

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

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES

May 2, 2025

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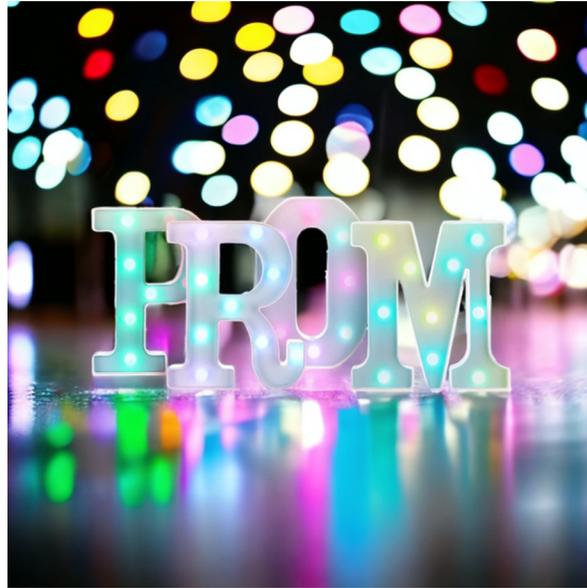
*A Message from Principal Simms*

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*Important Dates*

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*Around NPHS*



Happy Friday NPHS Students and Families,

The class of 2026 will be attending their Junior Prom tonight at Diamond Mills. We hope everyone has a fantastic time and makes good decisions. Thanks to Ms. Kiley, Junior Class officers, chaperones and staff for making this night possible.

Stay Safe!

*Principal Simms*

# Important Dates

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- May 2 - Junior Prom 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- May 5- PTSA Meeting @ HS Library 6:00 pm
- May 9- Superintendent Conference Day/No School
- May 5-9 - AP Testing
- May 12-16 - AP Testing
- May 20- Budget Vote /Board Election @ HS
- May 20- Art Show 5-7:00 pm
- May 20- HS Spring Concert 7:00 pm

- June 11, 2025- Senior Trip to Six Flags New England
- June 26, 2025 - Senior Ball at The Keepsake, Poughkeepsie, NY

## Around NPHS

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



## MOCK TRIAL

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New Paltz High School Mock Trial has done it again! Winning the Regional Tournament by defeating the Westchester and Orange County Champions. NYS Mock Trial tournament starts out with over 400 schools and ends at States with the top 8. Last week's victory puts our team in the State Tournament two years in a row, last year being the first time in school history that we made it. Team Captains Joshua Quinn and Isabel Loyer are confident that this year's team has what it takes to compete at the highest level.

-Mr. Cook



# BIKE CLUB



15 school days until Plastic Fantastic arrives! We have well over 1000 bottles, but we still need lots more! Please save them and drop them off at the main entrance. Ms. Masseo continues to be in the lead with Ms. Seim and Ms Pountain in second place. Let's make it to the goal of 6,000! - Ms. Schneck-Suma

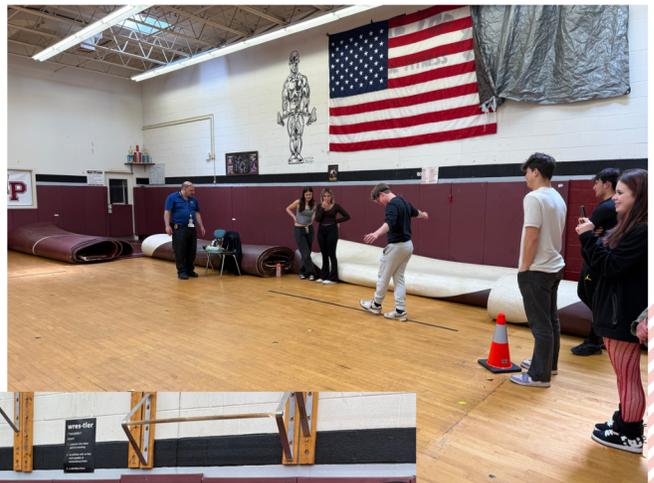
# NEW PALTZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

The New Paltz Fire Department visited today to share information about volunteer opportunities.  
-Ms. Schneck-Suma



# DWI SIMULATOR

This week Ulster Probation came to share their Safe Driving Program with the juniors as they get ready to attend the prom tonight. They brought the DWI simulator and students got to go through all of the stations.  
-Ms. Kiley



# THE DUCKS ARE BACK

The annual tradition of ducks nesting in our courtyard continues! While the ducks are left undisturbed during their nesting period, once the ducklings hatch, they need a little help to safely leave the courtyard since they can't fly like their mother. This year, students from the Environmental Club stepped in to carefully guide the mallard family out of the courtyard and towards the nearest waterway. A huge thank you to all the students who stayed after school to lend a hand—your help made all the difference and ensured a smooth journey for the ducklings!

