



# New Paltz Central High School

## NEWS SHEET

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December 2017

A Smoke Free Campus

Dear Parents / Guardians:

*First and foremost, I want to thank you and the greater school community for the response to our recent tragedy at the high school. We are very fortunate to have had (and continue to have) outstanding support teams from the town, the county and our Ulster BOCES available to students, staff and parents. As we move forward, if anyone needs support services over the next two weeks, please call Ulster County Mobile Mental Health (10 a.m.-10 p.m.) at 1-844-277-4820 or Family of Woodstock, Inc. 24 Hour Crisis Hotline at 845-338-2370. Thank you.*

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

Sincerely,

Barbara P. Clinton  
Principal



Happy Holidays! Happy New Year!  
School resumes January 2, 2018.



### Congratulations

Congratulations to Logan Linares and Emilia St. John for qualifying for the NYS Cross Country State Championship Meet. Logan came in 36th out of 127 runners with a time of 17:41 and Emilia came in 64th out of 125 with a time of 22:41.

Congratulations to the winners of the Talent Show: Kiah Saxe—1st Place, Andie Carroll—2nd Place and Andrew Geher and Matt Gose—3rd Place.

Congratulations to the following fall sports teams who qualified as NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Teams with collective GPAs of 90% or above: Varsity Volleyball—94.22%, Varsity Boys Soccer—94.52%, Varsity Girls Soccer—94.48%, Varsity Girls Tennis—96.33%, Varsity Boys Golf—94.03%, Boys Cross Country—95.16%, Girls Cross Country—95.24% and Varsity Girls Swim—94.85%.

Congratulations to Logan Linares and Carlos Rodriguez who were accepted as the NPHS representatives to the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute. They attended the first training on Tuesday, December 12th.

Congratulations to Ms. Mallory whose 3D Printing in Technology/Engineering project has been approved to receive funding from the NPCSD Foundation for Student Enhancement! Thank you!

### 2017 Girls Varsity Swim Team Makes History

The 2017 Girls Varsity Swim Team made history in November by winning the Section 9 Championship meet for the first time ever! It was a dominant team performance with 12 different individuals scoring points at the section meet (top 16 places) and a 50 point gap to the second place team. The Medley Relay Team of Bella Santos, Maia Clasby, Josie LaPolt and Abigail Santos successfully defended their section title and qualified for the New York State Championship meet, where they ultimately finished 32nd. The 200 Freestyle Relay of Bella Santos, Lydia Brutvan, Keira Coulard-Smith and Abigail Santos also qualified for the State meet where they finished 45th. Individually, Maia Clasby qualified for the State meet in the 100 breaststroke and April Cook qualified in the 500 Freestyle. Abigail Santos qualified for the State meet in the 50 Freestyle and 100 Butterfly after successfully defending both of her section titles in those events. At the state meet, she finished 8th in the 50 Free and 17th in the 100 Butterfly.

The 2017 Team also set 6 new team records this year: Maia Clasby in the 100 Breaststroke and Diving, Lydia Brutvan in the 200 Individual Medley, Abigail Santos in the 100 Butterfly, April Cook in the 500 Freestyle and the team of April Cook, Keira Coulard-Smith, Josie LaPolt and Zofia Trzewik-Quinn in the 400 Freestyle Relay. The team had a total of 7 seniors this year, some of whom have been on the team since Middle School. Three of those seniors; Josie LaPolt, Maia Clasby and Allie DeFoe were the team captains this year and set the expectation of hard work, fun and community for the entire season. "Everyone on the team, at different points of the season, had to step up and be there for their teammates, swim a tough race or perform when they were down. Everyone's important", Kara Seim. Finally, twenty-one individuals on the team also received the Mid-Hudson Athletic League's Academic Award for maintaining a GPA above 90%. Congratulations to this team of successful student athletes!



### Girls Swim Team Seniors

Hannah Benvenuti, Josie LaPolt, Samantha Muso, Maia Clasby, Marta Pankowska, Alexandra DeFoe, and Danielle Sackett.

# Upcoming Events

- December 22-January 1**  
Winter Recess –NO SCHOOL
- January 2**  
Classes resume
- January 3**  
Board of Education meeting –HS -7 p.m.
- January 4**  
Winter Concert—HS– 7:30 p.m.
- January 8**  
PTSA meeting—6:30 p.m.  
**Parent meeting—7:00 p.m.**
- January 15**  
NO SCHOOL-Martin Luther King Day
- January 17**  
Board of Education meeting—6:30 p.m.  
District Office
- January 22-26**  
Mid-terms, Finals, Regents Exams
- January 26**  
End of 20 week marking period
- January 29**  
2nd Semester begins
- February 7**  
Board of Education meeting –7 p.m.-HS
- February 12**  
PTSA meeting—7:00 p.m.
- February 16-19**  
Mid-Winter Recess– School Closed

*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.*

### 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 a.m.

### National Honor Society Inductions

On Tuesday, December 5th, fifty-nine NPHS students were inducted into the New Paltz Chapter of the National Honor Society during a ceremony in the High School auditorium. The names of the inductees are Rebecca Aurigemma, Emily Barbato, Alex Barrese, Daniel Balatowski, Anderson Carroll, Isaac Cheruiyot, Hannah Christiana, Keira Coulard-Smith, Luciano Crimi, Juliette Crisafi, Malena Crocitto, Alexandra Cymbal, Ryan Drake, Daniel Drewnowski, Marcus Fariello, Riley Finnegan, Anika Friedman, Abigail Gravatt, Maya Greenfield, Evan Holland-Shepler, James Hyland, Adi Rose Jordan, Claudia Kaplan, Matthew Kirsch, Leo Kuyll, Ilia Klimenchenko, Maddy Leitner, Owen Lewars, Samuel Liebman, Logan Linares, Lianna Maley, Samuel Marshall, Brooke Martinez, Jordan Mattsen, Anna McPherson, Christopher Meluso, Gwen O'Meara, Hailey Osbourne, Carolyn Reeves, Matthew Russell, Lily Sackett, Derek Seger, Mikayla Simmons, Elizabeth Sheehy, Kazu Shimada, Emily Stettner, Danielle Takacs, Elijah Tamarchenko, Claire Taylor, Luke Taylor, Dayna Marie Thomas, Edward Cai, Benjamin Drillings, Melanie Grau, Iman Khan, Minjae Rhee, Benjamin Williams and Dale Wilson.



*These are several of the Physical Education students who placed in the "Top 10" during the fitness test. (Back row) Gil Sweeney, Joseph Steinbach, Logan Linares, Claire Taylor, Abigail Gravatt, Anabel Evans, Samantha Landrum. (Front row) Emily Barbato, Victoria Drice, Chloe Gold and Samantha Shane.*



During the month of November, the Interact Club raised \$200 for Movember.com. Movember.com is a foundation dedicated to tackling men's health issues on a global scale, especially prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention. This year's participants were Chad Foti, Marc Knittel, Justin Seweryn, David Thibodeau, Joel Neden, Joe Dolan, Todd Martin and Rodrigo Castro. All were shaved on Monday, December 4th during 3rd Block by Mr. Mostafa Oukili from Mostafa's Barber Shop in Kingston who graciously donated his time and money for the event.

### PTSA NEWS

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

*The next PTSA meeting is Monday, January at 6:30 p.m.  
Parent Meeting 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.*