

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

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES

May 16, 2025



Happy Friday NPHS Students and Families,

Congratulations to all of our students who made it through the AP Exams.

I am sure you rocked it!

The last day of classes will be on Monday, June 16. Below is our June Regents testing schedule. Please note that June 11th is a regular school day although there will be testing. Starting June 17, school will not be in session and there will be morning and afternoon bus runs.

*Principal Simms*

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## NYS Regents Schedule June 2025

	WED June 11	TUESDAY June 17	WEDNESDAY June 18	THURSDAY June 19	FRIDAY June 20	MONDAY June 23	TUESDAY June 24	WEDNESDAY June 25	THURSDAY June 26 & FRIDAY June 27
<b>8:00-11:00</b>	Geometry	ELA	Global History & Geography II	Juneteenth Holiday Observed	US History & Government	NO Scheduled Testing	Chemistry	Algebra 2	RATING DAY
Breakfast is available daily.	Lunch is available 6/14, 6/18 and 6/20	<i>Midday</i>	<i>Bus</i>	NO SCHOOL	<i>Run</i>		<i>@ 11:30</i>		NO SCHOOL
<b>11:15-2:15</b>	This is a regular school day ALL CLASSES IN SESSION	Living Environment	Algebra 1		Earth Science <small>*** Students taking the Earth Science Lab Practical will take in class as scheduled by their teacher June ___ '22 &amp; '23. Students must take the practical in order to sit for the Earth Science Regents. **</small>		Late students will not be admitted to the exams later than 10:00 and 2:00 for afternoon exams.		

# Important Dates

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May 20 Budget Vote/Board Election @ HS  
May 20 HS Spring Concert 7:00 pm  
May 20 Art Show 5-7:00 pm  
May 23 End of 35-week marking period  
May 23 Give Back Day for teachers/students  
May 26 Holiday - Memorial Day  
May 27 Give Back Day for teachers/students  
May 29 BOCES Completion Celebration  
May 30 HS Marching Band @ Parade 6:00 pm

## Around NPHS

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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Cayden Dones was awarded a Certificate of Recognition by Senator Michelle Hinchey in honor of being named the Freeman Boys Basketball Player of the Year! She congratulated Cayden on his outstanding achievements on the court and sent her best wishes for his continued success. Senator Hinchey also awarded Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Dan Diklich a Certificate of Recognition in honor of being named the Freeman Boys Basketball Coach of the Year. She congratulated Coach Diklich on leading the Huguenots to victory and for inspiring his players to excel both on and off the court. Congratulations Cayden and Coach Diklich!

ALL NEW STUDENT DRIVERS MUST OBTAIN A PARKING PERMIT BEFORE DRIVING TO SCHOOL. PLEASE SEE MS. VELEZ IN STUDENT SUPPORT.



# MUSIC

On May 8, the New Paltz High School Band welcomed flutist and NPCSD parent Germán Hayles. Hayles, who has extensive experience with New York City orchestras, including the New York Philharmonic and New York City Symphony, shared insights from his musical career. He also offered feedback on selections for the upcoming Music in the Parks festival competition, which will be held at Westfield State University in Massachusetts.

Hayles was invited by Band Director Sam Newsome. The two musicians have performed together in the SUNY Ulster band. "The best way to get over fear [of performing] is practice," Hayles told the students. "Because when you're good, the fear kind of starts going away." He noted that he used to practice up to six hours a day when preparing for orchestra auditions. "If you think you cannot do it, you will be right. If you think you can—it's hard—but you can do it," he asserted.

The Concert Band and Chamber Winds Ensemble both performed for Hayles, who praised their "wall of sound" and dexterity. He even gave a special consultation to fellow flutists in the Ensemble.

We're grateful to Hayles for sharing his time and expertise with our student musicians!

