

# New Paltz Central High School



## NEWS SHEET

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December 2016

*A Smoke Free Campus*

Dear Parents / Guardians:



*We wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a Wonderful and Healthy New Year!  
Enjoy!*

*Sincerely,*

*The Faculty and Staff of New Paltz High School*



*Classes Resume: Tuesday, January 3, 2017*



### Congratulations

Congratulations to the following athletes who have earned the MHAL Scholar Athlete Award for the Fall 2016 season: Celina, Chamas, Marissa DeQuarto, Mallory Fariello, Stephanie Graham, Andersen Carroll, Abigail Gravatt, Grace Holod, Kaya Jordan, Sophia Noel, Stephanie Stewart-Hill, Claire Taylor, Riley Finnegan, Anisa Gilmour, Alejandra Guzman, Mikal Kalus, Halley Mastro, Anna McPherson, Grace Morrissey, Lily Sackett, Emily Wong-Pan, Lydia Brutvan, Madison Burda, Orla Clasby, April Cook, Keira Couillard-Smith, Alexandra Defoe, Anika Friedman, Adi Jordan, Claudia Kaplan, Morgane Kuyl, Josie LaPolt, Lea Maney, Samantha Musso, Amina Oukili, Daniela Sackett, Kaela Santos, Paige Sarvis, Zofia Trzewik-Quinn, Samantha Vos, Mary Klaire Branche, Taylor Bruck, Carmen Chu, Alexandra Cymbal, Cerissa DiValentino, Alexis Garcia, Carolie Giuliani, Veronica Hill, Abigail Lemek, Cameryn Lesko-Jelley, Karla Navaro, Christopher Bendell, Christian Burda, Philip Dorman, Isaac Savelson, Benjamin Cherry, Matthew Gattullo, Mitchell Gibson, Oliver Goland, William Jordan, Philip Kelson, Samuel Liebman, Logan Linares, Kyle Macaluso, Jacob Nielson, Liam Quinlan, Luke Taylor, Wells Willett, Daniel Balutowski, Isaac Cheruyot, Ryan Drake, Daniel Drewnowski, Sean Geisler, Riley Gibson, Joseph Kay, Matthew Kirsch, Gareth Kulleseid, Leo Kuyl, Wesley Mize, Otto Richards, Elijah Tamarchenko, Isaac Thomas-Markarian, Casey Burke, Nicholas Marshall, Kevin Metzger, Patrick Murphy, and Mitchell Zapka. The award is given to Varsity Athletes who have maintained a GPA of 90% or higher during the Fall season.

Congratulations to Jimmy Vemey, Guy Soumah, Joe DiMarco, Kenny Vemey, Phil Dorman and Chris Burda who were chosen by the Section 9 Coaches to the Class B All League All-Star Team.

Congratulation to Jimmy Vemey, Guy Soumah and Joe DiMarco who earned All Section All Star Team honors and to the Times-Herald Record Varsity 845 All Star Football team. Special kudos to Jimmy for being chosen player of the year.

Congratulations to Guy Soumah who was chosen Lineman of the Year.

Kudos to Coach Tegeler who was chosen Class B Coach of the Year!

Congratulations to Kelly Brinkman who was chosen to the Poughkeepsie Journal's Volleyball All-Star First Team.

Congratulations to Abby Santos for being chosen to the Times-Herald Record's 845 Varsity All-Star swim 1st team and to Morgane Kuyl for being chosen to the 2nd team.

### No Name-Calling Week

Celebrate Kindness through Creativity: No Name-Calling Week runs January 16-20, 2017. GLSEN Hudson Valley and the LGBTQ Community Center encourage students to speak out about bullying and harassment and the role kindness plays in changing school climate through art forms such as drawing, writing, music, photography and more! The Student Creative Expression Exhibit is open to all students. See submission guidelines here: <http://www.glsen.org/nomamecallingweek/creative-expression>.

On December 1st, students in Mrs. Pountain's Advanced Drawing and Painting and AP Studio Art classes visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Students will use knowledge, research and information gathered during this experience to further their in-class investigation and enhance their own individual artwork.



## Upcoming Events

### December 20

Snowdate—Winter Concert

### December 23-January 2

Winter Recess

### January 3

Classes resume

### January 4

Board of Education meeting—7 p.m.

### January 9

PTSA meeting—7 p.m.

