

NEWS FROM THE HILL

September 14, 2023

Save the date!

Friday, September 15 -

Picture Day

Tuesday, September 19 -

Permitted parking begins for seniors

Monday, September 25 -

No school (Yom Kippur)

Thursday, September 28 -

*Open House - Meet your student's teachers!
6:30-8:30 pm*

Friday, September 29 -

Senior Field Day

Saturday, September 30 -

NHS Boosters Club's Sticker Drive Begins



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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PICTURE DAY 9/15



NHS Photo Day!

Friday, September 15, 2023

Day #4

Location: A Gym

Schedule for Friday,

September 15, 2023:

Period B: Grade 9

8:35 - 9:55 (Block 1)

8:35 - 8:50 600s & 800s

8:50 - 9:05 900s & 100s & Students
in Cafeteria

9:05 - 9:25 200s, 400s, & 450s

9:25 - 9:45 700s, 750s & others

Period C: Grade 10

10:00-11:20 (Block 2)

10:00 - 10:15 600s & 800s

10:15 - 10:25 900s & 100s

10:25 - 10:40 200s, 400s, & 450s

10:40 - 11:00 700s, 750s & others

Period D: Grade 11

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

11:25 - 11:45 Social Studies, World
Languages, Skills/PLC/ELL

11:50 - 12:15 FPA, Science,
Wellness

12:20 - 12:45 English, Math, Media,
Study

Period E: 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.

All students in Grades 9-11 will have their photo taken on Friday, September 15, 2023. The schedule for reporting to the A 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 A Gym throughout the day until 1:40.

Process:

Please see the schedule below for classes going to the A-Gym





Picture Day is coming!

Needham High School

Picture Day is **Friday, 9/15/23**

We have made it easy for you to place your portrait order online and support your school! A portion of the proceeds of every order placed on or before Picture Day are returned to your school to support fundraising efforts. Just follow these simple steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go to www.coffeepond.com and click on the big red button that says "Order School Portraits and shop our exclusive products".
2. Using the drop-down menu, select the city and state where your school is located, then select the name of your school.
3. Enter your child's information, including full first name (as it appears in the school's registry).
4. Select your packages and add them to your cart.
5. If you have more than one child attending this school, click "Order for Another Child" and repeat the steps above.
6. Once you've added packages to your cart for all your children, you're ready to check out! Follow the prompts to enter your contact and billing information. Once all your information has been entered and you've reviewed your order, just be sure to click "Submit Order"!



Orders placed after Picture Day may be subject to a \$7 handling fee.

Need assistance? Email lifeguards@coffeepond.com or call (508) 907-6633 ext. 0

Department of Counseling

The Department of Counseling is pleased to share it's [new website](#)!!

While some areas are still "under construction", please note the 'Newsfeed/Current Information' where you can find up to date information on news that is relevant to students, parents & guardians. We encourage you to visit this frequently. Need a [job](#) or [community service](#) ideas? Check out our links to current opportunities.

A list of active [scholarship](#) opportunities are also available. We hope you find this a useful resource!

Needham High School WRITING CENTER

What we are: A peer tutoring service. Students can come for help on any writing assignment for any subject.

Who we are: Juniors and seniors who are skilled writers, recommended by their English teachers, trained as peer tutors.

Where we are: LIBRARY CLASSROOM (new location)

When we meet: During X-block on Tuesdays and Thursdays (new time)
Students must sign up for X-block Writing Center with adaptive scheduler on PowerSchool.

AND after school on Wednesdays (also in Library Classroom)
No appointment necessary for after school Writing Center -- just walk in!

The Writing Center will open for the year on **Tuesday 9/19!!!**

Senior Photo updates

A Coffee Pond photographer will be attending photo day **September 15 from 8am to 2pm** for additional hours for senior portraits.

Seniors who would like to have a senior portrait taken should head to the cafeteria for outdoor photographs!

