



# New Paltz Central High School

## NEWS SHEET

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A Smoke Free Campus

Dear Parents / Guardians:

Suddenly it is November, and it is snowing! How quickly the days go by! Fall sports are over, and our winter sports have begun. Seniors are also busy applying to colleges and exploring post secondary opportunities. For detailed information on school activities, please check the Upcoming Events page on the New Paltz High School webpage.

And, as always, if you have any specific questions, please feel free to contact me at 256-4100.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



Barbara P. Clinton  
Principal

### An Important Public Information Announcement

#### Vaping

Not only is JUUL making smoking seem cool again, many kids seem to have the erroneous impression that, unlike cigarettes, JUUL is safe to use. In reality it delivers enough nicotine to be enormously addictive, especially for teenagers, who brains are still developing, making them more easily addicted than adults!

Scott Gottlieb, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner has declared youth vaping an "epidemic... Teenagers are becoming regular users and the proportion of regular users is increasing." We are going to have to take action. "No one can look at the data and say there is no problem."

Additional information can be found at [childmind.org/article/teen-vaping-what-you-need-to-know](http://childmind.org/article/teen-vaping-what-you-need-to-know).

Please note: Ulster County Prevention Council will staff a vaping awareness information table at the Parent/Teachers Conferences on November 26th.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to the girls swim team who finished 2nd at the Section IX swim championships on Saturday, November 3rd. Top finishers were: Bell Santos, Orla Clasby, Keira Coulard-Smith and Abi Santos—3rd in the 200 medley relay, April Cook—5th in the 200 free and 3rd in the 500 free, Lydia Brutvan—3rd in the 200 IM with a new school record., Abi Santos—1st in the 50 free and 3rd in the 100 fly with a new school record. Bella, Lydia, Keira, and Abi also set a new school record time in the 200 free.

The following swimmers will compete in states: Bella Santos, Lydia Brutvan, Keira Coulard-Smith, April Cook and Abi Santos in the 200 free relay, Abi Santos in the 100 fly and 50 freestyle, and Lydia Brutvan in the 100 backstroke. The state championships are November 15th, 16th and 17th. Good luck!

The Mathletes are off to a strong start this year! At our first meet with 12 teams total from New Paltz, Kingston, Rondout, and Saugerties, two of our teams tied EACH OTHER for first place and our third team tied Kingston for 2nd place. Well done Mathletes!!

High School guidance counselors Jessica Bradley and Kathryn Flanagan are seen promoting the art and technology fair held in the Guidance Suite on November 9th. Guidance will periodically set up tables during the lunch block to further connect and communicate with students.



Parent/Teacher conferences will be held Monday, November 26th from 7-9 p.m. All scheduling will be done *online*. Use the link under "For Parents" on the high school webpage to schedule.

# Upcoming Events

- November 19**  
PTSA meeting—6:30 p.m.  
Talent Show—7:00 p.m.
- November 21-23**  
Thanksgiving Recess—NO SCHOOL
- November 26**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences—7-9 p.m.  
(by appointment only)
- November 27**  
Spring Musical Information meeting-  
2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
- November 28**  
Board of Education meeting—6:30 pm  
District Office Conference Room
- November 29**  
Hispanic Heritage Celebration – HS-  
12-2:20 pm
- November 30**  
Superintendent’s Conference Day-  
No school for students
- November 30-Dec. 2**  
NYSSMA All-State Conference
- December 4**  
National Honor Society Inductions– 7pm
- December 6**  
“Night” in a Day –9th grade assembly
- December 10**  
PTSA meeting—7 pm
- December 12**  
Board of Education meeting– HS-7 pm
- December 13**  
Winter Concert—7:30 pm
- December 14**  
End of 15-week marking period  
Snow Ball—7:30 pm-10 pm
- December 20**  
Snow date for Winter Concert– 7:30 pm
- December 24-January 1**  
Winter Break
- January 2**  
School resumes

**Please check the high school website for updated information.**

### HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE

At our high school website [www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us](http://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](http://www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us) or [ociaa.oubooces.org](http://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](http://cancellations.com), as well as on our district website, [www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us](http://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.

# Did You Know ?

## From The Nurse:

Good handwashing is very important. To prevent disease and the spread of germs wash your hands with soap and water. This is the most affordable and effective way to prevent disease.

On Monday, October 29th, High School Band students were treated to a performance and question and answer session about college application and music careers, and a rehearsal clinic given by guest artist Alex Davis. Mr. Davis is a professional bassoonist who has performed as an African American Fellow with the Detroit Symphony and New York’s Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. Mr. Davis led the band in rehearsing two pieces of music for their upcoming concert, and even helped with Jazz Band.

This year’s NYSSMA Zone 9 Area All-State Festival will take place November 16th and 17th at Wallkill High School. Seventeen musicians from New Paltz High School have been selected to perform in the ensembles at this festival. Students chosen to perform in the Band are: Maya Greenfield—clarinet, Elizabeth Medrano—oboe, Carl Schroer—percussion, and Luke Taylor—bassoon. Students chosen to perform in the Orchestra are: Isaac Cheruiyot—bass, and Claire Taylor -French horn. Students chosen to perform in the Mixed Chorus are: Jamishay Camman—soprano, Trevor Crofton—tenor, Timothy Gadaletto—tenor, Ryan Hovey—tenor, Ryan Kelso—tenor, Logan Linares—tenor and Kiah Saxe—soprano. Students chosen to perform in the Women’s Chorus are: April Cook—alto, Jessica Dugatkin—soprano, Ella Skye Franks—alto, and Madeline Leitner—alto. These students will spend the weekend rehearsing with the best musicians in Zone 9 and perform in two concerts to conclude the festival. The Choral concert is at 2:30 p.m. and the Instrumental concert is at 4:30 p.m. Congratulations to all of the students selected! All are invited to attend.

Also, three New Paltz High School students were selected to perform at All-State are: Madeline Leitner, Logan Linares and Claire Taylor (with Ryan Kelso selected as an alternate). They will be attending the NYSSMA All-State Festival in Rochester, New York from November 29th through December 2nd. We wish them luck!

The Environmental Club hosted a pumpkin carving and pizza event followed by a Haunted Halloween in the Courtyard Gardens. A chilling time was had by all.

On October 30th, NPHS student art and literature magazine hosted Lit Mag Autumn Fest in the Courtyard Gardens featuring singing, poetry readings, musicians and African drumming.



### PTSA NEWS

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

*The next PTSA meeting is Monday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m.*

*If you have any questions, please contact  
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New Paltz High School...caring, connecting, and making a difference™

Mission Statement: To become a community of learners that emphasizes mutual respect and responsibility in which everyone realizes his or her potential.