



# New Paltz Central High School

## NEWS SHEET

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November 2016

A Smoke Free Campus

Dear Parents / Guardians:

*How quickly time goes by...already the fall festivities and sporting events are over and our winter sports program is underway! Our students are busy with the upcoming drama production, winter concerts, multiple college and career explorations and participation in numerous co-curricular clubs and community activities. While their academic classes end at 2:20 p.m., student life continues for several hours beyond the school day. Please check the high school website for information or feel free to ask your child's guidance counselor for additional information on clubs and/or events.*

*As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.*

Sincerely,

Barbara P. Clinton  
Principal



### Red Ribbon Week

During the week of November 1st NPBS celebrated Red Ribbon Week. Started in 1988, Red Ribbon Week brings new hope to raise awareness and begin imperative conversation about life choices and drug use. Drug addiction and abuse makes us painfully aware of the destruction it can bring along with the loss of life. Activities for the week included a Red Ribbon bake sale with giveaways, "Wear Red Day" and a school-wide mural with the student generated theme, "YOUR LIFE IS IN YOUR HANDS." Dozens of hand-prints were added to the mural from both students and faculty sending the message to support each other in the choice to be drug-free. Peer Leadership/Education sponsored all the activities along with volunteer students. Banners were created to decorate the main lower hallway with messaging to promote positive life choices including a life of sobriety.



### Congratulations

Congratulations to Nick Puleo and Jaxson Koebel– Secky who have qualified for the Sectional Boys Golf Tournament which will be played in the spring.

Congratulations to Jimmy Verney who was named offensive player of the game and to Joe DiMarco who was named defensive player of the game for the Sectional Semi-Finals vs. Liberty.

Congratulations to the following students who represented NPBS in the first session of Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute in October: Logan Linares, Neily Vera, Isabella Mazo, Alegandra Guzman and Carla Nazaire.

Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Cross Country team who placed second in the MHAL team championship.

Congratulations to Cerissa DiValentino who was chosen by the Section IX Girls Soccer Coaches to the Class A All-star Soccer team.

Congratulations to Otto Richardson who was named by the Section IX coaches to the Class A Boys Soccer All-stars.

Congratulations to the girls swimming and diving team who finished 3rd of 17 teams at the Section IX championships the first weekend of November. It was an outstanding team effort with the 200 medley relay of Isabella Santos, Morgane Kuyl, Kaela Santos, and Abigail Santos qualifying for the state championships. Isabella, Morgane, Kaela and Abigail also qualified for states in the 200 free relay, setting a new school record in the process. Kaela and Abigail qualified for states in the 100 butterfly and 50 freestyle and Morgane in the 100 freestyle. The State meet will begin on November 17th at Ithaca College. Good luck, girls.

Congratulations to James Cerny, student of the month for October in HVAC and Corey Arnold, student of the month for October in WEB at VOTEC, Port Ewen.

**Congratulations to Coach Tegeler and the NPBS Varsity Football Team who are the 2016 Section IX Champions!!**

## Upcoming Events

**November 17-19**

Drama Production- "You Can't Take It With You"- 7:30 p.m.

**November 18**

Multicultural Conference-SUNY NP

**November 18-19**

NYSSMA Area All-State Festival

**November 21**

Parent/Teacher conferences-

By appointment starting November 1st

**November 23-27**

NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break

**November 30**

Poetry Out Loud—2:20 p.m.

**December 1**

NPHS Talent Show—7 p.m.

**December 1-4**

NYSSMA All-State conference  
Rochester, NY

**December 7**

Board of Education meeting- 7 p.m.

**December 8**

National Honor Society Inductions-  
7 p.m.

**December 15**

Winter Concert—7:30 p.m.

**December 16**

End of 15-week marking period

**December 20**

Snowdate—Winter Concert

**December 23-January 2**

Winter Recess

**January 3**

Classes resume



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.

Please check the high school website for updated information.

### HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE

At our high school website [www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us](http://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](http://www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us) or [ociaa.ouboes.org](http://ociaa.ouboes.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](http://cancellations.com), as well as on our district website, [www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us](http://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 ?

### Stress Busters

Stress Busters is back at NPHS this year. Every Wednesday in November, students can take part in free after-school classes designed to de-stress and re-energize them. November 2nd, November 9th, students participated in Yoga in Room 110. Yoga class will be offered again on November 16th. On Wednesday, November 30th, students can participate in Cardio Hip Hop in the NPHS cafeteria. Stress Busters is sponsored by the Greater New Paltz Community Partnership.

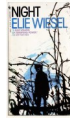
### November is Movember

NPHS teachers, staff and students participate in "Movember" in November. You may have noticed a lot of beards being grown by our male staff members. The reason for this is to bring attention to the state of men's health. Prostate cancer rates will double in the next 15 years. Testicular cancer rates have already doubled in the last 50 years. Poor mental health leads to half a million men taking their own life every year. Other activities to promote awareness have been planned for the month.

### NYSSMA All-State Music Festival

This year's NYSSMA Zone 9 Area All-State Festival will take place on November 18th and 19th at Cornwall High School. Fourteen musicians from NPHS have been selected to perform in the ensembles at this festival. Students chosen to perform in the Band are: Grace Holod—french horn, Claudia Kaplan—clarinet, Dongwook Kim—trombone, Elijah McKee—alto saxophone, Claire Taylor—French horn, and Luke Taylor—bassoon. Students chosen to perform in the Orchestra are: Oliver Goland—trumpet. Students chosen to perform in the Mixed Chorus are: Caroline Joseph—alto, Logan Linares—tenor, and Caroline Schroer—soprano. Students chosen for the Women's Chorus are: Carmen Chu—soprano, Dana Ciemiak—alto, Hannah Goichman—alto, and Sarah LaCasse—alto. These students will spend the weekend rehearsing with the best musicians in Zone 9, and the festival will conclude with two concerts. Congratulations to all of the students selected!

Two of these students have also been selected to participate in the All-State Music Ensembles. These ensembles are the most selective in New York State. The NPHS students selected to perform at All-State are: Oliver Goland and Elijah McKee. They will be attending the NYSSMA All-State festival in Rochester, N.Y. from December 1st-4th. We wish them luck!



### "Night in a Day"

The annual "Night In A Day" event took place Tuesday, November 15th. For those who aren't familiar with "Night In A Day", all of the 9th grade students were in the auditorium for the full day reading Elie Wiesel's *Night*. The students watched videos, took part in activities and listened to testimonials. The afternoon guest speaker was Mr. Paul Galan, a survivor of the Holocaust. Teachers, staff and some upper classmen read sections of the book out loud while the 9th graders read along.

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### PTSA NEWS

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

The next PTSA meeting is Monday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact  
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"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.