:30 p.m.-Auditorium

May 20

Superintendent's Day—No Classes
End of 35-week marking period

May 24

NHS Girls' Football Game—4 p.m.

May 26-27

Possible give-back days

May 30

New Paltz Memorial Day Parade—6 p.m.

June 1

Regents Day-Algebra II-
School is in session

June 3

NPCSD Foundation Fundraiser-
Robibero Winery —6 p.m.-10 p.m.

June 6

Student Recognition Night—7 p.m.

June 9

Science Research Symposium —6:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE

At our high school website www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us you can access the Guidance web pages to keep informed about career information, college advisement, community service suggestions, pre-college checklist, senior calendar, scholarship bulletins, college related upcoming events, etc. Athletic events are online at our high school website: www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us or ociaa.oubooces.org or you may listen to them by calling the SPORTS HOTLINE at: (845) 256-4045. This HOTLINE is updated regularly with information pertaining to games, meets and, if necessary, cancellations and re-scheduling.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND DELAYS

In addition to listening to the radio, you can find the closings/delays online at cancellations.COM, as well as on our district website, www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us after 6:00 a.m. You can still call our weather hotline at 256-4099 which is updated at 5:45 a.m.

Did You Know ?

From The Nurse:

Regular skin checks can increase the chance of catching a developing melanoma. When melanoma is caught early, this form of cancer has a better chance of responding to treatment.

First check if any moles fit the ABCDE rules. These rules can help you tell if a mole should be checked by your doctor. The ABCDE rules are:

- Asymmetry—One half of the mole does not match the other half.
- Border irregularity—The edges of the mole are ragged or irregular.
- Color—The mole has different colors in it. It may be tan, brown, black, red or other colors or it may have areas that appear to have lost color.
- Diameter—The mole is bigger than 6 millimeters across, about the size of a pencil eraser, but some melanomas can be smaller.
- Evolving—A mole changes in size, shape, or color.

April 22nd is a "give-back" day- No School / June 3rd - classes will be in session.

The NPHS 2016 production of *Fiddler on the Roof* packed the Otto Grassel Auditorium on March 17th, 18th and 19th. The production was a great success and earned rave reviews. Congratulations to all.

The following are some scenes from *Fiddler on the Roof*:



Please check the high school website for updated information.

PTSA NEWS

Everyone—parents, educators, students and community members-is invited to join our PTSA!

The next PTSA meeting is Monday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m.in the High School library

Once again PTSA is sponsoring the "Good Times Raffle"-Tickets are available at the high school on May 17th.



If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Baker at stfbk@hvc.rr.com



"New Paltz High School...caring, connecting, and making a difference"

Mission Statement: To become a community of learners that emphasizes mutual respect and responsibility in which everyone realizes his or her potential.