Sign up using this link:

<https://coffeepond.as.me/fallnhs>

In the case of rain:

indoor photos will be taken in A Gym

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER FROM NHS NURSES

SNAP Parent Portal for Health Services

We ask Needham Families to update your child's medical information each year in the **Alerts and Conditions Tab** and to give permission for Over-The-Counter Medication in the **Medication Tab**. This current information is important for nurses to be able to best care for your child. This update in SNAP is taking the place of the nurse form in PowerSchool.

The SNAP Health Parent Portal is an online platform that gives you direct access to your student's school health record, permissions, and direct communication with nurses.

You can use the SNAP Health Portal to:

- Give permission for your child to have Over-the-counter medications during this school year including Tylenol/Acetaminophen, Motrin/ibuprofen, bacitracin, Caladryl, Cough drops [8 years and up], Hydrocortisone, and Antacid/TUMS. This permission must be given each school year.
- Inform the nurses of medical conditions, alerts, and medication
- Send secure messages directly to the nurses
- Upload a copy of your child's physical exam forms, orders, or documents
- Access Needham Public School medical forms

Parents/Guardians receive an email from SNAP Parent Portal (from: noreply@studentehr.com) with login instructions including a username and password. Once registered, see instructions below.

- **SNAP Health Parent Portal Log in:** Click www.studentehr.com to log into the SNAP Health Parent Portal.
 - If you forget your password, please click "Forgot Password?" under the password box to reset.
 - **IMPORTANT:** Email notifications sent from the Nursing Department via the SNAP Health Portal will come from the email address noreply@studentehr.com.

Another way to access the SNAP Parent Portal: Log on through your parent PowerSchool Account and choose the SNAP/PSNI button in the upper right corner of your parent PowerSchool Ac

You may navigate through the following sections which are found on the left side of the SNAP dashboard. Instructions for each of the Health Record Left Sided Tabs are as follows:

Demographics/Contacts Tab:

- Demographic updates need to be done in the PowerSchool platform

Alerts and Conditions Tab:

- Check that any listed conditions are correct, if they are not, you can make the changes for nurses to review.
- Please add any current medications that your child is currently taking in the “medications: current” tab.
- Please add any new conditions under the “Parent Reported” tab. **Written documentation from your healthcare provider is required** in order for the nurse to confirm the new health condition.
 - Click "Attach Documentation" and upload documents as a pdf or jpeg.
- Check current health information. If the information is correct, simply press the CONFIRM button at the top of the screen.

Medications Tab:

- Using the **“Orders” button** in the top right corner, you may attach any prescribed medication doctor order(s) from your child's doctor and any medication parental consent form(s) which are required for the school nurse to give medication to your child.
- Please use the **OTCs button** in the upper right hand corner to confirm which over the counter medication your child may have during this school year. Please click on EACH medication to opt your child in or out.

Charts:

- If your child requires any monitoring of blood glucose, peak flow, or blood pressure, this is where you will find charts documenting these values.

Screenings:

- Using the **“Upload Proof of Physical”** tab in the upper right hand corner: Upload physical exam. You can also attach any documentation from a health care provider regarding a screening referral.

Letters:

- This tab also allows your school nurse to attach forms which you can then read and if applicable, sign and send back to your school nurse.

Messages:

- This allows you to contact the school nurse at any time during the school year and will alert the school nurse with any messages you send. **You can also attach or upload any other information** that you would like to have in your child's health record when you create a new message.

Forms:

- You can access Needham Public School forms here: Plans for: Allergy, Asthma, Diabetes, and Seizures, parent permission forms for medication, and Doctor's permission forms.

Calling All NHS Performing Arts and Music Students!



Friends of Music (FOM), the NHS performing arts Booster Club, will hold this year's Student FUNdraiser on **Saturday, October 14th from 11:00 – 2:00pm**

(students will choose a 90 minute shift).

