

NEWS FROM THE HILL

October 19, 2023

Save the date!

Sunday, October 22 -
OYP Wellness Walk
11am-12:30pm at NHS

Friday, October 27 -
NHS Pep Rally (for
student attendance
during the school day)

Saturday, October 28 -
NHS Craft Fair and Bake
Sale 9am-3pm

Friday, November 3 -
Photo Retake Day
8am-11:15am in the
cafe

Friday, November 3 -
Homecoming 7pm at
NHS

**Wednesday,
November 8** - Early
Release 11am



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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**PLEASE CONFIRM THAT PARENT/
GUARDIAN INFORMATION IS ACCURATE
AND UP-TO-DATE IN POWERSCHOOL'S
PARENT PORTAL**

Log into the Powerschool Parent Portal: <https://needham.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

1. Click on **"Forms"** in the left-hand margin.



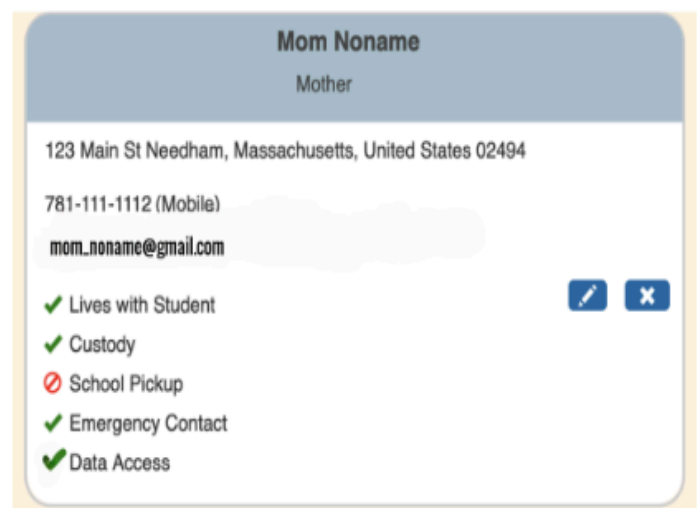
Forms

2. Under the **"All Forms"** tab, click on Student Information

1 - Student Information

3. Scroll down to the **"Enter Contacts"** section.

a. Review contacts and update information. (click on the blue pencil to edit/update the contact)



Mom Noname
Mother

123 Main St Needham, Massachusetts, United States 02494

781-111-1112 (Mobile)

mom.noname@gmail.com

Lives with Student

Custody

School Pickup

Emergency Contact

Data Access

b. **IMPORTANT:** If you would like the contact to receive all school email communications, please select the option “Receives Mail”

Permissions

Lives with Student *

Yes No

Emergency Contact *

Yes No

Has Custody *

Yes No

School Pick Up *

Yes No

Receives Mail *

Yes No

4. New contacts may be added by clicking on the “ADD” button located under the “Enter Contacts” section. **IMPORTANT:** Please make certain that if the contact wants to receive all email communications, to select the option “Receives Mail.”

Enter Contacts

Please provide a minimum
emergency contact box

Add

Please note: If you have not created a Parent Portal account, you will need to contact your school administrative assistant for login information.



CLASS OF 2024

*MYSCHOOLBUCKS IS LIVE FOR CAP
AND GOWN PURCHASES!*

Please submit your information needed for both your diploma card and cap and gown using this [Google Form](#).


Scan this QR code to order your cap and gown:



OR

Click on this [link](#)

*Deadline to order your cap and gown is **Friday, October 27!***



Interested in earning
community service hours while
advocating for wellness and
health equity in your
community?

Join SALSA on
Friday, Oct. 20th at 8 AM
in the cafe expansion
(the room on the left when you enter the cafeteria
from main hallway).

Breakfast will be served and service hours
awarded for attending!

We'll explain the ways you can get
involved by either working on a team or doing
individual projects.

New and returning members are always welcome.

Hope to see you there!

UPCOMING

PTC MEETING

THURS
OCT 26
6:30-
7:30PM

- Over Zoom -

The link will be sent out next week!



Tickets for the NHS Students Acting to Make a Difference (SAMd) fall musical, URINETOWN, are now on sale! Urinetown is a comedy that takes place after a 20 year drought has caused a severe water shortage. Private toilets are banned and everyone must pay for "the privilege to pee!"

