

NHS News from the Hill

Friday, September 16, 2022

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📅 Save the Date 📅

Tuesday, September 20 - *Post-secondary Parent/Guardian Night for Seniors, 6:30 PM, Virtual (please note date change)*

Monday, September 26 - *No School - Rosh Hashanah*

Thursday, September 29 - *Back to School Night - Meet your student's teachers, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, in-person, schedule coming soon!*

Friday, September 30 - *Photo Day*

Wednesday, October 5 - *No School - Yom Kippur*

Monday, October 10 - *No School - Indigenous People's Day*

Wednesday, October 12 - *The ORACLE Club & Activities Fair, 12:00PM, NHS Cafeteria*

Saturday, October 15 - *PSAT for 11th graders (and 10th) at Needham High School. Additional information forthcoming*

Please Update PowerSchool (if needed)

Every year the Needham Public Schools request parents/guardians update their student's information on file with the District. This includes Nurse Emergency Information, Parent/Guardian contact and Emergency Contact information. The District has implemented a new PowerSchool contact system which requires all parents/guardians to enter and confirm all student contacts. These new contacts will be used to communicate all school information to parents/guardians.

To update this information please:

Login to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

- Navigate to the new "Forms" link on the left hand navigation bar.

- Please complete the following forms:

1 Student Information

2 Nurse Emergency Information

3 Parent / Guardian / Student - Agreements

- Please do this for each one of your students. The contacts section will now allow you to copy all contacts to your other students if you choose to do so.

[PowerSchool Parent Portal Student Information Update Instructional Video.](#)

Event Information

SALSA New Member Training

Interested in earning community service? Want to make a difference in your community? Come join Students Advocating Life without Substance Abuse (SALSA) this Saturday, 9/17 from 12 - 4 PM in the NHS Library.

You'll earn 4 hours of community service, enjoy a pizza lunch and learn presentation & advocacy skills you will use when you visit 8th grade Wellness Classes at Pollard during the school year.

If you are interested, join us in the NHS library on Saturday at noon!

When?

Sat, Sep 17, 2022, 12:00 PM

Where?

NHS Library

Event Information

Postsecondary Planning Senior Parent Night

Tuesday September 20, 2022

Virtual Zoom Presentation - Panel participants TBD (Past panelists include admission counselors from UMass Amherst, American University and Harvey Mudd College)

6:30-8:00PM

We hope all senior parents/guardians will be able to attend the virtual Senior Parent Night. We will share the postsecondary planning information we presented to the students and welcome college admissions representatives for advice/insight about the process, including a question

and answer period. Your student is welcome to attend. A Zoom link will be provided prior to the event.

When?

Tue, Sep 20, 2022, 06:30 PM

Where?

Virtual

Fine & Performing Arts News

There will be a free Costume Design Workshop on Monday, September 19th from 3-4:30pm in Room 905 at NHS and a Set Design and Construction Workshop on Wednesday, September 21 from 4:30-6:00pm at Newman Elementary School in the Auditorium. All NHS or Pollard students are welcome and encouraged to attend. No experience necessary! Please register here <https://forms.gle/ALtcpq4XbGb6BAkn6> or email kristen_mazzocchi@needham.k12.ma.us if you have any questions.

Who should participate:

- All students who are in a school-based music or theater class
- Students who are on or plan to be on the tech crew for any of this year's shows
- Students who have performed or plan to perform in either SAMD, the winter school musical or the school play
- Students who are in Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble or Chorale
- Students who sing in an a Cappella group

Sign up [HERE](#) today to participate! (this link can take us to 15 seconds to connect)

Sticker Drive Submission to News on the Hill 2022.doc

Calling All NHS Performing Arts Students! Friends of Music (FOM), the NHS performing arts Booster Club, will have this year's sticker drive fundraiser on Sunday, October 16th from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. This fun activity is not only a terrific bonding opportunity - it raises significant funds ...

