



New Paltz Central High School

NEWS SHEET

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November 2017

A Smoke Free Campus

Dear Parents / Guardians:

The fall season at New Paltz High School was very busy. Our new staff, including our Assistant Principal Ms. Ryba and Mr. Greg Warren, our Athletic Director, have quickly become members of our school community and are excited to be here! Returning to school this year not only includes enjoying new classes, meeting new people and supporting our teams, we officially opened five new classrooms and the "Guidance Area". Already, the additional space has had a positive effect upon students and staff alike.

As we move on to the second quarter, winter sports are starting, the Fall Drama is in production and students are preparing for Area All-State and the Winter Concert. Please check the calendar and/or the website for a list of upcoming events and plan to attend and support our students! Thank you!

And as always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Happy Thanksgiving!

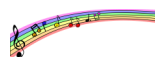
Barbara P. Clinton
Principal



Area All-State and All-State

This year's NYSSMA Zone 9 Area All-State Festival takes place November 17th and 18th at Tri-Valley High School. Sixteen musicians from New Paltz High School have been selected to perform in the ensembles at this festival. Students chosen to perform in the Band are: Maya Greenfield—clarinet, Grace Holod—French horn, Claudia Kaplan—clarinet, Elizabeth Medrano—oboe, and Luke Taylor—bassoon. Students chosen to perform in the Orchestra are: Oliver Goland—trumpet and Claire Taylor—French horn. Students chosen to perform in the Mixed Choir are: Carmen Chu—soprano, Timothy Gadaletto—tenor, Madeline Leitner—alto, Logan Linares—bass, and Caleb Sheedy—bass. Students chosen for the Women's Choir are: Megan Geher—soprano, Sherap Lama—alto, Kiah Saxe—soprano, and Olivia Venier—soprano. These students will spend the weekend rehearsing with the best musicians in Zone 9. The festival concludes with two concerts in the afternoon. Congratulations to all of the students selected.

Two of these students were also selected to participate in the All-State Music Ensembles. These ensembles are the most selective in New York State. The New Paltz High School students selected to perform at All-State are: Carmen Chu and Madeline Leitner. They will be attending the NYSSMA All-State festival in Rochester, New York from December 1st through December 4th. We wish them luck!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Gwen O'Meara (11th grade) who participated in a one month summer residency at the Maryland Institute College of Art this past summer. Gwen was awarded a scholarship to attend and earned 3 college credits in Video and Film Photography.

Congratulations to Aracely Watson who earned her Girl Scout Silver award this fall for a Healthy Living booklet she created and shared with the 3rd grade classes at St. Joseph Church Religious Education program in New Paltz. She was also selected to represent the Heart of the Hudson Girl Scouts at the triennial National Girl Scout Convention in Columbus, Ohio this fall.

Congratulations to Coaches Don Bartlett and Kara Seim and the Girls Swimming and Diving Team who made history on November 4th by winning the first Section IX championship in New Paltz girls' history. Kudos to Bella Santos, Maia Clasby, Josie LaPolt and Abi Santos who came in 1st in the 200 medley relay with a NYS championship qualifying time. April Cook came in 3rd in the 200 freestyle and 2nd in the 500 freestyle, setting a new school record and also qualifying for the states. Lydia Brutvan came in 2nd in the 200 IM, breaking the old school record. Abi Santos came in 1st in both the 50 free and 100 butterfly with State qualifying times. The 200 freestyle relay team of Bella Santos, Lydia Brutvan, Keira Couillard-Smith and Abi Santos came in 4th with a state qualifying time. Maia Clasby set a new school record in the 100 breaststroke and made a state qualifying time. April Cook, Keira Couillard-Smith, Josie LaPolt and Zofia Trzewik-Quinn set a new school record in the 400 freestyle relay. The Girls State Swim meet is November 17th and 18th at Ithaca College. Good luck to all!

Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch can receive additional benefits including fee waivers for standardized tests, reduced tuition rates for UHS credits and fee waivers for college applications. Please contact your child's school counselor to get more information on these benefits.

Upcoming Events

November 17-18

"Look Homeward, Angel"-7:30 p.m.

November 17-18

NYSSMA Area All-State Festival

November 20

Parent/Teacher conferences-

Appointments are scheduled online

November 22-24

NO SCHOOL—

Thanksgiving Break

November 30-December 3

NYSSMA All-State

Conference-Rochester, NY

December 1

Superintendent's Day—

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

December 5

World AIDs Day

National Honor Society Inductions -

7 p.m.

December 6

Board of Education meeting— 7 p.m.-HS

December 7

Talent Show and Food Drive— 7 p.m.

December 8

Snow Ball—7:30- 10:00 p.m.

December 11

PTSA meeting—7 p.m.

December 14

Winter Concert—7:30 p.m.-HS

December 19

Snow Date—Winter Concert— 7:30 p.m.

December 20

Board of Education meeting-6:30p.m.

December 22-January 1

Winter Recess –NO SCHOOL

January 3

Board of Education meeting –HS -7 p.m.

January 8

PTSA meeting—7 p.m.

January 23-26

Regents Exams



Did You Know ?

From The Nurse:

It is not too late to get your flu shot!



On October 18th, Ms. Sutton and Ms. Kamrass took their sophomores to see the play version of the novel To Kill A Mockingbird performed by the Theater Department at SUNY New Paltz. Our students were studying the novel in English 10, and they were especially impressed by the talented cast as well as by the realistic and versatile set; they truly felt transported back to the deep south of the 1930's, and their thanks go out to the staff at SUNY for making it such a memorable experience.

During the week of October 30th, NPHS (hosted by the Peer Leadership/Education Club) celebrated Red Ribbon Week. Starting 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 kick-off with giveaways promoting positive messaging and a school-wide mural with the student generated theme, "TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER, NEW PALTZ. STAY CLEAN. BE SAFE." Dozens of handprints were added to the mural from both students and faculty sending the message to support each other in the choice to be drug-free. Additionally, Peer Leaders hosted a bake sale that raised money for the AWARENESS program (a local substance abuse awareness program), and ended the week with a "Wear Red Day." Lastly, several volunteers donated their time from the AWARENESS program to share personal stories to the Health classes on the devastation that drug use caused them and all they knew. Impacts from those stories so bravely shared are generating much needed discussion about the growing epidemic of opioid addiction and how experimentation often leads to addiction much quicker than most realize. Thank you to all the students and volunteers who work every day to fight drug use and educate about substance abuse disorders and other mental illnesses.



Photos from the AP Studio Art Encaustics workshop on October 24th at R&F Paint in Kingston



Alyssa Donato

Hannah Goichman



John Walsh

Jack Purcell

Once again New High School Youth for Unity students participated in the Annual Multi-Cultural Conference at SUNY New Paltz.. Follow up discussion will take place after the Thanksgiving break.

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.outbores.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.

PTSA NEWS

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

The next PTSA meeting is Monday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Goodnow at mamagoodnow5@gmail.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.