Performances will be at the Newman Auditorium
Friday, Oct 27 @ 7pm
Saturday, Oct 28 @ 7pm
Sunday, Oct 29 @ 2pm

Get your tickets at this link:
<https://www.nhsfriendsofmusic.org/>

NEWLY ADDED DATES FOR SENIOR PORTRAITS!

Dates: *11/7 and 11/9*

Time: *2:30-4:30pm*

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 Friends of Music proudly presents



WinterFest

WinterFest, a Friends of Music fundraiser in a variety show format, will take place on *Friday, December 15th*.

This celebratory and family friendly event is held in partnership with the NHS Fine and Performing Arts Department and includes performances by jazz band, strings, the four a cappella groups, and a selection of individual and group musicians.

To be considered for inclusion in the show, please complete [this form](#) by **Friday, November 3rd**.

Final decisions will be made by **November 10th**.



1ST ANNUAL

OYP WELLNESS WALK



*Raising awareness and building strategies for mental health
Starts and ends at Own Your Peace Sculpture*

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 22ND
11AM-12:30PM**

**JOIN US FOR SNACKS AND HOT
CHOCOLATE**

**EARN 5 COMMUNITY SERVICE
HOURS**

No sign ups required - just show up!

The walk will start and end at the high school

SWEATSHIRTS

SUPPORT CLASS OF 2025

\$40



**PURCHASE ON MY
SCHOOL BUCKS**



In case you missed it, notices from NFTH 10/12:

PEP RALLY SWEATSHIRT

HERE IN TIME
FOR PEP RALLY
10/27!



30\$



SCHOOL
SPIRIT!

Order Now on MySchoobucks



*Craft Fair and Bake Sale:
Student Volunteer Opportunity!*

*The PTC is looking for student volunteers to help out with the upcoming craft fair and bake sale on **Saturday, October 28.** Community hours will be offered to those who choose to participate. Please see the attached form for sign up information.*

[Craft Fair Volunteer sign up form](#)



In case you missed it, notices from NPTH 10/12:

NEEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL

CRAFT & Bake Sale

FAIR

October 28
9 AM - 3 PM

The Craft Fair and Bake sale is just over 1 week away!

Come enjoy a wide array of high-quality crafts and baked goods from over 100 local vendors.

Saturday October 28th from 9am-3pm

Needham High School A and B Gyms

FREE Admission; Donations to the NHS PTC are much appreciated!

Volunteers are also appreciated and needed. Sign up below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054DA8A72CA0FF2-44317443-2023#/>



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

The second time's the charm!



If you are not completely satisfied with your child's student portrait and would like another try, you have the opportunity for a retake on: **11/3/2023**

8-11:15am - no sign ups required, just arrive at the cafeteria within that timeframe!

Please return the undamaged portrait package to the photographer on Retake Day. If your school has class photos, please keep it and just return the individual portraits. If you have any specific instructions for the photographer, please jot them down so they show through the envelope window and can be easily spotted.

Retake packages will be distributed at the school approximately 3-5 weeks following Retake Day.

For refund information, please visit www.coffeepond.com
Email us at lifeguards@coffeepond.com
Call us in Eastern MA at (508) 907-6633 ext. 0
or outside Eastern MA at (800) 632-2323 ext. 0

In case you missed it, notices from NPTH 10/12:

HOMECOMING

NOVEMBER 3RD

7:00-10:00 A GYM

MASQUERADE BALL



TICKETS \$10 ON MYSCHOOLBUCKS



Please note: Homecoming is only open to NHS students.
Once students enter there is no readmission.

In case you missed it, notices from NFTH 10/12:



NHS Oracle October 4, 2023
We are happy to share the great turnout at this year's Oracle! Students were able to share information about their clubs with their peers!



Check out some club opportunities!

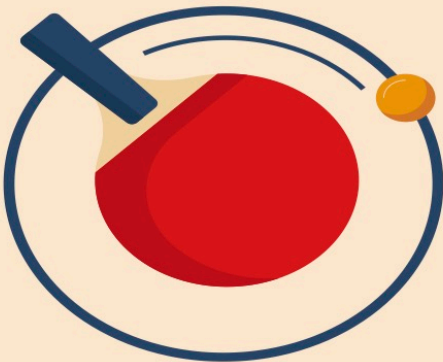
Miss the Oracle?

