

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

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES

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Happy Friday New Paltz High School Families,

Happy Black History Month. As American poet Kevin Young stated, “Black History Month is a time to celebrate the fullness of African American history and culture, but that cannot be contained in one month alone.”

Report Cards will be available on PowerSchool on February 7th. Be reminded that students must maintain Eligibility to take part in school events, clubs, and athletics. Students who are failing two or more classes and/or have excessive absences/tardiness, and/or have engaged in misconduct may lose their eligibility.

Students have been meeting with their School Counselors to plan their schedules for next year. Please check out the Course Description Booklet on the Student Services page on our website.

Our After School Academy will be starting on February 21st in the Library afterschool. This program is specifically designed to support students that are failing multiple courses. More information to come.

Stay the course,  
Samuelle

# Important Dates

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- February 7 Report Cards
- February 17 Superintendent Conference Day
- February 20 Holiday - Presidents Day
- February 22 Black History Celebration
- February 24 Snow Ball Dance 7:00 - 9:30 pm

## Around NPHS



THE WORLD LANGUAGE CLUB MET YESTERDAY TO CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR. THE CLUB DISCUSSED TRADITIONS, WATCHED VIDEO CLIPS, ENJOYED MUSIC, FOOD SAMPLES, DANCING AND EXCHANGED RED ENVELOPES. THE NEXT CULTURAL CELEBRATION WILL BE IN MARCH FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO JOIN!  
- MS. SALAMONE

# SCIENCE

Three New Paltz High School students competed in the New York Sub-regional Junior Science and Humanities Symposium last weekend as a part of the Science Research program. Congratulations to Michael Lynn, Natalia Seager, and Sage Rochetti for their years of hard work and participation in the symposium. Sage Rochetti won second place in the Environmental Science category and will be presenting her work on The Effect of Soil Contamination and Mitigation Factors on Carbon and Nitrogen Assimilation in Arabidopsis Thaliana at the state competition in Albany this March. Congrats Sage!

-Mr. Seweryn



# SOCIAL STUDIES



US History & Government and AP US History classes played Gilded Age Monopoly. Using the original game, they were assigned specific roles from the Gilded Age- big business, skilled worker, unskilled worker, and Mayor- to simulate the differences in class and opportunities available during this time. They had a ton of fun, even if they weren't one of the lucky ones! -Ms. Kiley

# POETRY OUT LOUD

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On Wednesday 2/1, Henry Millman and Josephine Quinn competed in the Hudson Valley Regional Poetry Out Loud Semifinals hosted by SUNY New Paltz and the Hudson Valley Writing Project. Henry recited "Fire and Ice" by Robert Frost and "We Wear the Mask" by Paul Laurence Dunbar. Josephine recited "Mansplaining" by Jennifer Militello and "The Tyger" by William Blake. Josephine scored in the top 5 after rounds 1 and 2, moving on to round 3 to recite "Immortal Sails" by Alfred Noyes. Both students did a fabulous job preparing and delivering their recitations! Congratulations! And thank you to their friends and families for their support. - Ms. McKenna





## *Senior Class News*

Seniors met with a representative from Jostens earlier this week and received information about ordering caps and gowns for graduation. If seniors missed the meeting, there are information packets available in the main office and in Room 264.

On Tuesday, February 7th, the Jostens representative will return to New Paltz High School during Block 3 lunches to accept cap and gown orders.

Orders can also be placed online. (The Jostens website has been shared on the Senior Class Website and Google Classroom.)

In order to avoid paying individual or expedited shipping fees, orders must be placed online or in person by February 7, 2023.

If graduating seniors are borrowing a cap and gown from a friend or family member but wish to have a Class of 2023 tassel, please be sure to place an order.

Financial assistance is available. Any graduating senior who needs assistance should complete the form posted in the Senior Class of 2023 Google Classroom.

Caps and gowns will be shipped to NPHS and will be distributed at graduation rehearsal in June. -Ms. Maseo

# ATHLETICS

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**Good news! Yet more indoor track records were broken last weekend at the last chance invitational at the Armory in New York City. BOTH Elijah Flynn and Max Hawkins broke the school's mile record. The new record of 4 minutes and 40 seconds is now held by Elijah (Max was less than a second behind that). And Finn Gibson set a new school record by running the 600 Meter Run in 1 minute and 25 seconds-even though he rolled his ankle during the race! And Maggie DiDonna set a new school record in the 600 Meter run last Saturday at West Point in the Division championship meet. Maggie ran 600 meters in just 1 minute 47 seconds-great race!!!**

- Ms. Seim



# ATHLETICS

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**-Claire Coiteux placed 1st All-Around with a score of 33.45 at a Varsity Gymnastics meet against Valley Central and Kingston. She was 1st on vault and bars, 2nd on beam, and 3rd on floor.**



**Varsity Boys Basketball defeated Rondout on Tuesday 1/31 with a score of 62-34. Stellar performances by Tony Drownowski, Beckett Weires, and Cayden Dones.**



Despite the lack of snow locally- the Nordic Ski Team has been finding the snow and racing. On January 20th we raced at Gore Ski Bowl with many of the Section 2 schools. Several of the ski team members spent a weekend at the end of January in Lake Placid racing, skiing, and ice skating on the newly renovated Olympic trails at Mt. Vanhovenberg, and on the updated ice rink. Thursday we traveled to Brookhaven Golf Course near Saratoga Springs for a 9K classic race. If we ever get snow here again this year-come out and watch a race. You will be amazed at the amount of speed, agility, balance, strength, and endurance the sport encompasses. We are all talking positively to the snow Gods. Ms. Gregory