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SPAN Fall Quarterly Meeting

Fall into the data:

A presentation on the 2021 Metro West Adolescent Health Survey followed by a community discussion

- Wednesday Oct. 12th from 6:30–8:30pm
- Center at the Heights, 300 Hillside Avenue
- Hybrid option available—please see the Eventbrite page for more information



We invite you to:

- Hear from community leaders like Superintendent of Needham Schools Dan Gutekanst
- Understand recent trends in substance use and mental health behaviors among Needham youth
- Voice your input and concerns to community stakeholders and decision makers
- Meet fellow Needham residents interested in community wellbeing



Click [here](#) to RSVP to the event
For questions please email kshannon@needhamma.gov

Volunteer Opportunity at Needham Steps Up

Needham Steps Up (NSU) is a mission-driven 501(c)3 committed to helping Needham High School students from underserved families thrive in high school and beyond. We provide one-to-one mentoring with a caring NHS staff person for all four years, along with cohort programs, community supports, and enrichment grants. NSU is looking for a volunteer to join our board as Clerk. This is a great way to get involved in our organization. The responsibilities include:

- Taking notes at the monthly meetings
- Collecting and handling the mail from our PO Box
- Working with treasurer to write checks and deposit donations

If you share our passion and are interested in this position, please send an email introducing yourself to info@needhamstepsup.org.

Homework Club is Back! Note New Schedule.

Homework Club Meetings will be in the library *before school* on Tuesdays and *after school* on Thursdays.

National Honor Society students will be ready and eager to help their peers with everything from regular assignments to long term projects. Students seeking help do not need reservations and meetings start on **Tuesday, September 20**.

Need Math Help?

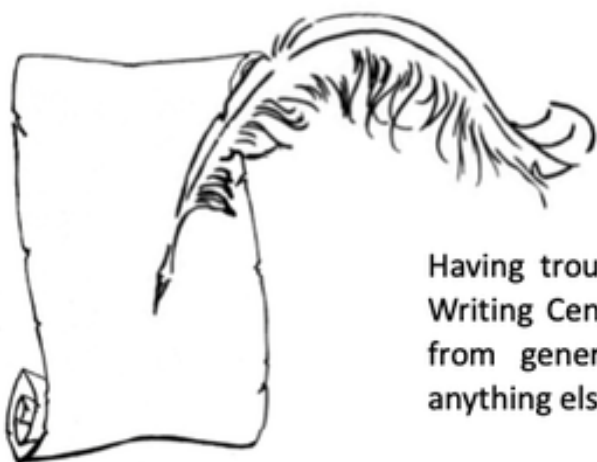
Beginning Tuesday, September 20, 2022, Math Help will be available in the Math and Science office (Room 205) on Tuesdays from 9:00-1:00.

Writing Center

Peer Tutoring

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
After School
Room 719**

No Appointment Necessary



Having trouble with an essay or a paper? Come to the Writing Center to get help with any step of the process, from generating ideas to structuring arguments, and anything else in between.

We're here to help!

OPEN

Gym



EVERY Friday
7:30 AM-8:25 Gym A. with Mr.
Boardman

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PSAT is Coming to Needham High!

For 11th and 10th graders:

- The PSAT will be offered at Needham High School on Saturday, October 15th.
- For juniors, the results are used for NMSQT Scholarship eligibility (non-juniors are not considered for NMSQT eligibility)

Registration UNTIL Sept 30th):

- Payment and registration through MySchoolBucks
- Cost \$31 - paid through MySchoolBucks.**

For those who have already registered for the PSAT, the PSAT/NMSQT student guide is now available for pickup in Guidance. The guide includes PSAT/NMSQT info, test-taking advice and tips, and an official practice test.

-For any issues paying through MySchoolBucks or requests for Fee Waivers, please see Mr. Grannan in the Guidance Office or email will_grannan@needham.k12.ma.us.

For those who have already registered for the PSAT, the PSAT/NMSQT student guide is now available for pickup in Guidance. The guide includes PSAT/NMSQT info, test-taking advice and tips, and an official practice test.

Needham School Nutrition Services is looking for some great people to help serve our students!

If you enjoy working with a great team and helping our children enjoy healthy meals, this could be the job for you! Our positions follow the school calendar and require no experience. Please contact Danielle Collins, Danielle.Collins@needham.k12.ma.us if you would like to apply. We have positions for everyday or you can also work as a substitute and fill in when it is convenient for you.