If you missed the Oracle and would like the chance to learn about club opportunities at NHS, please see the link below!

[NHS Club Site](#)

Just a few of the great clubs that NHS has to offer!

PING PONG CLUB



- Fridays at 2:45
- 400s hallway by main staircase
- No experience needed!

Join CSS Club

(Coders Serving Society)

- Meets Wednesday mornings at 7:20am in room 216
- No experience required
- Get **CSL hours** and leadership
- Learn how to code

Scan to join! ↓





Winter 2024: Needham High School Ski & Snowboard Club Information



Whether you are an advanced beginner or black diamond expert, join fellow NHS skiers and boarders for a fun winter with Needham High School's Ski & Snowboard Club! We will travel by coach bus to nearby **Wachusett Mountain** and enjoy four hours on the slopes!!



Needham High School Ski & Snowboard Club Program At A Glance

Coordinator: Julie Goodale, NHS Ski Club Coordinator

Chaperones: NHS Staff Members

Capacity: 40 Students

Days: 6 Tuesdays

Dates: January 9, 2024 – February 13, 2024

Departure time from NHS: 3:00 PM

Return time: Approximately 9:45 PM

REGISTRATION OPENS:

7:00 AM on Wednesday, October 25, 2023

via: nce.reg.eleyo.com

Registration Fees:

\$485 payable to Needham Community Education (Once NCE registration is complete, you will receive an email with instructions on how to register your child for the Wachusett Mountain School Group Lift Pass)

Lift Pass Costs:

\$179 before 12/1 and \$209 after 12/1 (if lift passes are still available). Payable Directly to Wachusett Mountain

Optional Expenses

\$109: Ski/Snowboard Rentals
\$ 27: Helmet Rental

This program will likely sell out very quickly. It is highly recommended that you have your student's [account set-up](#) in the NCE Eleyo registration system prior to registration date.

**Have questions? Julie_Goodale@needham.k12.ma.us or
call NCE at 781-455-0400x5**

*** Participation in this program is open to all students provided they are in good academic and character standing within the school community*

Needham Community Education

Needham Community Education (NCE) is a self-supporting branch of the Needham Public Schools. Each year, NCE provides over 500 different enrichment programs to over 6,000 participants including Needham's elementary, middle and high school students, as well as adults living and working in Needham and the surrounding communities. NCE is committed to delivering quality lifelong experiences for all.

IMPORTANT regarding NHS winter sports: If there is any chance that your child will be trying out for or joining an NHS winter sports team, they cannot register for the Ski & Snowboard Club. MIAA rules prohibit winter high school athletes from participating in a club sport program as well. **If your child were to make a winter sports team, NCE cannot provide a refund.**

Program is open to Advanced Beginner-Expert Skiers only: Due to a Wachusett Mountain policy, we are unable to accept beginner skiers/boarders in this program.

Withdrawal Policy: There are no refunds or credits for withdrawals once a registration has been completed. All participants must commit to the Ski & Snowboard Club program. **If you anticipate having conflicts, please do not enroll in the program.**

Scholarship assistance: Scholarship assistance is available for any Needham Public Schools student whose family is experiencing financial hardship. No student will be denied access into any NCE program because of inability to pay. Contact Amy Goldman (contact information below) for scholarship information.

Amy Goldman

Program Director - NCE High School and Adult Programs
amy_goldman@needham.k12.ma.us

Ski & Snowboard Club registration period opens Wednesday, October 25, at 7:00am
Register online at: <https://nce.reg.eleyo.com>

NCE Office Hours: 8:00am–4:00pm, Monday–Friday
28 Glen Gary Road
Needham, MA 02494
Telephone: 781-455-0400 x5
Website: <https://nce.reg.eleyo.com>

Needham Non-Discrimination Policy

The Needham Public Schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, active military/veteran status, ancestry, genetic information or national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, and other administered programs and activities. In addition, students who are homeless or of limited English-speaking ability are protected from discrimination in accessing the course of study and other opportunities available through schools.