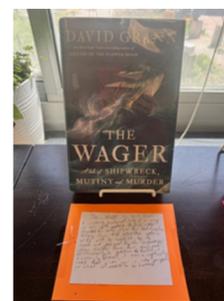
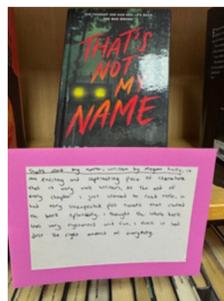
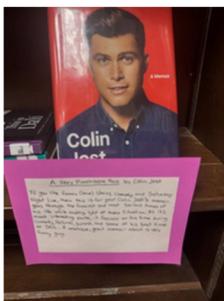
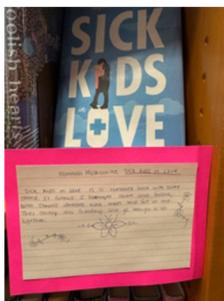
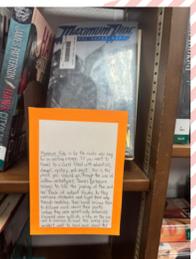
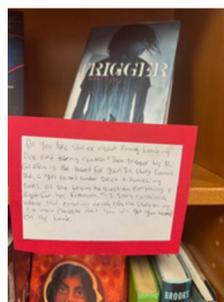
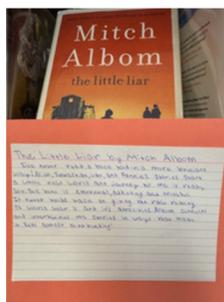
-Mr, Esposito



# ENGLISH

Look around the NPHS library: there's something new.

Ms. Hewitt has posted student-created review cards to help others choose their next, great read. Students from Ms. Kamrass's English 10 classes wrote the cards -- which are modeled on the ones found in many independent books stores -- after completing their independent reading. Go check them out!



# POSITIVE VIBES



CALLIE BORELLO  
MARK DIDONNA  
ANASIRELY FLORES-TRUJILLO  
RAIN LARSEN  
ASTRO LOZO  
MARLA MCNAIR  
NAOMI ROEPE  
MATTHIEU SHORT  
AYALA SYMES  
RHIANA THOMAS

## COLLEGIAN PROGRAM

New Paltz HS students involved in the Collegian Program's Hybrid College Band performed in their final concert on Wednesday at SUNY Ulster. Students performed challenging music by Gillingham, Holst, Standridge, Williams, and others while earning college credit that will help them in their academic careers.

It was also co-director Victor Izzo's final concert as a conductor of the group. He has been a music educator since 1967! Congratulations to Mr. Izzo!

Congratulations to our student members:

Dylan Friedman  
Zoey Koerner  
Lukas Kallio  
Andres Galvan  
Camille Sahulka  
Mia Welz  
Jenna Vasquez  
Sandra Rodriguez  
Theo Salamone  
Sam Hollman  
Loyal Goodermote  
Luke Chesser  
Sonia Levy

Congratulations to our NPCSD PARENTS and ALUMNI that performed:

Amy Bartholomew  
Naja Kraus  
German Hayles  
Victor Izzo, Jr.  
Jessica Rodriguez

Congratulations and thank you to our NPCSD Music Faculty who performed:

David Finch  
Sam Newsome  
Sonja Nosovsky  
Jessica Rodriguez



**Wednesday,  
April 30**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Quimby Theater**  
**Vanderlyn Hall**  
**Stone Ridge Campus**

# SENIOR INFO

## New Paltz High School Class of 2025 End of the Year Activities



**Senior Class Trip**  
**Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Six Flags, New England**



**Senior Ball**  
**Thursday, June 26, 2025**  
**Keepsake at the Academy**  
**33 Academy Street Poughkeepsie NY**

Tickets sales (Mr. Dolan- Room 171): **Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> through Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
(Cash or check payable to: **NPHS Class of 2025**)

### Senior Trip to Six Flags New England

- **Cost:** \$50 (Cash or check payable to: **NPHS Class of 2025**)
- Cost includes entrance into the park, snack, lunch, and all day drinks.
- **Date:** Wednesday, June 11, 2025
- **Location:** Route 159, 1623 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001
- Students **MUST** be ready to load buses by 8:00 AM at NPHS. Students should eat breakfast before coming to school. Students may not eat on the buses.
- Arrive at Six Flags by 10:30 AM
- Depart Six Flags at 3 PM
- Students will return to NPHS at approximately 5:30 PM. Students will need to have their own transportation home.
- All bags will be checked before loading buses.
- Students are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and their Senior T-shirts.
- The water park will be closed.
- Emergency forms must be submitted to Ms. Hekking to attend (if they were not submitted earlier in the year).
- Proper behavior is a **MUST**. Students must adhere to the NPHS Code of Conduct
- **Ticket Sales:** Mr. Dolan- Room 171

### Senior Ball

- **Cost:** \$75 for NPHS Seniors and \$85 for all others. (Cash or check payable to: **NPHS Class of 2025**)
- **Date:** Thursday, June 26, 2025
- **Location:** The Keepsake at the Academy
- **Address:** 33 Academy Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
- **Time:** 6-10 PM
- Semi-Formal Attire
- Appetizers, dinner and dessert will be served.
- Seniors are welcome to bring a non-NPHS guest. (\*Please see Permission Slip for Non-NPHS guests for further details.)
- **Ticket Sales:** Mr. Dolan- Room 171

**\*\*If financial assistance is needed, please see Mr. Dolan or Ms. Masseo PRIOR to May 14<sup>th</sup>.\*\***

**We need your support! Donate to Staff and Transportation Appreciation Events or purchase a Grad Sign!**



**Visit <https://nphs-12561.givebacks.com/store> or the parent section of the NPHS website!**



# IMPORTANT INFO



## 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



*Don't let the magic run out*

**Order your Yearbook TODAY!!!!**

[bit.ly/NPHS2025YearbookOrderHere](http://bit.ly/NPHS2025YearbookOrderHere)

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### 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