

NHS News from the Hill

Friday, October 7, 2022

Athletics - Rocket Review

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



📅 Save the Date 📅

Friday, October 7 - Homecoming!, NHS Tennis Courts, 7:00 PM

Saturday, October 8 - Needham Girls Volleyball Car Wash Fundraiser, Claxton Field, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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

Wednesday, October 12 - The ORACLE Club & Activities Fair, 12:00 PM, NHS Cafeteria
SPAN Quarterly Meeting, 6:30 PM, Center at the Heights

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

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

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



THIS YEAR'S
HOMECOMING THEME...

GLOW IN THE DARK

OCT
07
2022

NHS TENNIS COURTS
TICKETS ARE \$10

FRI
7:00
PM

CAR WASH

FUNDRAISER
NEEDHAM GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

\$5 WASH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

CLAXTON FIELD
1380 Central Ave

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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](https://www.myschoolbucks.com) for \$8 each! Please have them go to Grade Level Office (GLO) to pick them up.



KUDOS

Commended Students in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program

The following commended students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success, according to a spokesperson for the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. These students entered the competition by taking the 2021 PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test). They are: **Roger Blake, Leyna Blume, Kevin Chen, Jason Chiappinelli, Connor Daly, Noah Dooley, Sarah Fuchs, Isabelle Gilefsky, Rose Halford, Esha Kelkar, Arnon Kuzmin, Miles Leitner, Danielle McCarthy, Dilin Meloni, Caroline Pollan, Morgan Shia, Claire Skatrud, Athena Tu and Mika Zelikov. CONGRATULATIONS ALL!!**

Event Information

The ORACLE!!

If you are interested in joining or hearing more about any of the over 200 clubs at NHS, come to the cafeteria for The Oracle after school on October 12th from 12-1pm. Clubs set up informational tables, and some clubs even run giveaways for candy and prizes! We hope to see you there!

When?

Wed, Oct 12, 2022, 12:00 PM

Where?

NHS Cafeteria

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

Event Information

NHS SEPAC Parent Meet and Greet! – ALL Welcome!

Please join the NHS and Post Grad SEPAC parent liaisons for our 2022-23 informal kick-off on Thursday, October 13th. We'll meet between 8:15-9:15am at Volante Farms at the tables outdoors, weather permitting, or indoors if raining. Stop by or plan to stay to ask questions or simply connect with members of the special ed community. Grab your favorite breakfast and/or drink at Volante's and join us! All questions and parents/guardians are welcome. Please contact highschool@needhamsepac.org or postgrad@needhamsepac.org with any questions.

When?

Thu, Oct 13, 2022, 08:15 AM

Where?

Volante Farms, Forest Street, Needham, MA, USA

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.

Fine & Performing Arts News

FPA Sticker Drive Information

Technical Theater Workshops Funded by the NEF:

There are a number of FREE workshops being offered in the next few weeks!!!

COSTUME DESIGN on Friday, October 7th from 3pm-4:30pm at Needham High School Room 903.

SET DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION on Saturday, October 8 from 10am-12:30pm at Newman Elementary School.

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!

