# NPHS FRIDAY MESSAGE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES

**April 8, 2022** 



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Dear New Paltz High School Families,

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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), a time when we raise public awareness about sexual assault and educate individuals on how to prevent sexual violence and where to seek resources. This week, Monday and Tuesday in Physical Education classes, students were visited by Jessica Jones from the Ulster County Crime Victims Unit. Ms. Jones went over important topics such as healthy relationships, consent and online safety. She spoke about the experiences she has seen in her line of work concerning teenagers. Thank you to the team that worked on making this possible for our students. Staff and students commented that the experience was informative and well received. We look forward to continuing our partnership with them to reach more students during the fourth quarter.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful break.

Refresh, Recharge, Renew, Samuelle

## **Important Dates**

April 8th- Last day of the 3rd Quarter

April 11th-15th - Spring Recess

April 22nd- Junior Prom

April 28th- National Honor Society Induction

## **Around NPHS**

Our very own Nicholas Fearon (Gr. 12 #15265) officially enlisted in the Army yesterday!

KINGSTON ARMY RECRUITING STATION



## **ENGLISH**

Ms. McKenna's English 9 classes prepared for and participated in Socratic-style fishbowl discussions to show their learning and thinking after reading The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater. Students discussed and considered issues of gender, sexuality, race, class, the juvenile justice system, binary thinking, hate crimes, and other ideas and issues sparked by the nonfiction book. Students did a superb job engaging with their peers during this student-led conversation.



Ms. McKenna's Poetry class celebrated their final class meeting this week with a Poetry Café. Students brought in food to share and each student chose a poem from their portfolios to recite.





## PEER LEADERSHIP

Thank you to our Peer Leadership Club who worked on posters that are displayed throughout the building to raise awareness.



## PIGLETS FUNDRAISER





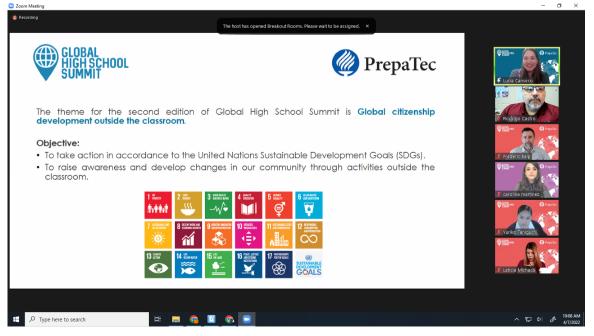
Introduction to Engineering Design was studying motion transfer.

They built simple machines and saw how motion was transferred through each component. - Ms. Mallory



## **SPANISH**

During Thursday 4/7 and Friday 4/8, our Spanish 5 and Spanish 6 classes attended a virtual Global High School Summit where presenters from around the world shared their view on teaching students how to become better global citizens. There were over 300 teachers participating from 15 different countries. It was our 2nd year participating.



## **MUSIC**

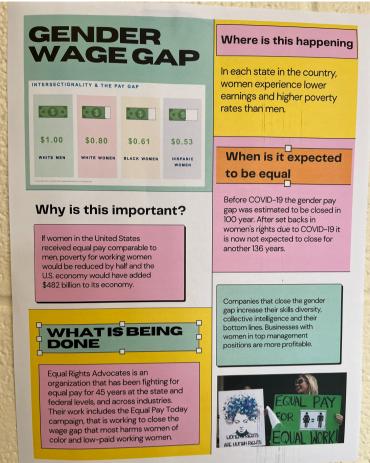
NPHS Jazz Band and three student-led bands rocked the house on Tuesday at the Jazz Cabaret! THANK YOU to parents who helped with decorations and donations, and also to everyone who came out to join the crowd and be part of the fun! None of this was possible without the support of Dr. Simms and Mrs. Schneck, as well as the NPHS Custodial Staff. Thank you again, and way to go, Band!- Mr. Newsome

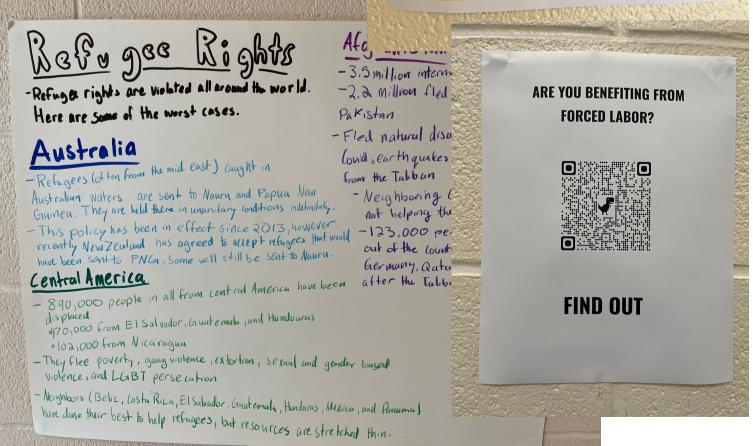


## SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The Human Rights Class ended their quarter with individual human rights campaigns.

Students researched a specific topic and then came up with a way to try and address it. Some students chose to write letters to politicians, some chose to make videos for NPZ and some designed and hung information in the High School designed to raise awareness of their chosen issue. -Ms. Siem





#### MATH



Mason Eyler was part of the DUSO team in this year's State Math Meet this past weekend. He also picked up his trophy for being the top scorer in the whole DUSO league as well as the trophy for our A team, who came in first in our section this year.

Congratulations!- Ms.

Stewart

Algebra 2 Students from block 3B participating in a Team Jeopardy tournament to prepare for their unit test on Polynomial and Rational Functions. The categories were: What's Your SuperPower? Which End is Up? Can You Factor & Stretch? Can You Be Rational? What's Leftover? Fun was had by all!- Ms. Russellelo



CARING, CONNECTING, AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE