



New Paltz Middle School

From the desk of Mrs. Ann Sheldon, Principal:

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! Life has returned to our school with the students here everyday! We are pleased to welcome Mr. Daniel Glenn as our new Assistant Principal. It is exciting to explore and use our new space here at NPMS. We have new classrooms, new nurse's office, new guidance department/suite and new locker rooms. We are looking forward to learning, growing and collaborating in these new spaces. We are looking forward to our Library being open very soon.

The Middle School is a busy place. Staff and students are actively engaged in learning everyday. After school modified sports have begun and clubs will be beginning very soon. We look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me: msprincipal@newpaltz.k12.ny.us

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Middle School Mission Statement

"The New Paltz Middle School is a community of students, parents, teachers, administrators, and support staff that creates a nurturing and supportive environment where learners feel safe to set goals, achieve success, and work towards fulfilling their potential. Ideals such as compassion, empathy, lasting friendships, academic achievement, and personal growth are encouraged daily within our learning community."

Dates to remember:

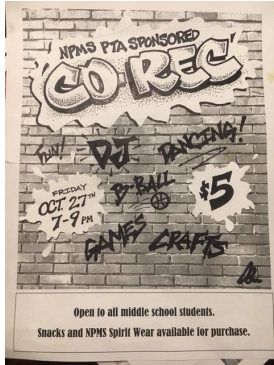
September 25—Open House 6:30-8:30pm
October 5—No School—conference day
October 8—No School— Indigenous People Day
October 16—PTA meeting—6pm—Library
October 23— "Mix it Up Day"—Lunch periods
October 24—7th Grade Field Trip—Rhinebeck Theatre
October 25—8th Grade Field Trip—9/11 Museum and Observatory
October 26—First Co-Rec— Wear Halloween colors— 7-9 pm
October 31— Halloween—Students can wear costumes to school
November 1—County Wide—Early Dismissal (15 minutes early)
November 6—PTA meeting —6pm—Library
November 7 & 8 —Middle School Picture Day
November 12—No School —Veteran's Day—Thank you for your service!
November 21-23—No School—Thanksgiving Break
November 27—Parent/Teacher Conferences—6-8 pm
November 26-30—PTA sponsored Book Fair—Middle School
November 30—Parent/Teacher Conferences - no school for students





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What is a Co-Rec?



The Middle School has five (5) Co-Recs planned for this year. This is a PTA fundraising event that benefits the students of the Middle School. On the designated Friday nights, students are welcome to come to the Middle School at 7PM, pay \$5.00 at the door and enjoy an evening with a live DJ in the auditorium, snacks (\$) and games in the cafeteria and basketball games in the gym. At 9:00 PM the Co-Rec is over and parents are expected to pick up their students. Parent Chaperones are needed for this event. Please contact the PTA to volunteer.

Co-Rec Dates: October 26th, November 16th, January 25th, February 22nd, April 26th.

Clubs at the Middle School

- Drama—Mrs. Mary Holmes
- Art—Mrs. Abrahamsen
- Student Council— Ms. Conrad/Ms. Abrahamsen
- Reflections (Literacy Magazine) - Mr. Chervenak
- School of Rock—Mrs. Nosovsky/Mr. Halpern
- The Mirror (Student Newspaper) - Ms. Hughes
- Yearbook—Ms. Conrad
- Geography—Ms. Mouyios

Get your Middle School Spirit Wear!

Tee shirt - \$10

Hoodie—\$30

Long Sleeve shirt - \$15

Available through the PTA!



Kindness focus:

Random Acts of Kindness—everyday - staff and students

Student created posters —creating a positive message throughout the school

REFLECTIONS

*The New Paltz Middle School
Literary & Art Magazine*

School of Rock



The Mirror





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Student Planners

The student planners are a wealth of information. Students should have this resource with them everyday. The planner is used as a hall pass as well as an organizational tool.



Check with your child to go over the information in the planner.

The Middle School Day

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Teacher Time	7:40 - 2:35
Students Enter	7:30
Locker Time	7:45 - 7:55
Homeroom	7:55 - 8:00
Period 1	8:04 - 8:44
Period 2	8:48 - 9:28
Period 3	9:32 - 10:12
Period 4	10:16 - 10:56
Period 5	11:00 - 11:40
Period 6	11:44 - 12:24
Period 7	12:28 - 1:08
Period 8	1:12 - 1:52
Period 9	1:56 - 2:35

PREP TASKS

Prep tasks are to be expected in the Middle School. A prep task is a tool that is used to facilitate learning in the classroom. Prep tasks are designed to provide follow up from a day's lesson and/or prepare a student for the next day's lesson. While they are not officially evaluated, they are specifically connected to the skills checks, quizzes, and major assessments that will be formally evaluated with a grade. Prep tasks should be recorded in the school's provided assignment book. If a student is absent, he or she should utilize the tools that the teacher has put in place for his or her classroom for communicating daily work. This may include the teacher's website calendar.

Please make sure you have filled out all the important school information forms....especially the Emergency Information Sheet. It can be found here :

<http://www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us/cms/lib/NY01000611/Centricity/Domain/619/3-Registration%20Form%20NPCSD.pdf>

or

on the Parent Portal found here: <https://ps.newpaltz.k12.ny.us/public/>



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Students in our Middle School are NOT allowed to carry cell phones with them throughout the school day. If a student brings a cell phone to school it:



- Must be turned off
- Must be kept in the students locker

Cell phones are absolutely NOT allowed on the playground or in the bathroom/locker room . Students are NOT allowed to use cell phones to take video recordings of other students at school. Students not following these guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action. Please call if you have any questions.

We have a late bus! Students may stay afterschool with a teacher or for a club and ride the late bus home. The late bus arrives at the Middle school around 3:40 and leaves around 3:55 pm.



Students must have a pass from a teacher to ride the late bus.

Join the PTA....Just \$10.00

So much is provided for our students through this organization.

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Modified Sports

To find the games you can

Click on this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/lfu44sz>

Or call:

Sports Hotline 256-4045



We have water bottle filling stations at the Middle School. Students may carry water bottles and refill them throughout the day. Water is the only beverage that students may carry with them in school.



Once our TV station is up and running...announcements will be available on our webpage.



“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”

Anthony J. D'Angelo