This fun activity is not only a terrific community building opportunity — it raises necessary funds for Performing Arts programming!

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

What to expect? Students will gather by grade to host a fundraising table at one of 4 high traffic areas in Needham. Students will engage passers-by and fundraise for FOM. We will handouts and tools to help them talk about their performing arts experiences.

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 in December.

Sign up [HERE](#) today to participate!

Students: help us spread the word by talking with your friends and sharing the link above to help to make sure everybody is signed up. Let's get excited!

Parents: Please sign up [HERE](#) to volunteer, thank you for your support!

We look forward to your participation in this important FUNdraising event!

Please contact [Linda Hill](#) with any questions.



Beaver Works Summer Institute Fall Program

We are excited to announce the BWSI Fall Program (virtual) for 10th and 11th Grade female students starting in October. **The program is completely free**, all students need are laptops and wifi to be a part of the program. If a student does not have a laptop they can reach out to us for a loaner so make sure that doesn't stop anyone from signing up.

We are offering the following programs:

Girls Who Program Autonomous Cars!

Girls Who Design, Build and Fly Model Aircraft!

Girls Who Want to Learn Many Interesting Things (MIT)!

Girls Who Want to Learn Back to bASICs!

Girls Who Program Racing Drones!

WHO: High School 10th and 11th Grade Female Students (9th grade students can apply as well, but first spots will be given to those in 10/11th grade)

WHEN: Saturdays 11am-2pm (EST): October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18, December 2, 9, 2023

WHERE: Virtually, through Zoom!

REGISTER: https://mit-bwsi.formstack.com/forms/bwsi_fall2023

Must fill out application link to be considered, the application is very quick. Students must sign up by **September 18, 2023**.

PSAT information:

The PSAT is Coming to Needham High!

For 11th and 10th graders:

-The PSAT will be offered at **Needham High School** on Saturday, October 14th. The test starts at 8:00 am, with student entry/check-in from 7:30-8:00am.

-For juniors, the results are used for National Merit (NMSQT) Scholarship eligibility (non-juniors are not considered for NMSQT eligibility).

-Payment and registration through MySchoolBucks.

-Cost \$34

-Registration is open in MySchoolBucks from Sept 5th - October 1st.

-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.

-If testing with a fee waiver you do not register through MySchoolBucks. Mr Grannan will register you manually after you contact him with the Fee Waiver request.

-The PSAT this year is DIGITAL. Learn more about the NEW Digital PSAT from the College Board @ <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt/preparing>.

-Students may use personal computers or school issued Chromebooks to take the PSAT. PSAT uses the Bluebook application for the exam. Students with school issued Chromebooks should already see it in their list of applications. To download Bluebook on your own device, go to this [Bluebook link](#).

-To test with accommodations, students must have official approval from the CollegeBoard. You can contact Mr. Grannan if you have any questions regarding CollegeBoard approved accommodations. If approved, the accommodations will be built into the digital administration on test day.

Take care Mr Grannan



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A reminder that all of the weekly newsletters can now be viewed right on the NHS website under the “News” tab!

Parking Reminder:

While permitted parking has not started, students are welcome to park in the upper lot in the student-designated spaces (white-lined parking spots).

Here is a reminder of the expectations:

- **Students may NOT park in any visitor spaces, or staff parking during the school day**
- **Students may NOT create their own parking spaces** (ex. the hashed areas in the lot, on the hill leading to Rosemary St., etc)
- **Please drive slowly and carefully.**
- We are monitoring this, and if you are parking in undesignated spaces, you will not be eligible to receive a parking permit. Please get to school early to ensure you are able to park and get to class on time.

If you have any questions about parking, please visit Mr. Jean (GLO) or Ms. Doherty (Main office).