NHS Photo Day **Friday, September 30, 2022** **Day #6** **Location: B Gym**

All students in Grades 9-11 will have their photo taken on Friday, September 30, 2022. The schedule for reporting to the B Gym is detailed below. *Reminders: no props or accessories are allowed. Masks are not allowed to be worn for photos.*

Note for Grades 9-11 Students | Purchasing Photo Packages:

Students who have not ordered their photo package online, will need to **bring their photo order envelopes with them.**

Note for Grade 12 Students:

Grade 12 students who have chosen to **not have a senior portrait taken** are asked to report during Period A/Open Session, so that a photo can be taken for their school ID and PowerSchool.

NHS Staff:

All NHS staff are invited to have their photo taken for the yearbook. Staff can stop by the B Gym throughout the day until 1:40.

Process:

Please follow the schedule below and escort your class to the B Gym.

Schedule for Friday, September 30:

Period E: Grade 9

8:35 - 9:55 (Block 1)

8:15 - 8:30 600s & 800s
8:30 - 8:45 900s & 100s
8:45 - 9:05 200s, 400s, & 450s
9:05 - 9:25 700s, 750s & others

Period F: Grade 10

10:00-11:20 (Block 2)

9:50 - 10:15 600s & 800s
10:15 - 10:40 900s & 100s
10:40 - 11:00 200s, 400s, & 450s
11:00 - 11:20 700s, 750s & others

Period G: Grade 11

11:25-12:45 (Block 3 = Lunch block)

11:25 - 11:45 FPA, Science, Wellness
11:50 - 12:15 English, Math, Study Seminar, Media
12:20 - 12:45 Social Studies, World Languages, Skills/PLC/ELL

Period A: 12:50-1:40 - Open Session

Open session for all staff, students (late arrivals), and grade 12 students who are not having a senior portrait taken.

High School Lunch Monitors needed!

NHS is actively seeking to hire adults to monitor the lunchroom on Monday through Friday from 11:20 am-12:45 pm. Interested candidates are invited to visit the district website to review the [job posting](#) and submit an application. Do you know, or are you a parent of, a college student attending classes from home -- please consider applying!

**WE ARE
HIRING**

**CALLING ALL
NEEDHAM
STUDENTS!**

are you looking for local paid opportunities?

We can help connect you with residential odd jobs, babysitting gigs, pet care opportunities and more

do you need community service hours?

We can help connect you with programs, local projects, and other opportunities to earn the service hours you need

EMAIL US FOR MORE INFO!

NEEDHAMYOUTH@NEEDHAMMA.GOV

OR CALL 781-455-7500



DEFAZIO FIELD

Mural Project

Help us beautify the Needham community with a mural painting in the tunnel connecting DeFazio and Pollard Middle School!

September 17th, 18th, 21st
- Multiple time slots available, no art experience necessary! All residents of any age are welcome

**REGISTER FOR A DAY/TIME:
WWW.NEEDHAMPROGRAMS.COM**

QUESTIONS?
CONTACT
SARA SHINE
AT YOUTH &
FAMILY
SERVICES
781-898-5132

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Plugged In Band Program

Plugged In Band Program fall session programs (Band Class, Songwriting and Production, Digital Audio Production, Creating Music with Coding, Livestreaming 101 and Amped Up: Planning a Youth Music Festival) begins September 16th for kids ages 8-18 of all skill levels. Registration for private lessons is ongoing. For more information, please visit www.pluggedinband.org.



**ICE SKATING
INSTRUCTORS
&
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**WHEN?
MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS
SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 27
3:00PM-5:00PM**

\$16-\$19 PER HOUR

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Fall Sale of the Friends of the Needham Public Library

The Fall Sale of the Friends of the Needham Public Library will be held in the Community room on Friday, September 30 from noon to 4:00, Saturday, October 1 from 9:00-4:00, and Sunday, October 2 from 1:00-4:00. Sunday is bargain day with all books half-price and a brown bag of books \$8.00.

Traveling Meals Volunteers needed!

Traveling Meals Volunteers needed! Can you donate one hour per week to deliver Traveling Meals to disabled or elderly Needham Residents - September to June? (Not on school vacations or holidays!)

Please contact Rebecca Hall at the Health Department

(781) 455-7940 ext. 219, or at: rhall@needhamma.gov if you would like more information!



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