

# N P H S F R I D A Y M E S S A G E

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES

February 23, 2024

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**Dear NPHS Families,**

**Next Friday will be the 5 week mark of the 3rd Quarter. Remind your students to check in with teachers on their progress.**

**Monday please look out for an email about Parent-Teacher conferences.**

**After School Academic Support continues. Students can utilize time with teachers for specific help.**

**Have a great weekend!**

*Sincerely,*

*Kathleen Schneck-Suma  
Acting High School Principal*

# DATES

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**March 5 – HS Scholarship Concert–7:00 pm**

**March 7 – Snow Date for HS Scholarship Concert**

**March 8, 9 – All County Band**

**March 10 Snow Date–All County Band**

**Around NPHS**

# POSITIVE VIBES AWARDS

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**Congratulations to our Positive Vibes: Student Shout-Outs for January and February!**

**Quinn Oremus, Nya Pollard, Lyla Laffin, Cora Shuryn, India Jaynes, Lindaina Irand, Connor Combs, Nicholas St. George, Penelope Gutknecht**

**Amaya Luyando, Sean O'Sullivan, Lujayn Eljamal, Olivia Schmeltz, Miriam Bickoff, Ella Nathe, Zachary Braffet-King, Ava Zaborowski, Nathan Fetherolf, Aurora Gerber, Chris Brooker, Tord Platinga, Phoenix Johnston**



# NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR

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Congratulations to senior Mason Eyler for becoming a National Merit Scholarship Finalist.



## HORTICULTURE

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Spring is not yet here, but there are plenty of flowers in the Horticulture classes! In the first weeks of the class, students have been learning about the different characteristics to look for when identifying flowering plants through a variety of examples that thrive in different environmental conditions. Some interesting tricks that can be done inside during the winter months have also been demonstrated such as forcing a forsythia to bloom and modifying the color of a white rose using the plant's vascular tissue. In the Petri dishes pictured below, students have begun to germinate seeds that could eventually end up in the courtyard! - Mr. Esposito



# ATHLETICS

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**Congratulations to the New Paltz Indoor Track teams, who had a great showing at Saturday's state qualifier meet in NYC! Livi Lathrop and Aidan Ifkovits earned their spots at the state meet by winning their events (high jump and weight throw) AND making the state superstandard. They will compete in the Varsity Indoor Track State Championship March 1st and 2nd at Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex in Staten Island.**

**Four New Paltz school records were also broken at the meet. Livi broke the girls indoor high jump record, Ella Brassard broke her own 300 record. Landen Fracasse broke his own 1000 record and Melanie Kniffen set a new record for the girls 1000.**



**Good luck to Justin Coiteux as he competes in the Varsity Wrestling State Championship in Albany this weekend. Justin took FIRST PLACE at Sections in the 145 lbs. category and was also named "Most Outstanding Wrestler" for D2 Wrestling!**

**Good Luck to Claire Coiteux who is headed to the Varsity Gymnastics State Championship in Clarence March 1st-2nd. Claire placed 5th All-Around, 3rd for Vault, 4th in the Uneven Bars, and 6th on the Balance Beam in the Section IX Championship last week.**



# **NYSPHSAA STATE QUALIFIERS**

## **200 Yard Medley Relay Team**

*Campbell Heiz • Will Mergl • Caden Salamone • Koby Wulfmeyer*



**NEW PALTZ HIGH SCHOOL**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

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THE CLASS OF 2024 WILL BE HOSTING THE SPRING FLING ON FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024 AT 7:30-10:00 PM AT NPHS. THE SUGGESTED ATTIRE IS SEMI-FORMAL AND THE COST IS \$5 FOR SENIORS AND \$8 FOR ALL OTHERS.

ATTENTION SENIORS: PLEASE BE SURE TO ORDER YOUR CAP AND GOWN ASAP IF YOU DID NOT DO SO THIS WEEK. ORDERS MUST BE PLACED ONLINE THROUGH THE WEBSITE POSTED IN THE SENIOR CLASS GOOGLE CLASSROOM.



## SPRING FLING

FRIDAY, MARCH 15  
7:30-10:00PM

Entry Fee:  
\$8 For grades 9-11  
\$5 For Seniors

Semi Formal Attire



COME CHEER ON THE #1 SEED VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AS THEY COMPETE HERE AT NEW PALTZ HIGH SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH AT 6:00 PM IN THE SECTION IX CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI FINAL!