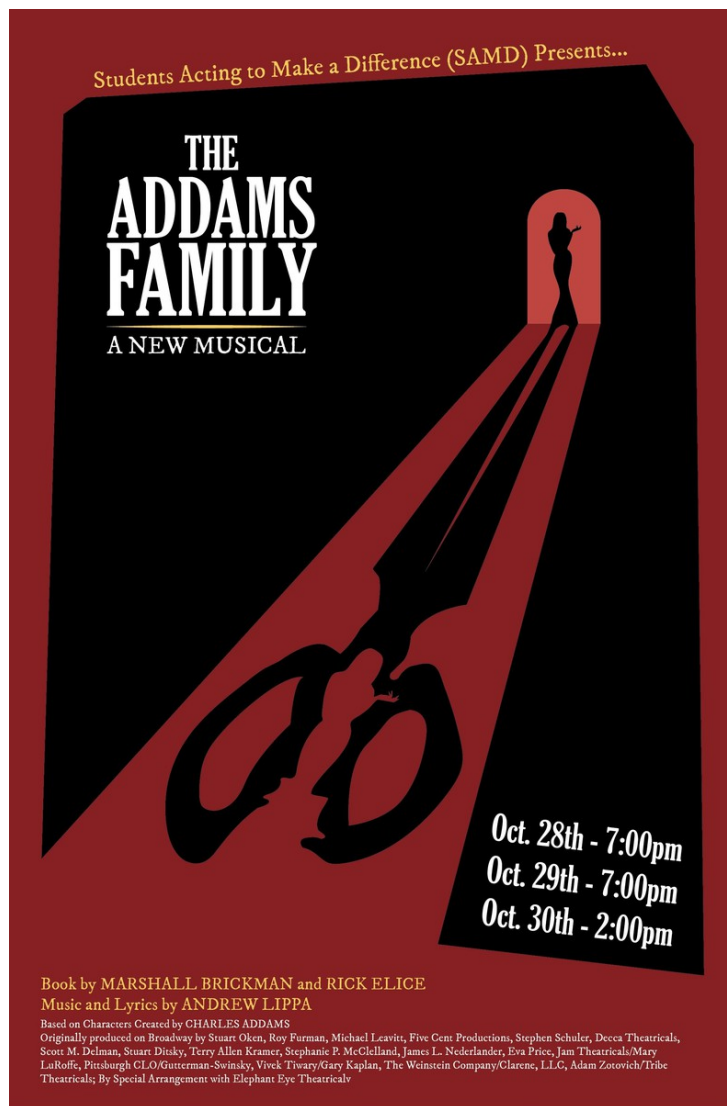
Shows are at Newman Elementary School

Friday, October 28 at 7pm

Saturday, October 29 at 7pm

Sunday, October 30 at 2pm

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



 **NHS Performing Arts Merch is HERE!** 

Needham Friends of Music

Store closes: 10/9/2022 @ 11:59pm est. Orders ship a week after the store closes to the coordinator for local pickup. See the store coordinator for pickup details.

pws.atlanticsportswear.com



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



Craft Fair & Bake Sale is Back!

The Needham High School Craft Fair and Bake Sale is back!! Join us on Saturday, October 22, 2022, 9am - 4pm for great pre-holiday shopping.

The fair will feature ~100 vendors selling their high quality, handmade items. You can also enjoy delicious baked goods and great raffle items.

Hope to see you there!

We need volunteers to work on Fair day (Oct 22nd 9am-4pm) and volunteers to bake!

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>

If you can't volunteer or bake, join us for some great early holiday shopping!

Facebook URL:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100079413739495>



WE'RE
BACK!!

NHS Craft Fair and Bake Sale

Saturday, October 22
9 AM to 4PM

Needham High School
A & B Gyms

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 (Room 205) on Tuesdays from 9:00-1:00.

Writing Center

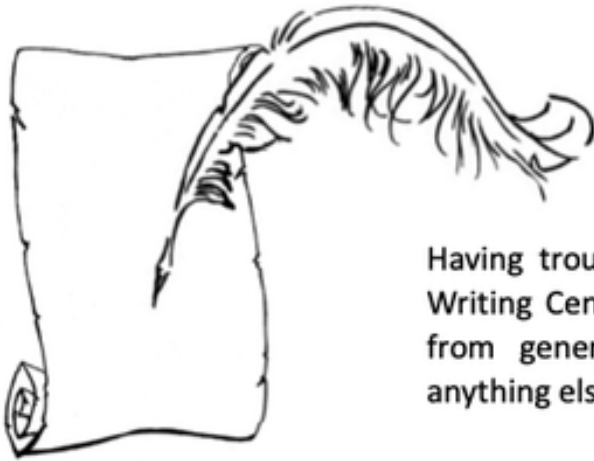
Peer Tutoring

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**

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.

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!

Community News



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)



**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



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