#NPHSMusic #MusicEducation #BandProgram #MusicInTheParks  
Band Director, New Paltz High School



# SOCIOLOGY

Sociology students have recently completed a powerful mini-unit on deviance, with a focused exploration of the prison system and the school-to-prison pipeline. Their studies included in-depth discussions on mass incarceration and the treatment of inmates at Rikers Island. Students analyzed case studies highlighting school policies across the U.S. that disproportionately affect students of color.

The unit concluded with a visit from Dr. Simms who shared her experiences in NYC schools, and how the school-to-prison pipeline plays out in real time. With her, students examined local school's Codes of Conducts, along with demographic and suspension data, to identify patterns and potential areas for change.

To wrap up, students explored restorative justice practices and worked to create their own action plans aimed at improving the school climate and disrupting the school-to-prison pipeline in meaningful, student-led ways. -Ms. Fredericks







Varsity Girls Golf recognized their senior athletes yesterday at their home match against Highland at Apple Greens Golf Course. Congratulations to Alaura Sheeley and Melanie Chavez!



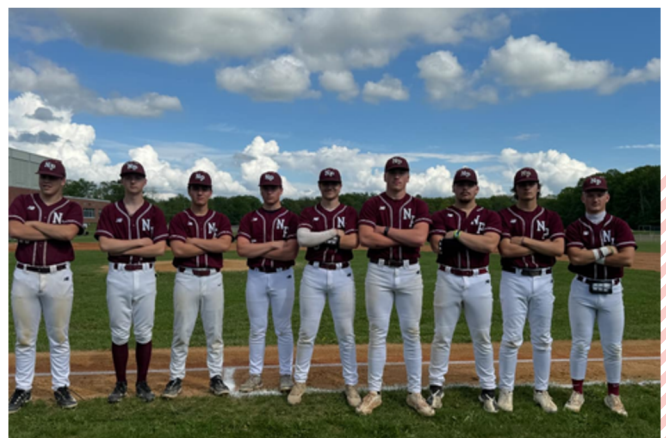
Varsity Softball held their senior recognition on May 13th at their home game against Beacon. Congratulations to Molly Saunders and Mia Ceragioli!



Varsity Girls Lacrosse recognized their seniors on May 12th at their home game against Goshen. Congratulations Sidney Mayers, Anabelle Singleton, Ava Savino, and Sophie Brassard.



Varsity Boys Lacrosse held their senior recognition on Thursday, May 8th against O'Neill. Congratulations Luca Sillins!



Varsity Baseball recognized their seniors yesterday at their game against Goshen. Congratulations to Doug Borrello, Chris Brooker, Ben Gabriels, Jack Maiale, Aidan McDonough, Evan Rice, Marco Todaro, Tiernan Schmitt, and Gavin Treglia



## PTSA

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## IMPORTANT INFO

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## Signing Day

We are in the process of finalizing the details for our 2025 Signing Day on June 9th and would like to include everyone that has signed JUCO, Division I, Division II, or Division III commitments to play in college. Please email Jenna Manning in the Athletic Office by Wednesday, May 28th if you are playing a sport in college and would like to attend.  
[jmanning@newpaltz.k12.ny.us](mailto:jmanning@newpaltz.k12.ny.us)

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# Plastic Fantastic

## Donate used Water Bottles for the Installation



The 3rd block class with the most collected bottles by

**Friday, May 16**

will win a Pizza Party in the dome

Coming to NPHS  
May 28-June 16

Bring in those bottles! Students will begin assembling the installation this week. Artist Diedra Krieger will be here May 27 and May 28, students can earn community service through participation with assembling the dome.

We will be collecting bottles at the Budget Vote this coming Tuesday.

**Yearbook!!!**

You can now order your 2025 Yearbook directly on the New Paltz High School Homepage!! Click the direct link under announcements!

The yearbook website is also updated and active.... You can find it in the "Clubs" tab on the High School Homepage!! Please check often for submission deadlines and information!!

Thank you!  
Ms. McKenna & Ms. Hewitt