

NHS NEWS FROM THE HILL

Thursday, October 13, 2022

Athletics - Rocket Review

<https://needhamhigh.bigteams.com/>



🕒 Save the Date 🕒

Thursday, October 13 - PTC Principal Coffee, Zoom, 6:30 PM (Zoom link below)

Saturday, October 15 - PSAT , Needham High School, 8:00 AM

Monday, October 16 - National History Day Parent/Guardian Information Night, NHS Cafeteria, 6:30 PM (10th grade ACC history only)

Saturday, October 22 - Needham PTC Craft Fair, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, A & B Gyms

Tuesday, October 25 - SEPAC Monthly Meeting, Virtual, 12:30 PM

Fri. - Sun, October 28, 29 & 30 SAMD Musical, Addams Family, Newman Auditorium, purchase tickets below

Event Information

PTC Principal's Coffee

Agenda:

1. PTC Presidents' Welcome and PTC Information
2. Principal's Update on the Start of School
3. Overview of Supports Available to Students

4. Sharing Upcoming Events

5. Questions and Answers

Link:

Topic: PTC-Principal Meeting

Time: Oct 13, 2022 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://needham-k12-ma-us.zoom.us/j/84978346743?](https://needham-k12-ma-us.zoom.us/j/84978346743?pwd=V2ZOWmM4TE95WE0yNnZMWFFFMEtDQT09)

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Meeting ID: 849 7834 6743

Passcode: 845137

When?

Thu, Oct 13, 2022, 06:30 PM

Where?

Virtual

Need Planners? We Have Them!

We are a good month or so into the school year. Can your student be a little more organized? When you ask if they have homework, do they say "I don't know"? Lots of students are realizing that they need a good way of coordinating and tracking their days and their assignments. Well, we have the solution! We still have planners available for purchase through MySchool Bucks. I will not guarantee miracles, but I can tell you that your student will be more organized. Order your planner on [MySchoolBucks](#) for \$8 each! Please have them go to Grade Level Office (GLO) to pick them up.

Bring Your Ideas! NEF Accepting Fall '22 Grant Applications

The Needham Education Foundation (NEF) is now accepting applications for small grants, up to \$5,000, and large grants, up to \$15,000, for the benefit of the Needham Public Schools. Needham Public School educators, administrators, or community members – including students and parents – are eligible to apply. All applications are due by **Friday, October 14, 2022**. There will be two additional opportunities to submit applications this year: January 13 and April 6, 2023.

The NEF seeks applications for innovative programs that connect with the curriculum or the district goals in meaningful ways. The NEF also encourages schools to copy a grant that was funded at another school through the Express grant program or work together with multiple schools through the Multi-School grant program, which offers up to \$3,000 per school.

Contact the NEF at nef@nefneedham.org or talk to your NEF School Rep (found on the NEF website) if you have any questions or would like guidance. To see what the NEF has funded in the past and to apply online, please visit: www.nefneedham.org/grants.

Submit Your Entry in the NEF Gratitude Cards Art Contest!

The Needham Education Foundation is excited to announce that the 2022-2023 NEF Gratitude Cards Art Contest is now **open to all Needham Public Schools students in grades 4-12!** These cards have long served as a perfect way to acknowledge and thank NPS staff and administration, particularly during the holiday season, Staff Appreciation Week, and at the end of the school year. All proceeds from sales of the Gratitude cards go directly into funding innovative and engaging programs throughout the school district.

How to Enter:

1. Using any media, create a piece of artwork that expresses your appreciation for NPS teachers & staff or your favorite thing about school.
2. The design should be prepared horizontally, preferably 8" high by 10" wide.
3. See all details and submit your entry at nefneedham.org/artcontest.

Deadline for entry is Friday, October 28th.

Winners will be chosen by the NEF Board of Directors for inclusion in this year's Gratitude Gram e-cards, and one design will be chosen to be printed and sold in local stores. Winners will be notified on November 1st. Gratitude cards will be available for purchase after Thanksgiving. For more information, go to nefneedham.org.

Fine & Performing Arts News

Calling ALL NHS Performing Arts Students!

It's Time to Sign Up for the

2022 Friends of Music Sticker Drive

Students: Sign up [HERE](#) to Participate

Parents: Sign up [HERE](#) to help!

Who Should Participate?

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

Why?

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 and community building opportunity – it raises significant funds for Performing Arts programming, enhancing the experience for all NHS students and the Needham community in the form of scholarships for seniors, instrument repair and replacement, teacher grants and related student programs and workshops. We are thrilled to offer our students the opportunity to fundraise for the performing arts programming in which they thrive.

What to expect?

Students will gather at four host homes, separated by grade, at 1:30pm on Sunday, October 16th. Snacks will be served as we split into groups of 2-3 students who will go door to door, asking for donations and giving out stickers. Feel free to wear blue and yellow to show your NHS pride and spirit and/or wear sweatshirts or t-shirts from past NHS shows! Collection routes, materials and

clear directions will be provided. When groups are done with their route they'll return to their grade's host home for snacks and celebration.

Prize!

The participating members of the grade which collects the most money will win a prize!
The winning team will be announced at the Winterfest concert on December 9th.