Translation Assistance

ATTENTION: If you speak a language other than English, language assistance services are available to you free of charge. Contact your child's school for assistance.

Chinese (Simplified):

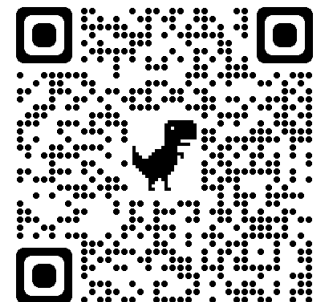
请注意: 如果您的母语不是英语, 我们将免费提供您语言辅助服务。如需协助, 请与您孩子的学校联系。

Spanish:

ATENCIÓN: Si usted habla un idioma que no sea el inglés, hay servicios de asistencia lingüística disponibles gratis. Contacte la escuela de su hijo para asistencia.

Russian:

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы не говорите на английском языке, для вас доступны бесплатные языковые сервисы на вашем языке. Обратитесь за помощью в школу, в которой учится ваш ребенок.



STUDENTS TAKING AP CLASSES:

-Payment for AP exams are due by **October 30th.**

-Payment is made through MySchoolBucks

-Fee waiver requests should be made directly with Mr Grannan

(will_grannan@needham.k12.ma.us).

Do not pay in MySchoolBucks if you are requesting a fee waiver.

-All exams are \$113, with the exception of AP Seminar (\$143)

-If you are enrolled in an AP class and don't intend to take the exam, email Mr Grannan so he can remove your exam from the AP order

Open House Message

From Mr. Sicotte

For those of you who were unable to join us for the Open House, please see the [link](#) to Mr. Sicotte's Open House Message!

AFTER SCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM

Delicious and nutritious snacks are available for purchase every day after school.

Where: NHS. Between the A Gym & Weight Room

When: 2:35-3:00. Every day after school

Cost: Prices range from \$.50 to \$3.00

Students can pay by cash or use their school lunch account PIN#.

Snacks include items such as:

Energy Bites

Hummus snack cups

Yogurt & Yogurt parfaits

Beef Jerky

PB & J Pockets

Chips & Salsa/Guac

Water, Seltzer

"Bento Boxes" (A quick "TO GO" snack box containing satisfying combos of crackers, cheese, hummus, or sliced turkey breast, fruits and veggies)

In case you missed it, notices from NETH 10/5:



Cybersecurity Festival

Saturday, 10/21/23 | 10:00 AM -1:00 PM
MassBay Community College – Wellesley Campus

Join us for a fun day to celebrate Cybersecurity Month. Play cyber games, meet students and professionals, and see how cybersecurity affects your life.

For high school and college students, their families, and adults.

A dark blue rectangular button with white text that says "CLICK TO REGISTER". The button is flanked on both sides by stylized white circuit board traces with circular nodes.

CLICK TO REGISTER

Registration not required but preferred.

For information contact: Elaine Rosenberg, erosenburg@massbay.edu



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Submit Your Entry in the NEF Gratitude Cards Art Contest!

The Needham Education Foundation is excited to announce that the 2023-2024 NEF Gratitude Cards Art Contest is now **open to all Needham Public Schools students in grades K-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 teachers' innovative ideas and professional development opportunities through NEF grants.

How to Enter:

1. Using any media, create a piece of artwork that expresses your appreciation for NPS teachers & staff.
2. The design should be prepared horizontally.
3. See additional details and submit your entry at nefneedham.org/artcontest.

Deadline for entry is Friday, October 27th.

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 October 31st. Gratitude cards will be available for purchase after Thanksgiving. For more information, go to nefneedham.org.

Needham Community news!

The Needham Community Council is excited to announce a new program, Mindful Community: Talking Mental Health Together.

Join in the kickoff event for Mindful Community on **Thursday, October 26th from 7:00-8:00pm** (Memorial Park Fieldhouse, Needham, MA) for “Hope Starts With Us - Back to School Anxiety”. Produced by NAMI Massachusetts “Hope Starts With Us” will help tell a story and ask important questions about students' anxieties as they return to school. Staff from NAMI will also be on-site at the event to guide discussion after viewing the brief video.