### January 16

NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King Day

### January 16-20

“No Name-Calling” Week

### January 24-27

Regents/Final exams

### January 25-26

NO CLASSES— TESTING ONLY

### January 27

End of 20-week marking period

### January 30

2nd Semester begins

### February 1

Board of Education meeting –7 p.m.

### February 5

NPCSD Foundation “Super Bowl” fundraiser

### February 13

PTSA meeting—7 p.m.

### February 17-20

Mid-Winter Recess—NO SCHOOL

*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 ?

### From the Nurse

Mumps is a highly contagious viral illness. Continue good hand washing, not sharing drinks, and avoiding direct contact with the saliva of an infected person. The most common symptoms of mumps are discomfort in the salivary glands, especially in the jaw area, which may become swollen and tender. Some may have difficulty talking, eating, chewing, or having fever, headache, muscle aches, tiredness and loss of appetite. The symptoms of mumps may resemble other conditions or medical problems. Always consult your doctor for a diagnosis.

### National Honor Society Inductions

On Thursday, December 8th the New Paltz Chapter of the National Honor Society held a ceremony to induct 57 new members to the chapter. Everyone was welcomed to the ceremony by William DeFino, co-advisor of NPHS Honor Society. After remarks by the current president, Kaya Jordan, the candle lighting, pledge and pinning ceremony took place. The following NPHS students were inducted into the National Honor Society: Rosalind Bendell, Serena Brandt, Katherine Brooks, Corinne Bunt, Chad Catania, Carmen Chu, Sophia Constable, Alexandra DeFoe, Camila Della Nave, Grace Dixon, Rebecca Dugatkin, Eli Duncan-Gilmore, Myles Flusser, Alexis Garcia, Megan Geher, Lilia Geho, Athina Giogakis, Oliver Goland, Veronica Hill, Grace Holod, Eman Khalifa, Ann Kahn, Sherap Lama, Gianna LaMarca, Josie LaPolt, Cameryn Lesko-Jelley, Julian Lewis, Kyle Macaluso, Halley Mastro, Amanda Mele, Erin Metzger, Grace Morrissey, Kaylanarie Morrison, Samantha Musso, Karla Navarro, Hailey Newell, Sophia Noel, Jasmine O’Connell, Nicole Olarsch, Clara Pierson, Liam Quinlan, Tahlia Quintero, Noa Raskin, Jean-Claude Rigano, Adelaide Ronk, Matthew Rose, Ryan Rose, Isaac Savelson, Catherine Scaduto, Janelle Schneider, Alec Sciandra, Caleb Sheedy, Jacob Sirof, Alexander St. George, Brittany Strauss, Giovanna Tortorella and Jasmine Walker. Congratulations to all!

### Sapphire at UCCC

On Thursday, November 17th, twenty students attended the Herbert H. & Sophia P. Reuner Library Writers Series at SUNY Ulster with Joanna Arkans and Lisa St. John. The writer, Sapphire, is the author of two bestselling novels, *Push* and *The Kid*. *Push* was made into the Academy Award-winning major motion film, *Precious*. The film adaptation received the Academy Award for Best Screenplay and Best Supporting Actress. The students participated in the Q & A after the interview and reading. Sapphire is also the author of two collections of poetry. Sapphire’s poetry, fiction, and essays, have appeared in *The Black Scholar*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *The New York Times Book Review*, *The Teacher’s Voice*, *The New Yorker*, *Spin*, and *Bomb*. She has taught literature, fiction, and poetry workshops at SUNY Purchase, Trinity College and the Writer’s Voice in New York City and graduate writing workshops at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Brooklyn College, and at the New School University.

Gwen O’Meara, a 10th grade student at NPHS, is an intern at the local art gallery ROOST. Gwen will participate in their December show of local artists. The show opened Saturday, December 17th and will run until January 8, 2017. For more information go to <http://www.roostcoop.org/holiday-extravaganza>.

Congratulation to the Mathletes Team, which has 4 teams competing in the DUSO math competitions this year. Our team of sophomores tied for 1st place in the December meet.

Congratulations also to the eight Mathletes who competed in the 36 hour long High School Mathematical Contest in Modeling (HiMCM) contest: Isaac Thomas-Markarian, Dylan Abramson, Minjae Rhee, Oliver Goland, Elijah Tamerchenko, Elijah McKee, Owen Sheekey, and Max Weires. Bravo to you all!

### 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.*