Questions?

Please contact Linda with any questions at lhill@nhsfriendsofmusic.org.
Thank you in advance for your participation in this important FOM fundraiser!

Technical Theater Workshops Funded by the NEF:

STAGE MANAGEMENT: Tuesday, October 18, 3:00-4:30pm at
Needham High School Room 905.

All NHS and Pollard students are welcome to attend. No experience necessary! Please register here:

<https://forms.gle/penevD4DwJxSfEdq9> and/or email
kristen_mazzocchi@needham.k12.ma.us if you have any questions.



Students Acting to Make a Difference (SAMD) returns with their fall performance of The Addams Family.

Friends and family of all ages will enjoy this performance!

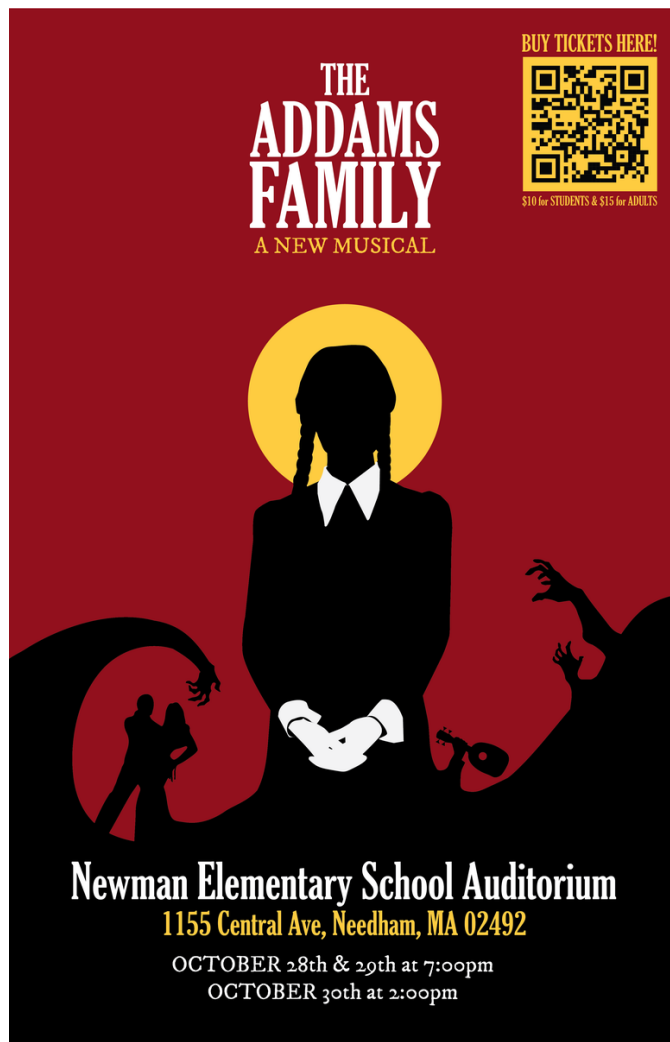
Shows are at Newman Elementary School

Friday, October 28 at 7pm

Saturday, October 29 at 7pm

Sunday, October 30 at 2pm

Purchase tickets at this link: [THE ADDAMS FAMILY Tickets](#)



Share your family's love of reading with a library inscription

In celebration of the Library Foundation of Needham's (LFN) 20th anniversary you can dedicate an inscription on the Library's glass Balustrade. The Balustrade which surrounds the second floor main staircase and windows. Space is limited, visit www.lfnonline.org to participate.



Support the NHS PTC

On **October 15th**

10% of proceeds goes to Needham High PTC



Enjoy a unique shopping experience at **Hearthstone Home** conveniently located in Needham Center. Browse in this comfortable, at-home setting for upholstered furniture, home accents, vases, lamps, throws, mirrors, gifts, jewelry and more!

1038 Great Plain Ave, Needham

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10-5

Home furnishings and decor

Gifts and jewelry

Interior design services

Proprietor, Barbara Jones



Event Information

National History Day Information Night

All parents/guardians of students taking part in this year's National History Day Project are invited to attend an information night on Monday, October 17 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria. The teachers will present a summary of the entire project and answer any questions. The theme this year is "Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas." All Grade 10 Social Studies accelerated students do the National History Day Project. Hope to see you there.

When?

Mon, Oct 17, 2022, 06:30 PM

Where?

NHS Cafeteria



Event Information

Craft Fair & Bake Sale is Back!

Join us Saturday October 22nd from 9am-4pm at Needham High School (easy parking at the school or at Memorial Field)

Start your holiday shopping early and enjoy the opportunity to see and purchase work from ~100 vendors, crafters and local artists. Take part in a raffle to win items from participating vendors too!

Check out information from the vendors here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/500753144843324>

Stop by the Bake sale to have a delicious croissant made by Petit Four, enjoy Italian breads, pizza right from an Italian kitchen, cakes by Hazel's Bakery, and other amazing baked goods. We will also be raffling off 3 beautiful baskets with gift cards!

All proceeds go to the Needham High School PTC

- \$10 general admission
- \$5 for seniors

- Students get in free

We need volunteers on fair day or to bake in advance!

