



New Paltz Central High School

NEWS SHEET

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A Smoke Free Campus

Dear Parents / Guardians:



Welcome to the 2015-16 school year! Hopefully everyone enjoyed the wonderful summer and has already transitioned to our very busy "back to school" schedule. Every day hundreds of students remain after school to participate in clubs and sports and receive academic support. It is indeed an active and engaged community.

The first five week of classes have concluded and seniors have begun formulating their post secondary plans. As always, our guidance department is very busy. Parents are encouraged to check the website for up-to-date information.

I hope you are enjoying the year and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 256-4100.

Sincerely,

Barbara P. Clinton
Principal



Congratulations

Congratulations to Tuli Marshall, Caroline Schroer and Catherine Scaduto who attended and completed the New York State Summer School of the Arts School of Ballet at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York.

Congratulations to Mia DiMaio who attended and completed the New York State Summer School of Arts School of Visual Arts at the State University of New York at Fredonia.

Congratulations to Chris Bravo (alto saxophone) and Alexandra Hamilton (bass clarinet) who will be representing NPHS in the Symphonic Band and Sarah LaCasse (violin) who will be representing NPHS in the Orchestra at the 2015 NYSSMA All -State Conference in Rochester, New York December 3rd through 6th. Also, congratulations to Elijah McKee (alto saxophone) who was chosen as an alternate in the Symphonic Band.

Welcome to the High School

Wednesday, August 26th was the annual New Student Orientation for New Paltz High School students. Many freshmen and new students were given their schedules and locker numbers as well. Peer leaders and members of Student Government gave the new high school students tours of the building. The students later joined their families for a barbeque on the high school lawn. Salads, drinks and desserts were provided by the PTSA.



Isabella Mauceri had the privilege of spending a week at Rosemont College with around 100 other incredibly intelligent teens from across the nation. Isabella was invited to the camp because she was one of the sixteen winners of *The New York Times* Letter Writing Competition for High School Students. At Adventures of the Mind, Isabella listened to talks given by many successful and inspiring mentors including Amy Tan to Nobel Prize winning economist Eric Masking, and *New York Times* journalist Claudia Dreifus. The chief science and exploration officer from *National Geographic*, Terry D. Garcia, spoke to them about how exploration can change the world. Isabella says that the entire experience was priceless and she learned from her mentors as well as her fellow adventurers! She's so grateful to have been given this opportunity. Isabella is a senior at the high school and a Senior Editor for the school newspaper, *The Maroon*.

Spirit Week

The week of September 28th through October 2nd was Spirit Week at New Paltz High School, organized by the Student Government, there was a theme for each day of the week. Monday was Pajama Day, Tuesday- Formal Day, Wednesday- Fictional Character Day, Thursday—Twin Day and Friday—Class Shirts/Maroon and White Day. Many students and staff participated and dressed according to the theme.



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.

Upcoming Events

October 8

College Night –6:30 p.m.

October 9

Superintendent's Conference Day
NO SCHOOL for students

October 12

Columbus Day-NO SCHOOL

October 13

Senior Class Photo

October 14

PSAT Exams

October 19

PTSA meeting – 7 p.m.

October 21

Board of Education meeting—7 p.m.

November 1

Call for appointments for Parent/
Teacher conferences

November 4

School Picture Re-Takes

November 6

End of 10-week marking period

November 9

PTSA meeting—7 p.m.

November 11

Veteran's Day—NO SCHOOL

November 12-14

Drama Club Production- "Arsenic and
Old Lace"

November 17

PTSA meeting—7 p.m.

November 20-21

Area All-State Festival

November 23

Parent/Teacher Conference –7 –9 p.m.

By appointment only - Please call the
High School Office to schedule.

November 25

Superintendent's Day- NO STUDENTS

November 26, 27

Thanksgiving Holiday

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:

It's flu season again. The CDC recommends getting vaccinated, stay away from people who are sick, wash your hands often with soap and water and use medication the way your doctor recommends it.

Office 365 Accounts

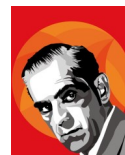
In September, we began introducing our students to their new Office 365 accounts. This account includes their student email, One Drive (online, cloud based file storage), and online versions of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and OneNote. Student accounts also give them the ability to download (for free) the full Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and OneNote) on up to FIVE personal devices (PC, Mac, tablet, smartphone, etc.) There has been a lot of positive feedback and we look forward to exploring the many features of Office 365. Further explanation of these accounts can be found on the High School webpage under For Students, HS Student Resources: <http://www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us/Page/8284>. Please contact Katherine McEachin at 256-4148 or kmceachin@newpaltz.k12.ny.us with any questions.

Poetry Out Loud

NPHS announces a school contest for Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest. The competition, presented in partnership with the New York State Teachers and Writers Collaborative, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Poetry Foundation, is part of a national program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance and competition. Over the past 10 years, Poetry Out Loud has reached nearly 3 million students, more than 9,500 schools, and thousands of teachers across the country. All high school students are eligible to participate. The deadline for sign up for this year's competition is November 6th. See the national Poetry Out Loud website for more details: www.poetryoutloud.org.

Arsenic and Old Lace

On November 12th, 13th and 14th, the NPHS Drama Club will be presenting the comedy, *Arsenic and Old Lace* in the High School Auditorium. The play takes place in Brooklyn during WWII, at the Victorian home of the Brewsters'. There, Abby and Martha, spinster sisters, live with their nephew, Teddy, who thinks he is Theodore Roosevelt. Their charitable acts are admired by neighbors and police in their quiet neighborhood. However, there is one charitable act they don't share with others. They meet and invite single, lonely, elderly men over and send them off... with a glass of poison-laced elderberry wine. Lucky for them Teddy is digging the Panama Canal in the basement, a perfect spot to bury the 11 or 12 gentlemen they've helped. Unlucky for them, their over-beloved nephew, Mortimer, discovers their latest victim, waiting for burial in their window seat. If that's not bad enough, they are visited by another nephew, Jonathan, also homicidal, and his plastic surgeon, Dr. Einstein (no not Albert, Herman). Jonathan has had three facial surgeries which have left him looking exactly like Boris Karloff, a sticky point for him. Mayhem erupts with the arrival of Elaine (Mortimer's fiancée), 2 dead bodies, a number of police officers and the eventual arrival of Dr. Witherspoon, the superintendent of "Happy Dale Sanatorium." All's well that ends well, until...well maybe just one more glass of elderberry wine? This one is not to be missed. So mark your calendars for November 12, 13 and 14, in the NPHS Auditorium. Curtain goes up at 7:30 p.m. Box office opens 45 minutes before curtain. Ticket are \$10.00 for adults \$8.00 for Senior Citizens and students. Specially priced \$7.00 tickets for Thursday night performance only.



PTSA NEWS

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

The next PTSA meeting is Monday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m.

*If you have any questions, please contact
Stephanie Baker at stfbk@hvc.rr.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.