

New Paltz Central High School



NEWS SHEET

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October 2017

A Smoke Free Campus

Dear Parents / Guardians:

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year. During the first six weeks of school, we were welcoming our new students, staff and our new Assistant Principal, Ms. Tara Ryba. Our new addition has provided much needed five classrooms and natural light to brighten the hallways. Everyone is now eagerly awaiting the opening of our new guidance area in a few weeks!

Since the beginning of school, our students have been actively engaged in classes, sports and clubs. Our school is busy during the day and after school. Please check our website for a complete list of activities.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara P. Clinton
Principal



"Look Homeward Angel"

The NPHS drama club will be presenting the Pulitzer Prize winning drama, "Look Homeward Angel" on November 16, 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School auditorium. The play, based on the Thomas Wolf novel of the same name, centers around the Gant family who run "Dixieland", (a boarding house in North Carolina, 1916). There we meet Eugene, a young writer and the youngest of the Gant children. Eugene longs to go to college, but his attempts are thwarted by a domineering mother who can't let him go and an alcoholic father too worn down to help. Eugene finally finds the courage to leave his dysfunctional family and rag-tag band of boarders after discovering and then losing the love of one of the boarders at "Dixieland".

Tickets are available at the door and cost \$8 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for adults. Don't miss this talented cast of 18 create a story you'll never forget.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Leah Blagbrough who satisfactorily completed the School of Ballet of the New York State Summer School of the Arts study in dance at Skidmore College from June 25 to July 22, 2017.

Congratulations to Carmen Chu, Oliver Goland, Patrick Melanson, Sophia Noel, Viviana Perls, Liam Quinlan and Janelle Schneider who have been named Commended Students in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2018 competition by taking the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Congratulations to Sarah Holland and Jordan Mattsen who represented New Paltz High School and the State of New York at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Boston, Massachusetts and have been awarded an official Award of Excellence, certifying their successful completion of the Congress.

Congratulations to Maya Greenfield who satisfactorily completed study in the School of Visual Arts of the New York State Summer School of the Arts from July 1 to July 28, 2017.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held Monday, November 20th from 7-9 p.m. Scheduling will be done *online* using a link under "For Parents" on the high school webpage. Scheduling will begin November 1st.

Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch can receive additional benefits including fee waivers for standardized tests, reduced tuition rates for UHS credits and fee waivers for college applications. Please contact your child's school counselor to get more information on these benefits.

SENIOR PORTRAITS ARE DUE TO THE YEARBOOK BY NOVEMBER 1ST.
Order your yearbook before October 27th to get FREE personalization and Icons!

Upcoming Events

November 1

Scheduling begins for Parent/Teacher Conferences— online on HS Website
Board of Education meeting—7 p.m.

November 2

County-wide Evacuation Drill— 2:05 p.m.
Guidance Office Financial Aid presentation – 6:30 p.m.

November 7

Election Day— School is in session

November 9

End of 10 week marking period

November 10

NO SCHOOL –Veterans' Day

November 13

PTSA meeting—7 p.m.– CLPC

November 14

School Picture retakes

November 15

Board of Education meeting –6:30 p.m.
District Office

November 16-18

Drama Production- "Look Homeward Angel"- 7:30 p.m.

November 17

Multicultural Conference-SUNY NP

November 17-18

NYSSMA Area All-State Festival

November 20

Parent/Teacher conferences-
By appointment starting November 1st

November 22-24

NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break

December 1

Superintendent's Day—NO SCHOOL

December 6

Board of Education meeting— 7 p.m.-HS

December 14

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.ouboes.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.

Did You Know ?

From The Nurse:

It's Flu season again! Get your flu shot if you haven't already. Continue to wash your hands, cover coughs and sneezes to protect others. The flu comes on suddenly. Most people with the flu feel tired and have a high fever, headache, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and sore muscles. Some people, especially children, may also have stomach problems and diarrhea. The flu is spread through droplets in a cough, sneeze or runny nose. If you get the flu stay home until you have no fever without the use of fever-control medicines and feel well for 24 hours.

Spirit Week

October 10th through October 13th was Spirit Week at New Paltz High School. Students and staff came to school dressed in costume each day to fit the theme of the day. Tuesday, October 10th was Fictional Character/Come As You Are Not Day; Wednesday, October 11th was Decades Day; Thursday, October 12th was Twin Day and Friday, October 13th was Maroon and White Day. Friday, October 13th was Homecoming at the high school. Students had a Community Lunch. Different student organizations sold food and snacks. The lunch was followed by a Pep Rally in the gym. The Homecoming Football Game and the Homecoming Dance took place in the evening.

New Student Orientation at NPHS Wednesday, August 30, 2017



A Scene from Art in the Courtyard—September 2017



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.

PTSA NEWS

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

The next PTSA meeting is Monday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m.



If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Goodnow at mamagoodnow5@gmail.com

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.