

New Paltz Central High School



NEWS SHEET

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October 2014

A Smoke Free Campus

Dear Parents / Guardians:

The 2014-2015 school year is well underway and our students are actively engaged in the learning process! Once again, the academic program is designed to prepare our students to be college and career ready upon graduation. In addition to the coursework, our student-led activities provide numerous opportunities for service to school and community while promoting school spirit. Specific information regarding our programs, activities and sporting events are available on -line.

I look forward to another outstanding school year and, once again, remind all parents to feel free to contact their guidance counselors, Toni Woody (Athletic Director) or me at 256-4100 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Barbara P. Clinton
Principal



Congratulations

Congratulations to Kenrick Cai, Joseph Ciccone, Eric J. Lawson, and James McColgan who have been named Commended Students in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Student placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2015 competition by taking the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Congratulations to Sean Copeland who won the New Paltz Golf Course Club Championship. He is the youngest champion in club history.

Congratulations to the NP Varsity Boys Golf Team who won the MHAL Division II title.



Parents are asked to encourage their child to bring all necessary items to school in the morning and avoid "Drop offs" during the day.

Students requesting to be excused during the day must have notes to attendance BEFORE 8:00 a.m. Students will be excused to meet parents at the designated time.

All students should come to school with their proximity (ID) cards.

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.

The Board of Education has adopted a \$52.9 million proposal to upgrade infrastructure and provide program improvement in all four of the District Schools. To learn more about the project feel free to attend information sessions as needed.

Save these Dates:

October 14: Duzine-Lenape ES PTA Presentation—6:30 p.m. @ Lenape Library

October 21: NPMS PTA Presentation—6 p.m. @ Middle School Library

October 22: Board of Education Facilities Committee Capital Project Presentation—6 p.m. @District Office.

The Capital Project Vote is October 28, 2014 from 12 noon to 9 p.m. at New Paltz High School. Voters need to be 18 years of age and a resident of the district.

Who still uses mainframe computers? If you ever used an ATM, made a purchase from a large retail store such as Wal-Mart, or banked online, then the answer is , you do! The security and reliability of the mainframe still make it the product of choice in areas such as finance, health care, insurance, retail, utilities and government. As a result, mainframe computing skills are highly sought after.

This is why more than a dozen New Paltz High School computer science students will be competing in IBM's *Master the Mainframe* contest beginning in October. *Master the Mainframe* is an opportunity for students to gain real-world experience using enterprise computing skills. This computing contest is designed to equip students with mainframe knowledge and challenge their skills in a hands-on coding experience.

The on-line contest takes place over several months and takes students from basic navigation of the mainframe user interface to a challenging stage requiring contestants to perform tasks taken from real life situations encountered by experienced systems programmers.

The newly formed New Paltz High School Computer Science Club is excited to take on this challenge.

Upcoming Events

October 10

Superintendent's Conference Day
NO SCHOOL for students

October 13

Columbus Day-NO SCHOOL

October 15

Duzine-Lenape PTA presentation on
Capital Project- Lenape Lib.-6:30 p.m.

October 14-17

Spirit Week

October 15

Board of Education meeting- 7 p.m.

October 18

PSAT testing-7:45 a.m.

October 21

Middle School PTA Capital Project
Presentation- MS Lib.-6:00 p.m.

October 22

Board of Education Facilities Committee
Capital Project Presentation-
District Office-6:00 p.m.

October 28

Vote on Capital Building Project-12-9 p.m.

November 1

Call for appointments for Parent/
Teacher conferences

November 4

Election Day- 12-9 p.m.-HS gym

November 5

School Picture Re-takes

November 7

End of 10-week marking period

November 11

Veteran's Day-NO SCHOOL

November 13-15

Drama Club Production

November 17

PTSA meeting-7 p.m.-HS Lib.

November 21-22

Area All-State Festival

November 24

Parent/Teacher Conference -7 -9 p.m.

By appointment only - Please call the
High School Office to schedule.

HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE

At our high school website www.newpaltz.k12.nv.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.nv.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.nv.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:

NYS Department of Health Confirms Cases of Serious Respiratory Virus EG-D68

There is no vaccination or treatment for this virus. "It is important that we follow common sense rules to prevent the spread of this virus, as we do for flu and other contagious illness." The following steps are important to protect yourself and others from EG-D68, the flu and other respiratory infections:

- Wash your hands with soap and water
- Do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze with a tissue or your arm
- Stay home if you have a fever (for 24 hours after your fever is gone)
- Avoid kissing, hugging, sharing cups, water bottles and eating utensils with people who are sick

New Paltz High School student Judy Adams will be featured on the Disney Channel's "Make Your Mark," an Emmy award-winning series featuring the uplifting and inspirational stories of individual children. Judy Adams is the founder of "Dimes for Down." Her goal is to raise funds to contribute to "Gifts from the Heart for Downs," a local non-profit foundation designed to grant wishes to people with Down Syndrome. Judy's segment can be viewed at <http://video.disney.com/watch/disneychannel-judy-adams-dimes-for-downs501c66ac7637c8f389c39137>.

The National Honor Society will be offering free tutoring for students each morning at the high school. Starting October 20th, NHS members will be found in the library every day to help with study habits, homework concerns, and essay writing. The help center will be staffed entirely by students. No sign ups will be necessary, just visit the table in the library.

On September 16th, college students from New Paltz's sister city, Niimi City, Japan toured the New Paltz High School accompanied by Professor Kiyoshi Yamauchi (back, far right) and Professor Hitomi Fukumoto (front row, middle). Teacher, Sue Sherburne, and Principal, Mrs. Clinton, led the tour.



PTSA NEWS

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

The next PTSA meeting is Monday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m.

*If you have any questions, please contact
Renee Brenner at Reneedream@aol.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.