



New Paltz Central High School

NEWS SHEET

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February 2016

A Smoke Free Campus

Dear Parents / Guardians:

It's February and the sun is shining! Even though we have not had any snow, the thought of Spring still sounds wonderful! Second semester has begun. The school year is officially half over, and scheduling for 2016-2017 classes has begun. Once again we are extremely fortunate to have course offerings that provide all students with opportunities to be college and career ready. Parents are asked to review the course catalogue posted on the Guidance webpage in preparation for their personal visit with the counselor.

Second semester is also a busy time for seniors as they finish their college applications and prepare for "life after NPHS." Again, if there are any questions, please contact the guidance counselor.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara P. Clinton
Principal



*Parent/Teacher Conferences are Monday, March 14th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Please call the main office for an appointment.*



You may have heard *Fiddler on the Roof* is a current hit on Broadway, but did you know it's coming to New Paltz High School? Sixty-six talented students have begun rehearsing for their March 17th through March 19th performances. The story is based on Sholem Aleichem's stories of rural life in Imperialist Russia in 1905. Not exactly the happy ending you may expect in musicals, still it delights audiences with tunes like "Sunrise, Sunset," "Tradition," "To Life, L'Chaim!" and "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" that celebrate the traditions and faith of this close-knit Jewish community. The story itself proves timeless in its depiction of religious persecution that leaves, in every generation, communities lost, families broken and refugees wandering in search of a home. Mixing great dancing with beautiful music and a compelling story line, this is a must see for the entire family. Performances are March 17 through March 19th at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee on Saturday, March 19th at 2:00 p.m. in the High School auditorium. You can start making reservations after March 1st. Stay tuned for further information.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Seamus Trzewik-Quinn for breaking the SUNY New Paltz pool record in the 200 yard backstroke with a time of 1:55.42.

Congratulations to Mitchell Rigano who scored a perfect 100 on the WISE (Working in Support of Education) Financial Literacy Examination. In all, 48 students in Mr. Bell's classes passed the test and are now certified financially literate.

Congratulations to Daniel Morabito who has been selected as a recipient of the Alfred University Dean's Scholarship. The Dean's Scholarship is a renewable scholarship in the amount of \$12,000 for each year of undergraduate study.

Congratulations to Eric Lasko, Isabella Mauceri and Meaghan McElroy for competing on Friday, January 8th as finalists in this year's Poetry Out Loud competition. Eric and Isabella will move on to the Catskill Regional Competition at SUNY New Paltz on Wednesday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m.



No Name Calling Week

The Pride Alliance, New Paltz High School's GSA, promoted GLSEN's No Name Calling Week by creating a "Chain of Kindness." During lunch, students wrote compliments on strips of paper and the club created a chain. The chain is on display in the HS Library. Visit the Kindness Chain and other No Name Calling Week Art at the Student Creative Expression Exhibit Opening Night Reception at the FDR Museum on opening night, February 22nd from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The reception is free to the public.

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

February 8

PTSA meeting—7 p.m.

February 10

Poetry Out Loud Regionals-SUNY NP-
6 p.m.

February 12-15

Mid-Winter Recess—NO SCHOOL

February 17

Board of Education meeting—6:30 p.m.
At District Office

February 25

Integrated Algebra Regents

March 1-14

Call for appointments for Parent/Teacher
Conferences taking place March 14th

March 4

End of 25-week marking period

March 4-5

All-County Choral Festival—UCCC

March 8, 9

PTSA sponsored High School Book Fair

March 10

HS Scholarship Concert—7:30 p.m.

March 11-12

All-County Band Festival—UCCC

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

April 8

Junior Prom—Anthony's Pier 9 -
7 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

June 6

Student Recognition Night—7 p.m.

June 24

Graduation—6 p.m.

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 ?

From The Nurse:



Getting enough sleep is important to our health!

According to Georgetown University, "When your body doesn't get 8 hours of sleep every night, sleep debt can result. A buildup of sleep debt causes more than just tiredness and fatigue, it can have a negative impact on your energy, ability to learn, emotional balance and health."

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. The Alliance is a non-profit organization whose mission is to identify students with exceptional artistic and literary talent and present their remarkable work to the world through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Through the awards, students receive opportunities for recognition, exhibition, publication and scholarships. NPHS had several art students participate. The following NPHS students won Regional Scholastic Art Awards this year: Olivia Profaci—3 gold, 4 silver, Mia DiMaio—1 gold, 3 silvers; Oliver Ferland—1 gold, 1 silver; Lia Kucera—3 gold; Victoria Siple—3 gold, 2 silver; Cassidy Ginn—1 silver and Chloe Mosbacher—1 silver.

Order the Yearbook

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, February 8th 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.