



New Paltz Central High School

NEWS SHEET

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December 2018

A Smoke Free Campus

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Holidays! As we approach the end of another calendar year, the entire staff at New Paltz High School thanks you for your continued support of our students and the valuable input provided throughout the year. Together we have and, hopefully, will continue to have, "A Community of learners that emphasize mutual respect and responsibility in which everyone realizes his or her potential." Thank you.

Sincerely,

Barbara P. Clinton



Happy New Year!

Happy Holidays!

Dress Code

On January 2, 2019 New Paltz High School will be implementing the following District dress code for all students:

Dress Code:

Students' dress is a reflection of our school, community, parents and themselves. All students are expected to dress neatly in clothing suitable for school activities. Student attire should not disrupt or interfere with the educational process for the individual or surrounding persons.

The following are deemed to be inappropriate, either because they interfere with the health and safety of our students and staff or are disruptive to the educational process:

- Clothing which is considered by school authorities to be dangerous (spiked bracelets, rings or belts)
- Items that are vulgar, obscene, and libelous or denigrate others on account of race, color, socio-economic background, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.
- Items that promote or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.
- Footwear that is a safety hazard including but not limited to; flip flops, athletic slides, bedroom slippers, or wheeled footwear.
- Wearing of hats, hoods, or bandanas in the school building, except for medical or religious purposes.
- See through/cut outs and extremely brief garments including strapless tops that expose the students' midriff, upper thigh, or upper torso.
- Exposed bras/underwear/boxers.

All district personnel are sensitive to the individuality and self-expressiveness of each student, in addition we must ensure the needs and feelings of all students are acknowledged. If a staff member sees a student who is not in compliance with the dress code he or she will be talked to discretely or referred to appropriate personnel.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into the New Paltz Chapter of the National Honor Society on December 4th: Madeline Abramson, Joseph Ayala, Rebecca Bendell, Taylor Bruck, Madison Burda, April Cook, Sierra Cramer, Emma Decker, Julian Dorman, Marcel Duvivier, Pilar Duvivier, Ethan Feshold, Sean Geisler, Chloe Gold, Alina Gomey, Zack Grazioso, Keaton Hemminger, Meredith Holod, Caitlin Hulbert, Ryan Kelso, Ana Kimber, Abigail Lemek, Shelby Maguire, Madeleine Maietta, Kyle Mast, Logan Michael, Adelaide Morgiewicz, Patrick Murphy, Zaky Musso, Grace Nicoletti, Ashlyn O'Hara, Aminal Oukili, Jay Patel, Callie Paul-LaRonca, Ariana Rodriguez, Christina Rust, Aedan Sennett, Ella Skye-Franks, Amelia St. John, Nicole Steinback, Mahmuda Tahsin, Oliver ten Broeke, Lauren Thompson, Francesca Varriano, Keegan Veeder, Amelia Verderosa, Samantha Vos, Jacob Weinstein, Willett Wells, Jacob Williams, Emily Wong-Pan, Tori Woodward and Levi Wyns.

Congratulations to all of the 2018 Talent Show participants for an incredible show. Thank you to the crew for pulling off the show with one rehearsal - Keegan Veeder, Lexcia Eisenhardt, Cornac Stutzman, Kyle Mast, Keaton Hemminger, Maddie Maietta, Siri Walsh, Caitlin Coiteau, Jayden Pollard and Sam Liebman. Congratulations to the winners:

- 1st place—Andie Carroll
- 2nd Place—Jaden Thomas
- 3rd Place—James Hyland

WELCOME

New Paltz High School has a new Assistant Principal, Mr. Owen Kelso. Mr. Kelso started on November 1st and is already having a positive impact on our school!

If you wish to support the district initiative to go paperless, please sign into Parent Portal at <http://ps.newpaltz.k12.ny.us> and click on the "Paperless" icon.

Upcoming Events

December 24-January 1

Winter Recess

January 2

Classes resume

January 9

Board of Education meeting—7 pm-HS

January 21

Martin Luther King Day—NO SCHOOL

January 22-25

Regents/Mid-term Exams

January 25

End of the 20 week marking period

January 28

2nd Semester begins

February 11

PTSA meeting—7 pm

February 13

Board of Education meeting—HS— 7 pm

February 15-18

Mid-winter Recess—NO SCHOOL

February 21

PTSA meeting— 2:45 p.m.— HS Library

February 27

Board of Education meeting—6:30 pm

District Office Conference Room

March 1

End of 25 week marking period

On-line registration open for Parent/

Teacher conferences

March 1-2

HS All-County Choral Festival—

SUNY Ulster

March 8-9

HS All-County Band Festival-

SUNY Ulster

March 12

Parent/Teacher Conferences—7-9 pm

(By Appointment only)

Please check the high school website for updated information.

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.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, 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.

Did You Know ?



In November, the Youth for Unity club sponsored a Latino Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. Latino heritage was highlighted with stations throughout the high school where students ate traditional foods, learned steps to customary dances, listened to famous Latino poetry from Mexico and El Salvador, and participated in a game show to test their knowledge on the Latino world and its impact here in the United States. It was a great day enjoyed by all.



On November 15th, Participation in Government students and the Mock Trial Team went to the Ulster County Courthouse for the 200th Anniversary. The New York State Court of Appeals was there and they listened to three cases. After their session, the justices interacted with the students in a Q & A session.

On December 7th, the entire ninth grade participated in our annual "Night in a Day" assembly in the auditorium to read Elie Wiesel's classic memoir, *Night*. Through video clips, artwork, testimonials, and discussion they began their study of the Holocaust. By studying history, we hope to avoid repeating it and to truly make the claim "Never Again." Snacks were generously provided by the PTSA.

PTSA NEWS

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



The next PTSA meeting is Monday, February 21st at 2:45 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact
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Seasons Greetings

* 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.