Please sign up here to **volunteer**:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054DA8A72CA0FF2-2022>

Please sign up here to **bake**: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054da8a72ca0ff2-nhscraft>

When?

Sat, Oct 22, 2022, 09:00 AM

Where?

Needham High School A & B Gyms



**WE'RE
BACK!!**

NHS Craft Fair and Bake Sale

**Saturday, October 22
9 AM to 4PM**

**Needham High School
A & B Gyms**



Event Information

SEPAC MONTHLY MEETING

All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings where the district administrators update us on what is happening within special education in Needham, listen to our feedback, and answer questions.

[Zoom](#) • Meeting ID: 617 696 9653 • Passcode: 383531 •

When?

Tue, Oct 25, 2022, 12:30 PM

Where?

Virtual

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.



Needham High School College Admissions Testing

Summit Educational Group is pleased to partner with Needham High School to present an informational online webinar about the standardized tests for college admissions and to offer a free proctored practice ACT at the high school. Here are the details:

ONLINE WEBINAR FOR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING: YOUR ROAD MAP TO THE SAT AND ACT

Wednesday, October 12
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Registration link: bit.ly/3DNLC8B

PRACTICE ACT

Saturday, October 22
8:30am - 11:30am

Needham High School Cafeteria

Register by Friday, October 15: mytutor.com/nhs-act-practice-oct22/

Note: If your student has accommodations, please contact Summit's main office at 617.581.6249 to make arrangements for either a free in-person or free remote practice ACT with extended time.

617.581.6249 / MYTUTOR.COM

Homework Club is Back!

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.

Need Math Help?

Beginning Tuesday, September 20, 2022, Math Help will be available in the Math and Science office

Writing Center

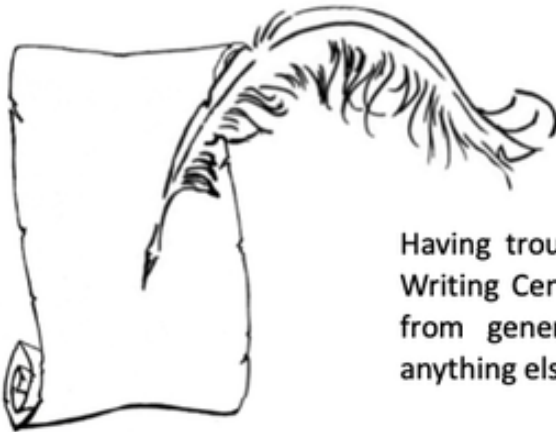
Peer Tutoring

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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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.

Community News

Celebration of Latin American Culture!

Please join Equal Justice Needham for Families and the Needham Public Library for a Celebration of Latin American Culture!

Featuring Veronica Robles, singer, musician and Latin American Folkloric Dancer. Through her art she raises awareness of the importance of diversity and she empowers young people by teaching them the culture of Latinos.

Oct 16th at 3:00 in the library's community room.

Registration is required - go to <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>



Needham Drug Take Back Day

**Don't let your unused or expired drugs
fall into the wrong hands**

When

**Saturday, October 29,
10 am - 2 pm**

Where

**Needham Police Station
88 Chestnut Street
Walk-up
and
Drive-thru drop off available
Stop in and visit the new
Station!**

Know before you go

We Will Accept:

**Unused and Expired
Prescription and Over
the Counter Drugs**

We Will Not Accept:

**Needles, thermometers,
inhalers, medical waste,
or illegal drugs.**



Needham Division of Public Health, Karen Shannon,
kshannon@needhamma.gov
Partnership of the Needham Public Health Division,
Needham Police Department and the
Substance Prevention Alliance of Needham (SPAN)

Event Information

Youth & Family Free Event

We're hosting a free community event geared towards parents and families called "Mindful Resilience for Mental Health in the New Normal". We'll discuss resilience and the most common challenges our kids are facing from anxiety and depression, substance use, body image, etc and share simple takeaway tips for families and communities to utilize to emerge more resilient than ever, particularly in this "new normal" that we're living in.

Please feel free to share this among your contacts, parents, and whoever you think could benefit. Registration is free on www.needhamprograms.com and we're hoping for a large turnout!

All questions can be directed to Christine with Youth & Family at cweitzel@needhamma.gov
When?

Wed, Nov 9, 2022, 07:00 PM

Where?

The Center at the Heights, Hillside Avenue, Needham Heights, MA



Mindful Resilience for Mental Health in the "New Normal"



Dr. Chris Willard, PsyD is a psychologist, author, and consultant, currently teaching at Harvard Medical School

Please join Dr. Willard as we explore the foundations of resilience, discuss the most common mental health challenges our kids and teens are facing today, and discover ways to provide support through simple takeaway tips for yourself and your community

7:00-8:30pm
Center at the Heights
300 Hillside Ave

For more info:
Christine Weitzel, LCSW
cweitzel@needhamma.gov

**Wednesday,
November 9th, 2022**



REGISTER ONLINE
WWW.NEEDHAMPROGRAMS.COM



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HIRING**

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NEEDHAM
STUDENTS!**



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