



New Paltz Central High School

NEWS SHEET

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A Smoke Free Campus

Dear Parents / Guardians:

In four weeks, the 2017-18 school year will be over. This year, in particular, went by quickly. AP exams are completed, college acceptances have been sent, the Art show and Spring Concert were outstanding, as was the Science Research Symposium, and our spring sports are competing in the post-season sectional tournaments! In a few days, Regents and final exams will be administered and Graduation will close another wonderful school year!

During the next few weeks, it is extremely important for students, parents and the entire school community to be attentive to the needs of those around us and work together to provide support and assistance as needed. In addition to the services provided during the school day, academic classes are also offered most days until 5:00 p.m., with limited transportation available to take students home. Counseling services are also provided after school. Contact the Student Support Services Office (formerly known as the Guidance Office) for more information.

Unfortunately the tragic events of the year, including the loss of student lives in New Paltz and across the nation, have changed the way schools operate. However, it does not change who we are. We do need to be attentive to our surroundings and if we, "See something, say something." We do need to be true to who we are, "Caring, Connected and Making a Difference."

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and/or check the High School website.

Sincerely,

Barbara P. Clinton
Principal

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lucky C IEA (Interscholastic Equestrian) High School Team who placed 1st at Nationals during the weekend of April 20th in Syracuse N.Y. Representing New Paltz High School were Angelina Trapani-Banyra, Lily Mazur, Emilie Aebi, Maddy Brooks and Katie Brooks (Team Captain). They broke the record for the most points ever received at Nationals, beating the second place time by double the amount of points.

Congratulations to Oliver Goland, Grace Morrissey, Carmen Chu, Janelle Schneider, Sophia Newell and Samantha Musso who are recipients of the 2018 New York State Scholarships for Academic Excellence.

Congratulations to Karla Navarro who was presented an award at the MHAL Track Championship on May 19th. This is an award coaches from the league vote on in remembrance of Carol Okoren, a coach for Onteora.

Congratulations to Grace Holod who is the recipient of a \$2,000 scholarship from the Ralph & Janet Capasso Scholarship Committee of the Wappingers Congress of Teachers. The award was presented on May 24th.

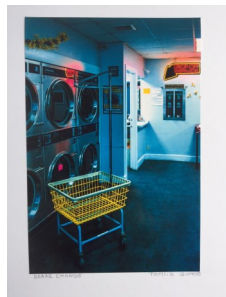
After two days and ten games, Noah Kalus took first place in the Annual North American School Scrabble championship (high school division) in Philadelphia. Congratulations, Noah!

Congratulations to the following New Paltz High School students who were winners in the Elting Memorial Library New Paltz Teen Photo Contest: Riley Finnegan—1st in Portrait with "Mister", Leo Portuese—1st in Landscape with "Dark Lakes" and Tahlia Quintero with "Spare Change"—1st in Other.

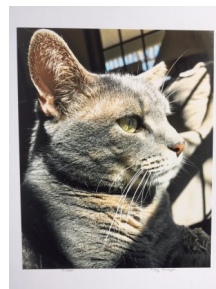
Dark Lakes by Leo Portuese



Spare Change by Tahlia Quintero



Mister by Riley Finnegan



Upcoming Events

June 1-29

AP Studio Art Show—Gardiner Library

June 1

Spring Dance—Robiero Winery—Gardiner

June 4

Student Recognition Night—7 p.m.

June 5

Global Regents (10th grade) -
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Athletic Awards Dinner—Novellas-5 p.m.

June 6

Senior Trip - Lake Compounce, CT
“Music in the Courtyard”

Board of Education meeting—7 p.m.

June 10

Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis-
Bowdoin Park, Poughkeepsie

June 11

Last day of classes for HS and VOTEC

Piglets Presentation—6-7:30 p.m.

PTSA meeting—7 p.m.

“The Last Act” - 7:30 p.m.— Auditorium

June 12-21

Regents and School Exams—No Classes

June 13

Ulster County BOCES

Scholarship Breakfast—New Paltz

June 21

Senior Ball—Villa Borghese

June 22

Graduation—New Paltz HS—6 p.m.



HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE

At our high school website www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us you can access the Guidance web pages to keep informed about career information, college advisement, community service suggestions, pre-college checklist, senior calendar, scholarship bulletins, college related upcoming events, etc. Athletic events are online at our high school website: www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us or ociaa.oubooces.org or you may listen to them by calling the SPORTS HOTLINE at: (845) 256-4045. This HOTLINE is updated regularly with information pertaining to games, meets and, if necessary, cancellations and re-scheduling.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND DELAYS

In addition to listening to the radio, you can find the closings/delays online at cancellations.com, as well as on our district website, www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us after 6:00 a.m. You can still call our weather hotline at 256-4099 which is updated at 5:45 a.m.

Blood Drive

- NPBS National Honor Society students and their advisor, Stephanie Costello, sponsored a blood drive at the High School on April 19th. They had set a goal of collecting 34 pints. The total amount of life-saving blood donations was 44 pints. As a result of this blood drive 132 patients will be helped during their upcoming treatments/procedures.

New Paltz Student Takes 1st in Photo Contest

- The Historic Preservation Commission of the Village of New Paltz, in collaboration with Elting Memorial Library invited artists of all ages to participate in an exhibit that showcased artwork that focused on and was inspired by local and area historic landmarks, landscapes and architectural details, and explores the theme of preservation, and life within a historic context. Participants could submit two pieces of artwork in the categories of painting, drawing/mixed media and photography. Elizabeth Sheehy, a New Paltz High School student, was the only teenager to submit amongst all other adult submissions and was awarded a first place ribbon and a Certificate of Achievement by the Historic Preservation Commission in the photography category.

Alternative Lunch Space

- Beginning May 1st, an alternative lunch space opened up on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. C.A.F.E. (cafeteria alternative for everyone) is held in what was the Guidance Office. The space has been repainted cheery colors and comfy furniture has been added. With a special pass from the lunch room, students can come in and read, draw, play a board game, be tutored, have quiet time or speak with someone. The small gym will be available for students to go to yoga, play basketball, Zumba or another movement-based activity. This is a pilot program for approximately 6 weeks.



- On Wednesday, May 23rd, Computer Science teacher Joe Haas brought a group of 19 AP Computer Science students to the first annual New Paltz High School Engineering Shadow Day at IBM Poughkeepsie. The host for the day was IBM engineer Kennedy Cheruyot.

- Students were divide into groups of two or three and had the opportunity to shadow two software engineers during the day. In this small group setting, students were encouraged to ask questions and have an open dialog with the programmers, enabling students to have an authentic experience of the job of a system programmer. Some of our students exchanged contact information with the engineers to allow them to continue the dialog in the future.

- In the afternoon, students toured the IBM Z series mainframes test floor. In this absolutely massive area, the machines are kept running 24-7 and closely monitored while they are subjected to a variety of extreme conditions. Our students were definitely impressed by the scale of the site. We hope to continue the relationship with IBM for many years to come.

PTSA NEWS

*Everyone—parents, educators, students and community members—
is invited to join our PTSA!*

The next PTSA meeting is Monday, June 11th at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact

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