

New Paltz Central High School



NEWS SHEET

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October 2016

A Smoke Free Campus

Dear Parents / Guardians:

Welcome to the world of New Paltz High School! Already we have had five weeks of interesting and engaging lessons, Spirit Week, multiple sports contests, class and club meetings, and College Night. The high school is a very busy place during the day, after school, and evenings. Please check the websites for additional information or call the high school office or guidance for assistance.

In addition to the newsheet, five-week student progress reports are enclosed. Please review the reports with your child and again feel free to contact the counselor if you have any questions or concerns. If you need assistance accessing parent portal, please contact kmceachin@newpaltz.k12.ny.us.

And finally, beginning November 1st, parents may sign up online for individual parent/teacher conferences scheduled for Monday, November 21st from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. by using the link under "For Parents" on the High School webpage.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Barbara P. Clinton
Principal

Please note: Several athletic teams are participating in post season play. Please check the athletic webpage for information.



NPHS Drama Club Fall Production

Welcome to the 1930s and the Crazy but lovable Sycamore family. This eccentric band of misfits pursue their eccentric hobbies and friendships: Grandpa's snake collection, his son-in-law's obsession with building fireworks, his daughter's manuscripts that never get published, his granddaughter's obsession with being a ballerina, her husband's printing press and xylophone. Add to this the wacky friends; a Russian ballet master, a grand dutchess, the household maid and her accordion players boyfriend and a tipsy actress. Then there is the practical Alice Sycamore, who after becoming engaged to Tony Kirby (vice president of his dad's company, Kirby and Co.), makes the ill-fated decision to have her future in-laws over for dinner. The evening ends with everyone in the house being arrested and the engagement broken. How does it end? Come see for yourself. "You Can't Take It With You" will be performed November 17th through November 19th at the Otto Grassel Auditorium at New Paltz High School. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m.. Cast members include: James Hyland, Kelly McElroy, Mikal Kalus, Philip Jones, Rebecca Dugakin, Caleb Sheedy, Keaton Hemminger, Cormac Stutzman, Emily Feshold, Matt Kirsch, Megan Geher, Matt Gose, Chance Stover, Jordan Mattsen, Elizabeth Medrano, Christina Rust and more! Don't miss this heartwarming, hilarious comedy!

Tickets are available at the door with the box office opening at 6:30 p.m.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Jen Cone who was awarded a \$2,000 grant from the New Paltz Central School District Foundation for Student Enhancement for "Digital Drawing." The Awards Committee liked the proposal and believe it will be a great way to integrate students' natural artistic abilities and technology.

Congratulations to Mia DiMaio who completed study in the School of Visual Arts of the New York State Summer School of Arts at the State University of New York at Fredonia in July.

Congratulations to Catherine Scaduto who completed study in the School of Ballet of the New York State Summer School of the Arts at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York.

Congratulations to Oliver Goland (trumpet) and Elijah McKee (alto saxophone) who have been chosen to represent New Paltz High School in the NYSSMA All-State band in Rochester in December.

Congratulations to Joshua Berry for receiving the Excellence in Economic Understanding Award this summer at Duke University.

Congratulations to Kate Fishman and Stephanie Stewart-Hill for being named Commended Students in the 2017 National Merit Scholarships.

Congratulations to Cerissa DiValentino on winning a Teen Ink Editor's Choice Award.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held Monday, November 21st from 7-9 p.m.

NEW THIS YEAR Scheduling will be done *online* using a link under "For Parents" on the high school webpage. Scheduling will begin November 1st.

If you wish to support the district initiative to go paperless, please sign onto the Parent Portal at <http://ps.newpaltz.k12.ny.us> and click on the "Paperless" icon.

Upcoming Events

October 19

PSATs— during school day

November 1

Scheduling begins for Parent/Teacher Conferences— online on HS Website
Dodge Ball Fundraiser—6 p.m.-HS gym

November 2

Board of Education meeting—7 p.m.

November 3

County-wide Emergency Evacuation Drill
-2:05 p.m. dismissal
Financial Aid presentation— 6:30 p.m.

November 8

Election Day
Superintendent's Day— NO STUDENTS

November 10

End of 10 week marking period

November 14

PTSA meeting—7 p.m.— CLPC

November 17-19

Drama Production- "You Can't Take It With You"- 7:30 p.m.

November 18

Multicultural Conference-SUNY NP

November 18-19

NYSSMA Area All-State Festival

November 21

Parent/Teacher conferences-
By appointment starting November 1st

November 23-27

NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break

November 30

Poetry Out Loud—2:20 p.m.

December 8

National Honor Society Inductions-
7 p.m.

December 15

Winter Concert—7:30 p.m.

Please check the high school website for updated information.

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.oubores.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 p.m.

Did You Know ?

From The Nurse:

It's flu season again! Don't forget about getting your flu shot! Continue to wash your hands often with soap and water. Avoid touching your nose, mouth and eyes. The symptoms of flu are fever, cough, runny/stuffy nose, sore throat, body aches, fatigue, and chills.

Poetry Out Loud is Back

Poetry Out Loud is back! Poetry Out Loud is a national recitation contest created by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation. Poetry Out Loud encourages students to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. This program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life.

At New Paltz High School, the first round of competition is open to ALL students. Students must sign up with Mrs. St. John by Friday, November 4th. The first round of competition will be after school on Wednesday, November 30th. For more information on Poetry Out Loud see www.poetryoutloud.org or <http://lisastjohn.weebly.com/poetry-out-loud.html>.

Spirit Week

The week of September 26th through September 30th was Spirit Week at New Paltz High School. Organized by the Student Government, there was a theme for each day of the week. Monday was Fictional Character Day/Come As You Are Not Day, Tuesday- Formal Day, Wednesday—Decades Day, Thursday—Twin Day, and Friday—Class Shirts/Maroon and White Day. Many students and staff participated and dressed according to the theme. A pep rally was held on September 30th for Homecoming. The Varsity Football team played against Highland and won by the score of 48-14. The Homecoming Dance followed at 7:00 p.m.



HOMECOMING PEP RALLY—SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

PTSA NEWS

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

The next PTSA meeting is Monday, November 14th at 7:00 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.