Permitted Parking begins September 19

SENIOR PHOTO REMINDERS



- There are upcoming sessions available at the school on **9/15**, **9/16**, and **9/30**
- Students can sign up on the Coffee Pond website using the code **NHS2024**
- Any Senior that wishes to be included in the Class of 2024 yearbook must have their *Senior Portrait* taken by **Coffee Pond**, no exceptions or outside portraits
- Senior Portraits are different than the images taken on school picture day- they are individual sessions that you sign up for; see Mr. Jean's letter for information
- Speak with Ms. Bergeron (Katherine) for financial assistance for the sitting fee
- All portraits for the yearbook must be chosen by **11/30/2023**



NHS BOOSTERS CLUB'S STICKER DRIVE 9/30



The Needham High School Boosters Club's Annual Sticker Drive fundraiser begins the weekend of **September 30th**.

NHS student athletes will knock on doors, asking residents for a contribution to help support the school's 75 athletic teams and 10 clubs. In return they will receive a Rockets sticker.

The group also serves the vital role of offsetting family waiver requests, preventing students from losing out on the opportunity to participate in the high school athletics program due to any financial hardships or issues.

Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. To donate via PayPal or to get more information about the Boosters, please visit: www.needhamhighschoolboosters.org

9th Grade Student Council:

Important dates for 9th Grade Student Council Elections | Fall 2023

- **9/12 Before School | 9/12 X: Block | 9/12: After School**
Mandatory information sessions - must attend one
- **9/20 at 8:59 PM:** [Electronic application](#) (Google Form) due which includes candidate biography and speech.
- **9/22 at 8:59PM:** Video recordings are due via this [Form Submission](#)
- **9/26-9/29:** Campaigning period; Videos and Info Sheets will be sent to students on 4/10.
- **10/2:** First round of elections via Google Forms: Class officers, Class SASC, Class Reps, GBR SAC
- **10/5:** Second round of elections via Google Forms: None this year.
- **10/6:** Applications (**by 8:59 PM**) for School Council, METCO and StuCo Cabinet due via Google Forms. Interviews will be scheduled starting Tuesday, 10/10.

Please check your emails for more detailed information.

NEEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL
CRAFT & Bake Sale
FAIR **October 28**
9 AM - 3 PM

Mark your calendars now for the NHS Craft Fair and Bake Sale. Get your Holiday shopping done early! **Saturday Oct. 28, from 9-3pm** at Needham High School.

We will have 100 local vendors selling handmade high-quality items and an amazing bake sale with items baked by community members and donated from local restaurants and bakeries.

Admission is free this year! We kindly ask that you make a donation to the NHS Parent Teacher Council to support our school and the student population.

Interested in helping with the PTC's biggest fundraiser with a fun group of other parents?

Join us as we plan for an exciting and profitable event!

Vendor Application & Invoicing Chair (3-4 hours/month on average)

- Computer work running the back-end systems (JotForm, MailChimp) for the Craft fair to send/receive Vendor applications and invoices
 - Comfort level with running software and exporting Excel files
- Publicity Chair** (1-2 hours/week on average)
- Build and execute social media strategy for Craft Fair
 - Generate, edit, publish and share content regularly (original text, images, video or HTML) that encourages attendance

Publicity Chair (1-2 hours/week on average)

- Execute social media and messaging strategy for Craft Fair
- Generate, edit, publish and share content regularly (original text, images, video or HTML) that encourages attendance

For further inquiries, please email: needhamcraftfair@gmail.com



In case you missed it, notices from NFTH 9/7:

The NHS School Council is looking for **one new parent member**. The Council meets most months and focuses on school policies, the School Improvement Plan, and is charged with disseminating a scholarship each winter. The meetings are the first Wednesday of the month from 5:30-7pm.

If you are interested in taking part, please email Aaron Sicotte with an explanation of your interest in the position by **Friday 9/20**. All interested people will hear back the following week.

REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF FEES FORM

Please complete [this](#) form, if your family is experiencing financial hardship and you would like to be considered for a reduction of school related fees.

