

NEWS FROM THE HILL

October 26, 2023

Save the date!

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

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

Saturday, October 28 -
Fall Festival 2pm at NHS

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

Friday, November 3 -
End of Term 1

Wednesday, November 8 - *Early Release 11am*

Friday, November 10 - *No School (Veterans Day Observed)*



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				CPT 7:30 - 8:25 (55)
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IMPORTANT REMINDER:

**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.



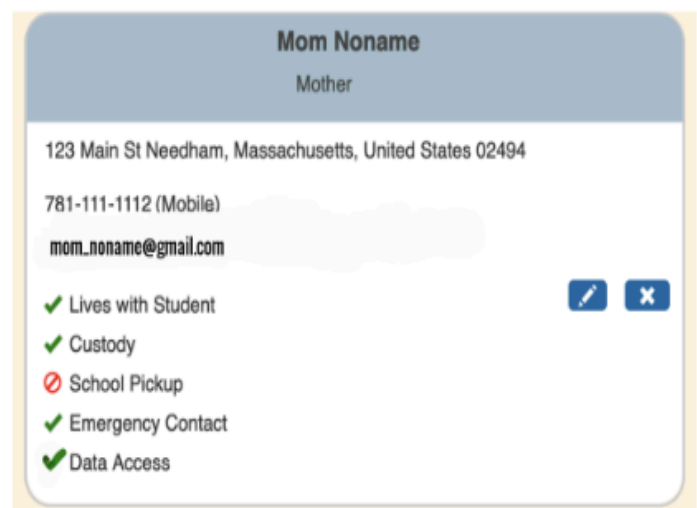
Forms

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

For further instruction, please refer to this [step-by-step video](#)

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



PEP RALLY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

THE STUDENT COUNCIL IS EXCITED FOR FRIDAY'S PEP RALLY
THAT IS BEING HELD FOR THE STUDENT BODY DURING THE
SCHOOL DAY!

FRIDAY IS SCHOOL COLORS!

SENIORS: WHITE
JUNIORS: BLUE
SOPHOMORES: GRAY
FRESHMEN: YELLOW



Ellie Fund

Fundraiser: Friday, October 27

The Ellie Fund is a breast cancer awareness claim at NHS striving to spread awareness and raise funds for breast cancer research. We will be hosting a Fundraiser: "Ellie Fund take on Football" at the **Friday (10/27) Football Home Playoff Game** starting at 7 pm.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

FALL FESTIVAL

MOVIES

FALL CRAFTS

HAUNTED HOUSE

28 OCTOBER

609 WEBSTER ST.,
NEEDHAM, MA 02494

STARTS AT 2:00PM

\$7 PER CHILD



Homecoming: Date Change

MORE DETAILS TO COME

Please see the following message from the Student Council that was sent out to all of the classes on Thursday, October 19:

Student Council has decided to push the date back for Homecoming due to the Football playoffs game being on the same day. We will be in touch with more details soon, but as for now if you have already purchased tickets they can be honored for the new date or you can get a refund.



UPCOMING

PTC MEETING

THURS
OCT 26
6:30-
7:30PM

The NHS PTC is inviting everyone to our evening meeting tonight on **Zoom at 6:30pm.**

Here is the link to the meeting.

Here is our agenda for tonight:

1. PTC Presidents' Welcome and Updates
2. Introduction of Dana Plunkett, Director of Counseling 7-12
3. Overview of the Opening of School
4. Update on Student Mental Health and Behaviors
5. Overview of Impacts at NHS of the War in the Middle East
6. MCAS Score Overview

We hope to see you tonight!
Aaron Sicotte and the PTC Presidents

PTC MEETINGS

SCHEDULE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR



October 26th
November 16th
December 7th
January 11th
February 1st
March 7th
May 2nd



Needham High School Music Department Fall Concerts

ORCHESTRA: THURS. NOV. 2



CHORUS: WED. NOV. 8

BAND: THURS. NOV. 16

All Performances at 7pm
Needham High School Auditorium



CELLPHONE SAFETY

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

The Needham Online Safety Coalition is working with NCE to offer parent programming on cellphone usage and safety for kids.

If you're interested, please see:



The NCE [catalog](#)
The [Parent University Flyer](#)
The NCE's [registration site](#)

Unified Basketball NEEDHAM OBSERVER ARTICLE

Check out the featured [article](#) on *The Needham Observer* that showcases the NHS Unified Basketball team!



HSBU Fair

October 26 field trip



A group of NHS students and staff visited the HSBU Fair in Boston today to learn more about some of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities!



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!***



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/>

In case you missed it, notices from NPTH 10/19:

NEEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL

CRAFT
FAIR

& Bake Sale

October 28
9 AM - 3 PM

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

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

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**



SWEATSHIRTS

SUPPORT CLASS OF 2025

\$40



**PURCHASE ON MY
SCHOOL BUCKS**



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.**



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.

North Hill Fall Festival



Join us

Saturday

October 28, 2023

Noon to 2:30 pm

Family Fun

Free of Charge

Horse Drawn
Hay Rides

Barbecue, Apple Cider
& Cider Donuts

Face Painting
& Arts & Crafts

Petting Zoo
Hay Bale Maze

North  Hill

VIBRANT LIVING FOR PEOPLE AGE 65+

RSVP: 781 433 6157

865 Central Ave, Needham, MA 02492

NOW HIRING

Join Our Team

Looking for individuals who like working in a kitchen preparing healthy food for students

Open positions:

- 5-Hour Cafeteria Staff @ Pollard Middle School
- 4-Hour Cafeteria Staff @ High Rock School
- Substitutes - Flexible days and times



Apply online @ Needham Public Schools
<https://www.needham.k12.ma.us/Careers>

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

ACCESS
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!

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#.