



New Paltz Central High School

NEWS SHEET

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December 2015

A Smoke Free Campus

Dear Parents / Guardians:

Even without the snow, the students and staff are busy with a wide variety of winter programs, events, and sports, including Nordic skiing! In addition, our students have embraced the spirit of giving and have made numerous contributions of food, clothing and time to local organizations.

Also, last week, we were honored to have Commissioner Elia, New York State Commissioner of Education, visit the high school and witness our community of learners at work. The visit was well received by all, especially the Commissioner.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 256-4100.

As the calendar year comes to a close, the faculty and staff of New Paltz High School wishes everyone a Happy New Year and a wonderful 2016!

Sincerely,

Barbara P. Clinton
Principal



Please Note: January 25-27: NO CLASSES (Exams Only)—Regents, Final Exams and Midterms

A collage of French quotes and images was created by Mrs. Salamone's French classes as a tribute to the people of Paris.



The French Club is in full swing with their monthly French film nights. The club also hosted a cheese tasting event and recently visited Le Canard restaurant in Kingston for a delightful dinner. There was a film night and holiday celebration on Wednesday, December 16th at 5:30 p.m. in Room 174.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following Varsity teams who have earned the NYS Scholar Athlete Team award. The award is given to teams with the specified number of athletes having a combined GPA of 90% or higher during the season: Varsity Boys Cross Country—97.138%, Varsity Girls Cross Country—96.959%, Varsity Girls Swim—96.595%, Varsity Girls Tennis—95.49%, Varsity Boys Soccer—94.674%, Varsity Girls Soccer—93.816% and Varsity Volleyball—91.227%.

Congratulations to Ally Pannuto who signed her National Letter of Intent on November 24th to continue her academic and softball career at Dominican College in Orangeburg, New York. She made it official with her family, coaches and friends proudly looking on.

Congratulations to IBM Master The Mainframe Part 1 winner, DigVijay Ghule. This is a 3 part computing competition with over 20,000 students competing worldwide. Prizes are awarded for being among the first to complete each part. Also, congratulations to the 21 NPHS students who joined this year's competition.

2nd Round of Poetry Out Loud

The 2nd Round of the Poetry Out Loud competition will be held Friday, January 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Four students will participate: Clara Griffin, Eric Lasko, Meaghan McElroy and Isabella Mauceri. Ms. Lisa St. John is the advisor and coach. The students will recite two poems each and be judged on accuracy, physical presence, voice and articulation, dramatic appropriateness, evidence of understanding and overall performance. The winners will go on to the Regional Competition at SUNY New Paltz. All are invited to attend.

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.

Upcoming Events

December 24-January 3

Winter Recess

January 4

School resumes

January 6

Board of Education meeting—7 p.m.

January 7

Career Day for 10th graders—UCCC

January 8

2nd Round of Poetry Out Loud—6 p.m.

January 11

PTSA meeting—7 p.m.

January 18

Martin Luther King Holiday -

NO SCHOOL

January 20

Board of Education meeting—7 p.m.

January 25-27

NO CLASSES

Regents, Finals, Mid-term exams

January 29

End of 20-week marking period

Junior Dance—7:30 p.m.-10 p.m.

February 1

2nd Semester begins

February 8

PTSA meeting—7 p.m.

February 12-15

Mid-Winter Recess—**NO SCHOOL**

March 4

End of 25-week marking period

March 8, 9

PTSA sponsored High School Book Fair

March 10

HS Scholarship Concert—7:30 p.m.

March 14

PTSA Meeting—**6:15 p.m.**

Parent/Teacher Conferences—7-9 p.m.
(by appointment only)

March 17-19

Spring Musical—*Fiddler on the Roof*
7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. matinee on 3/19

March 21-25

Spring Recess

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.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, 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 ?

From The Nurse:

On October 26, 2015, Governor Cuomo signed into law Chapter 401 of the laws of 2015 which amended New York State Public Health Law section 2164 to require children entering or attending seventh and twelfth grades on or after September 1, 2016 to receive an adequate dose or doses of vaccine against meningococcal disease as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Meningococcal meningitis is a serious disease which can lead to death within hours. Survivors may be left with severe disabilities, including the loss of limbs, cognitive deficits, paralysis, deafness or seizures. In the coming year, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) will work with the New York State Education Department and other partners to draft regulations and establish updated immunization requirements charts and other materials to help implement this new requirement.



In October, students in Suzan Brassard's and Alexis Mallory's Design and Drawing for Production classes used the Polaris Slingshot as a starting point for their own automotive designs. Students examined the overall design and measured the wheels and axles of the Slingshot to aid in producing their own realistically proportioned vehicles. Students are currently working on designing their vehicles on the computer. The strongest designs will be 3D printed.

On Monday, November 16th, 46 new members were inducted into the New Paltz High School National Honor Society Chapter at a ceremony in the high school auditorium. Congratulations to the inductees: Isabella Alvarez, Josh Berry, Claire Branche, Willa Butler, Essence Coxum, Morgan Cozzolino, Bailey Defino, Emily Denno, Casey DeSimone, Mia DiMaio, Philip Dorman, Kate Fishman, Matthew Gattulo, Luke Gerber, Kaya Jordan, Mikal Kalus, Mohammed Khan, Dongwook Kim, Morgane Kuyt, Tara Linneman, Kira Magnani, Lea Maney, Madeline Martin-Bird, Lauren Martinez, Alyssa Mast, Alessandro Mauceri, Ariana Mauceri, Elijah McKee, Rebecca Mele, Jennie Mele, Jessica Merten, Daniel Morabito, Samuel Nidorf, Nora Oukili, Katerina Pisciotto, Gabrielle Pisciotto, Nicole Schofield, Caroline Schroer, Owen Sheekey, Shoshana Smith, Stephanie Stewart-Hill, Nicholas Thompson, Maximilian Weires, Shannon Wolfrum, Nicholas Zaccheo and Adriana Zraly. The late Kyle Brewer was recognized as an Honorary member of the New Paltz Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Please check the high school website for updated information.

PTSA NEWS

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

*The next PTSA meeting is Monday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m.
in the High School library*



*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.