To register, <https://forms.office.com/r/9P7D55u4sK>

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND CARNIVAL NOV 4 AT NEWMAN

The Rotary Club of Needham is hosting its annual Pancake Breakfast Festival on **November 4th** at NEWMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL from 7am to 11am. Pancakes! Sausages! Kids Games!
Tickets at www.NeedhamPancakes.com



Registration for the Spring 2024 Season now available on TeamSnap, our new registration tool!

[Information on each of the spring leagues from Kindergarten to Big Diamond, and a Little League Age Chart](#)

Registration for Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, Intermediate and Big Diamond will remain open until February 1st, 2024.

If you have questions about the programs, or Needham Baseball in general, please reach out to needham.majors.director@gmail.com and we will put you in contact with the right person.

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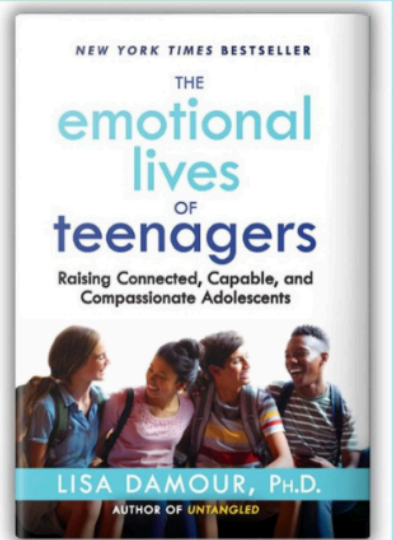
Mindful Discussion on The Emotional Lives of Teenagers by Dr. Lisa Damour



Dr. Lisa Damour co-hosts the Ask Lisa podcast, works in collaboration with UNICEF, and is recognized as a thought leader by the American Psychological Association. Website: drlisadamour.com

Come join Dr. Lisa Damour the author of three New York Times best sellers: *Untangled*, *Under Pressure*, and *The Emotional Lives of Teenagers* for clear, research-informed explanations alongside illuminating, real-life examples, that gives parents the concrete, practical information they need to steady their teens through the bumpy yet transformational journey into adulthood.

**On Zoom Wed, Nov 8th, 2023
7:00 - 8:00pm**



Brought to you by:



REGISTRATION IS FREE TO ALL

For more info:
Christine Weitzel, LCSW
cweitzel@needhamma.gov
Cathy Wong
cwong@needhamcouncil.org

**REGISTER USING LINK BELOW
OR SCAN QR CODE
WWW.NEEDHAMPROGRAMS.COM**



Needham Drug Take Back Day



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

When

**Saturday, October 28,
10 am - 2 pm**

Where

**Needham Police Station
88 Chestnut Street**

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.**

*Needle disposal available at Needham RTS



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)

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Math Help available!

Wednesdays: 9:00am-12:45pm

Come to the Math and Science office Room 205

Please note: This schedule may vary on occasion during the school year.

NHS 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!

HOMESCHOOL CLUB

TUESDAYS 7:30-8 * THURSDAYS 2:35-3:30

@TheNHSLibrary

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TO
TEXTBOOKS



HELP
FROM
PEERS



HELP
FROM MS.
ROWSE



QUIET
SPACE
TO WORK

For more information, email: paige_rowse@needham.k12.ma.us

BULLETINS AND OTHER INFO

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.

Follow and Like Us on Social Media

Twitter: @needhamfpa

Insta: @needhamfpa

FB: Needham Fine and Performing Arts Department



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.

BULLETINS AND OTHER INFO

NHS Counseling Department

Be sure to keep up with the latest news on the [NHS Counseling Department Newsfeed](#) and mark your calendars for upcoming parent evenings. Students can access the latest scholarship, community service and job opportunities as well as other relevant information . The newsfeed is updated regularly so be sure to make a point of checking this regularly!

THE ADVOCATE



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**PRE-ORDER YOUR BOOK BY
JANUARY 31, 2024
TO GUARANTEE YOUR PURCHASE!**

FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE!

**PLEASE REACH OUT TO MS. KATE BERGERON
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
KATHERINE_BERGERON@NEEDHAM.K12.MA.US**

