# NPHS FRIDAY MESSAGE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES

#### March 24, 2023



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Happy Friday NPHS Families,

Last night, "Footloose" was amazing. Congratulations to the High School students who did a tremendous job to make this show one to remember for a long time.

To Ms. Nicole Foti and Ms. Nancy Owen, the cast, the crew and the parents and families, I commended you all on a job well done. Each year, the high school musical brings our community together, so I say thank you!

I hope everyone makes it to one of the remaining shows.

Samuelle

# **Important Dates**

March 27 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 6:30 pm

March 29 HS Jazz Cabaret 6:30 pm

**April 3-7** Spring Recess (school closed)

NPHS Musical Presents: Footloose!

Performances in the HS Auditorium on:
Friday, 3/24 at 7:30pm

Saturday, 3/25 at 2:00pm and 7:30pm

Purchase your tickets here:

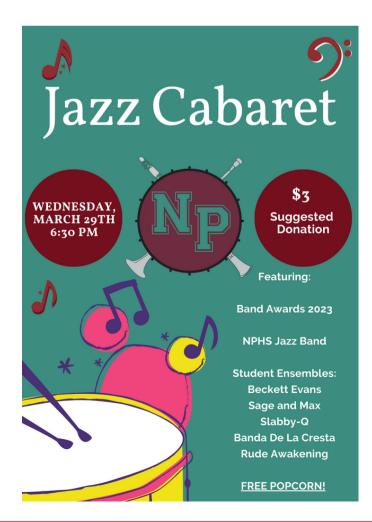
https://www.showtix4u.com/events/nphsfootloose

Tickets will also be sold at the door!



## **Around NPHS**





Start Spreadin' The News! Students are presenting a Jazz Cabaret at NPHS on Wednesday, March 29th at 6:30 PM, and YOU'RE INVITED! In a relaxed setting, 3 student led-bands, multiple pianists, and the NPHS Jazz Band will create a musical event and fun atmosphere! This event will feature approximately 65 talented NPHS students.

We will be celebrating students who have received scholarship dollars to college for their musical skills - regardless of their major. Students will also be receiving creative band awards presented by band student leaders.

A hearty THANK YOU to our sponsors who have made contributions supporting this event: Stewarts' Shops, Shop Rite of New Paltz, and Starbucks Coffee.

# PRIDE CLUB





Students from the **New Paltz High School Pride Club** attended the **Prideworks** conference at SUNY Pace last week. They attended workshop presentations on topics such as Life Before Stonewall, **Self-Advocacy for** Transgender Students, Collaging our Queer History and more. It was both educational and fun! -Ms. Watkins





#### Congratulations Emily, Ana and Yobana!

These three students have been attending the Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute for four months training in leadership skills, interacting with Hispanic students from other districts, and developing a deeper knowledge of the state legislative process. Well, the PRHYLI culminated with an event at Albany during the weekend of March 10th through March 12th where over 250 students from all over the state met at the State capitol building to present the roles and arguments from current bills in our NYS Assembly. Emily Inga, Ana Porrua and Yobana Mercado-Núñez were selected to represent the Mid-Hudson Delegation. They learned, shared, and represented their heritage, leadership skills, and legislative knowledge by participating in several events, especially a Mock-Assembly conducted at our State Assembly chamber. - Mr. Castro



The PIGLETS class was fortunate to attend a naturalization ceremony in Kingston and welcome our newest US citizens.



## CEA

In CEA, students learned about structural efficiency which for our purposes is the ratio of the load applied to the structure to the weight of the structure itself. They experimented with building a structure that will support up to 5 pounds in weight.

Students had constraints of 12 playing cards and 15 inches of tape, no bigger than 4 inches squared at the base and 8 inches in height; they were able to bend, fold or cut the cards but could not have more cards. In pairs, students brainstormed solutions and then began building their support, testing along the way and then optimizing their idea. By the end of the block several group structures were able to hold multiple books with a total weight of 4.65 lbs. The team with the highest structural efficiency rating was the winner. - Ms. Mallory.







## RAMADAN

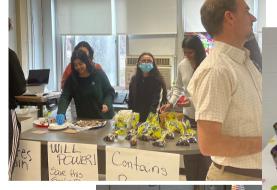
Ramadan is considered one of the holiest months for Muslims, marked by a period of fasting. In 2023, Ramadan started the evening of Wednesday, March 22, and will finish on the evening of Friday, April 21. Ramadan is mostly known for its period of fasting during daylight. Some of our students and faculty members celebrate Ramadan and yesterday, the International/Latino Heritage Club helped our school embrace this event during three lunches by decorating a Ramadan room with informational posters, a Powerpoint presentation, music, and food. The club members handed out traditional foods eaten to break their fast, such as nuts, dried fruits and dates. The members of the club prepared over 200 of these bags the day before and planned the event for weeks with pride and happiness.

Thank you for celebrating with us on our first day of Ramadan, only 29 to go. - Mr. Castro













## PEER LEADERSHIP

Peer Leadership students in grades 9 - 12 along with several additional students helped to bring back the "Lucky Night" Senior Scholarship Fundraiser on Saint Patrick's Day last weekend. Parents and caregivers dropped off their children in grades K - 5 for a few hours of crafts, games, sports - and some even got the chance to make leprechaun traps and "catch" a real-life leprechaun! Wagon rides, face painting and pizza, laughs, and TONS of energy released, it truly was an incredible experience for children from the community to come together and JUST HAVE FUN. Keep your eyes open for a possible upcoming date in June for another childcare event - this time to raise money for the "Teen a La Carte" which is in great need of supplies! Please email Shannan Magnetico, Health Teacher at NPHS at smagnetico@newpaltz.kl2.ny.us with any questions.



# **FOOTLOOSE**

Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of Footloose!

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