BULLETINS AND OTHER INFO

High School Lunch Menu August/September 2023

All Meals are FREE to all students!
Ala Carte Items are an extra cost



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		30 CRISPY CHICKEN TENDERS Fresh Corn on The Cob RICE PILAF Light Italian Salad	31 PASTA WITH PESTO & CHICKEN Roasted Local Carrots Artesian Salad with assorted dressings	1 GILL'S PIZZA Bean of the Day Light Caesar Salad Ice Cream
4 HAPPY LABOR DAY	5 FRENCH TOAST CHICKEN SAUSAGE PATTY Hash Brown Potatoes 100% Fruit Juice Spinach Salad with Craisins and Feta	6 PRINCIPAL SCITTOE'S CRISPY CHICKEN SANDWICH Baked Potato Chips Dill Pickle Chips Homemade Cole Slaw	7 PASTA with MEATBALLS OR DEEPLY ROOTED VEGAN PEA CRUMBLES Grated Parmesan Cheese Local Mini Peppers Tomato Basil Mozzarella Salad	8 GILL'S PIZZA Bean of the Day Light Caesar Salad Pudding
11 EGG, CHICKEN SAUSAGE & CHEESE ON A CROISSANT Hash Brown Potatoes 100% Fruit Juice Mandarin Orange Salad	12 CHICKEN & CHEESE QUESADILLA Salsa & Sour Cream Sweet Corn & Black Beans Mexican Side Salad	13 GOURMET BURGER with Cheese & Bacon Seasoned Spiral Fries Caribbean Cole Slaw	14 CHEESE RAVIOLI with Italian Style Sauce Fresh Local Broccoli Tomato Basil Mozzarella Salad	15 GILL'S PIZZA Bean of the Day Light Caesar Salad Chocolate Chip Cookies
18 POPCORN CHICKEN Steamy Mashed Potatoes Roasted Zucchini and Summer Squash WARM BISCUIT	19 DELI STYLE BEEF HOT DOG Crinkle Cut Fries Caribbean Cole Slaw	20 MUNCHO NACHOS (Seasoned Turkey & Cheese Sauce) OR DEEPLY ROOTED VEGAN PEA CRUMBLES Salsa & Sour Cream Sweet Corn Mexican Side Salad	21 ALFREDO PASTA W/ BROCCOLI & CHICKEN OR DEEPLY ROOTED VEGAN PEA CRUMBLES Green Beans Grated Parmesan Cheese Tomato Basil Mozzarella Salad	22 GILL'S PIZZA Bean of the Day Light Caesar Salad Ice Cream
25 No School Rosh Hashanah	26 BUFFALO CHICKEN WINGS OF FIRE Steamy Mashed Potatoes Carrot & Celery Sticks WARM BISCUIT	27 SWEET BABY RAYS PULLED PORK SUB Crispy Onion Rings Homemade Cole Slaw	28 PASTA with MEATBALLS OR DEEPLY ROOTED VEGAN PEA CRUMBLES Grated Parmesan Cheese Roasted Local Carrots Tomato Basil Mozzarella Salad	29 GILL'S PIZZA Bean of the Day Light Caesar Salad Ice Cream

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Daily Lunch Options:
Various "To Go" Salads
Smucker's WG Uncrustables
PB&J Pockets
Hamburger (except Beefless Monday's)
Chicken Patty Sandwich (Plain & Spicy)
Vegetarian Burgers and Nuggets
Pizza

All Entrees served with Veggies, Fruit and Milk

Everyday Entree
Nutritionals

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Lost and Found

Students who find lost items can bring them to the lost and found area located in the Main Office. Students who lose items are welcome to come to the Main Office where they can fill out the Lost and Found form. The lost and found bin will be available throughout the school year and items are typically donated before school breaks if they are not claimed.

Helpful suggestion: Labeling items such as lunch bags or articles of clothing with a student's name can make it easier to locate the owners when belongings are misplaced.