



# New Paltz Central High School

## NEWS SHEET

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A Smoke Free Campus

Dear Parents / Guardians:

It's 2017; second semester has begun and already plans are being made for graduation and the 2017-2018 school year. Even in the winter, New Paltz High School continues to be a very busy place! Our students continue to showcase their talents on stage, on the slopes, on the mat, on the courts and, of course, in the classroom. Our students have already received numerous awards this year in the arts and music as well as in academic areas including, math, science, technology, writing and poetry. Information regarding school events, programs and activities are posted on our website.

We are also pleased to announce beginning February 14th, Astor Services for Children and Families will provide a counseling clinic at New Paltz High School, 3 days a week, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please check the High School website for additional information or call the guidance office.

Sincerely,

Barbara P. Clinton



### Congratulations

**Congratulations to Amelia St. John** who was a Fall MHAL student scholar on the Varsity Cross-Country team. We apologize that her name was accidentally left off the previous list.

**Congratulations to Ethan Torres (CISCO)** who was Student of the Month at Vo Tech for November 2016 and **Lauren Torres (Music)** who was Student of the Month at Vo Tech for December 2016.

**Congratulations to Alexis Garcia** who has been chosen to play soccer at SUNY Plattsburgh next year.

**Congratulations to the Indoor Track teams at the MHAL Championships.** The Boys team placed 2nd in the team championships and the Girls team placed 4th.

### Scholastic Art Awards

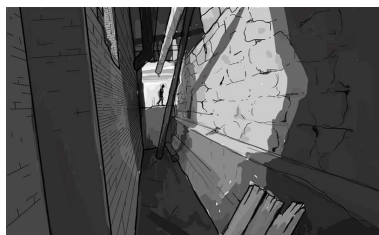
The Regional Scholastic Art gold and silver awards were announced recently and NPHS has several winners: Gabe Allibone—1 silver, Cameron Cherry—2 gold, 1 silver, Emily Denno—1 gold, 1 silver, Morgan Heidrich—1 gold, Riley Gibson—2 silver, Mia DiMaio—7 gold, 4 silver, Lia Kucera—1 silver, Chloe Mosbacher—3 silver, Blake Olsen—2 gold, 1 silver (Blake is also an American Visions Nominee), Isabelle Szemcsak—4 gold, 1 silver and Fiona Weinstein—1 gold, 1 silver. There will be a Award Ceremony at SUNY New Paltz on Friday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. and the art will be on display at SUNY from February 3-22.



Blake Olsen



Riley Gibson



Cameron Cherry

### Poetry Out Loud Competition

On Thursday, February 9th at 6:00 p.m. the Mid-Hudson Regional Competition of the Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest will take place at SUNY New Paltz in the CSB Auditorium. Seven of the area high schools will be represented. NPHS has two contestants in the competition—Dana Cierniak and Kaylene Keeney. Kaylene Keeney will recite “The Arrow and the Song” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, “Respiration” by Jamaal May and “An Apology for her Poetry” by Duchess of Newcastle, Margaret Cavendish. Dana Cierniak will be reciting “Dover Beach” by Matthew Arnold, “Chordstuart” by Dybek and “Our Nature” by Rae Armantrout. All are encouraged to attend.



# Upcoming Events



- February 13**  
PTSA meeting—7 p.m.
- February 14**  
Valentine's Day  
Counseling clinic at NPHS opens
- February 15**  
Board of Education meeting—D.O.-  
6:30 p.m.
- February 17-20**  
Mid-Winter Recess-NO SCHOOL
- March 1**  
Board of Education meeting—HS-7 p.m.
- March 3**  
End of 25 week marking period
- March 6**  
10th Grade Visitation Day at  
Ulster BOCES
- March 7-9**  
PTSA sponsored Book Fair
- March 8**  
Courtyard Snacks—2:30 p.m.
- March 9**  
Scholarship Concert—7:30 p.m.
- March 13**  
Parent/Teacher Conference –7-9 p.m.  
By appointment only
- March 15**  
Board of Education meeting-D.O.-  
7 p.m.
- March 16**  
10th graders to UCC Career Conference  
Day
- March 30-April 1**  
Spring Musical "Working"- 7:30 p.m.—Matinee-  
Sat. April 1 at 2 p.m.

*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.oubooces.org](http://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](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 p.m.

## Did You Know ?

### From the NPHS Library

All 9th grade students recently completed a lesson in English class focusing on how to evaluate websites and digital news articles. Students learned how to verify information that they find online, and how to look out for "fake news". See the library website <http://nphslib.weebly.com/how-to-evaluate-websites-and-news-articles.html> for more information.

### News from the Business Department

After taking Personal Finance class, over 40 students have passed the WISE Financial Certification Literacy Test and are now certified as Financially Literate.

By completing the Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management class through the SUNY Ulster Collegian Program, Aaron Murphy, Nick Zacheo and Chris Samitz have earned three college credits.

### Vocal Jazz Workshop

Some of Ulster County's best high school vocalists came together at Onteora High School on January 11th for an intensive vocal jazz workshop hosted by Onteora and Ulster County Music Educators Association. The 28 students spent the day working with Jeff Welcher, director of Syracuse University's acclaimed vocal jazz ensemble, "Windjammer." The participating school districts were Onteora, Ellenville, Highland, New Paltz, Rondout Valley, Saugerties and Wallkill. The NPHS students who participated are Carmen Chu (soprano), Sherap Lama (alto), Caleb Sheedy (tenor), and Gil Sweeney (bass).

The students spent the school day and part of the evening rehearsing with Welcher and a three-piece professional rhythm section. Gil, Carmen and Caleb said, "It was a huge learning experience. We got a chance to meet new people. We enjoyed working with the conductor." That evening the NPHS vocalists performed, along with the Rondout Valley High School Vocal Ensemble and Onteora's jazz vocal group, Sounds of Jazz. Caleb said, "I usually train classically so singing jazz was a new experience. It was a lot of fun!"



### ENL Family Night

The ENL Family Night took place at Lenape on February 2nd and yielded a wonderful turnout comprised of ENL students from all four school buildings, their families, teachers, and administrators. Several high school students interacted and facilitated activities, games and crafts. The fun-filled evening also included singing performances, dance, music and dinner.



### PTSA NEWS

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

*The next PTSA meeting is Monday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m.*

*If you have any questions, please contact  
Meghan Goodnow at [mamagoodnow5@gmail.com](mailto: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.*