

NEWS FROM THE HILL

November 2, 2023

Save the date!

Thursday, November 2 - *Orchestra concert*
7pm 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*

Wednesday, November 8 - *Chorus concert 7pm at NHS*

Thursday, November 9 - *(SENIORS) Deadline for purchasing caps and gowns, filling out the Google Form*

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



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				CPT 7:30 - 8:25 (55)
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Tomorrow,
November 3

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



CLASS OF 2024,

The deadline to make cap and gown purchases and to submit your information for your diploma is now
November 9

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](#)

Attendance Procedures 2023-2024 School Year

Parents/guardians are to **report** any attendance related issues (absences, late arrivals, and early dismissals) by using *ONE* of the following:

- Sending an email to nhsattendance@needham.k12.ma.us or
- Calling the Attendance Secretary, Marian Slavin, at ext. 22602 or Pressing 1 from the Phone Menu or
- Completing this [NHS Attendance Reporting Form SY 23/24](#)

*****In order for us to maintain accurate attendance records for our school and state reporting, it is important that you notify us on the morning of the late arrival, early dismissal, or full-day absence.**

Upon arrival to the building, students should report directly to class. If students are arriving **late** (after 10 minutes) or being **dismissed** early, they must check in/out at the lobby desk. **Please do your best to schedule appointments during non-school hours.

All notes from medical appointments should be sent to nhsattendance@needham.k12.ma.us or a copy brought to the attendance desk in the lobby.

Dismissal by a parent/guardian must occur prior to the student leaving the building. Notice of dismissal can be sent via phone or email (see contact information above). If your student is not feeling well, they should report to the Health Office and see the nurse who will contact the parent/guardian, if necessary.

If your child is absent due to an illness, after reporting it to the attendance staff, please notify the school nurses with your child's symptoms at ext. 22137 or nhs_nurses@needham.k12.ma.us. This is important in order for nurses to track illnesses in our school community and support your child.

Regarding athletics and extracurricular activities, students who leave school early, or who enter school late without an approved excuse, cannot participate in any games, practices, or extra-curricular activities that day. Students who are absent from school on a Friday, or the last day of the school week, are ineligible to play on the next calendar day after the absence. The only exception to this rule is the student who has submitted in writing an excuse for a “planned” absence to the assistant principal and who has received written permission to participate. Refer to the [2023-2024-Needham High School Student Handbook](#) (Section VII pg. 20 and 54).

Parents/guardians may **view** their student’s daily attendance by logging in to PowerSchool through the parent/guardian portal. Please be aware that parent/guardian information should not be shared with students as they will have their own account and password. If you would like to **discuss** an attendance concern, please contact the Attendance Secretary or the appropriate Grade Level Office secretary.

Pre-Planned Absence Procedures

Good attendance in classes is an important component to the learning process. We request that parents/guardians not plan trips or pre-planned absences for students on days when school is in session. If a trip or absence is unavoidable, the parent/guardian must contact the Grade Level Office to seek approval at least two weeks in advance and the student must personally make arrangements with each teacher to complete all missed work.

Reminder - Homecoming II/3

POSTPONED

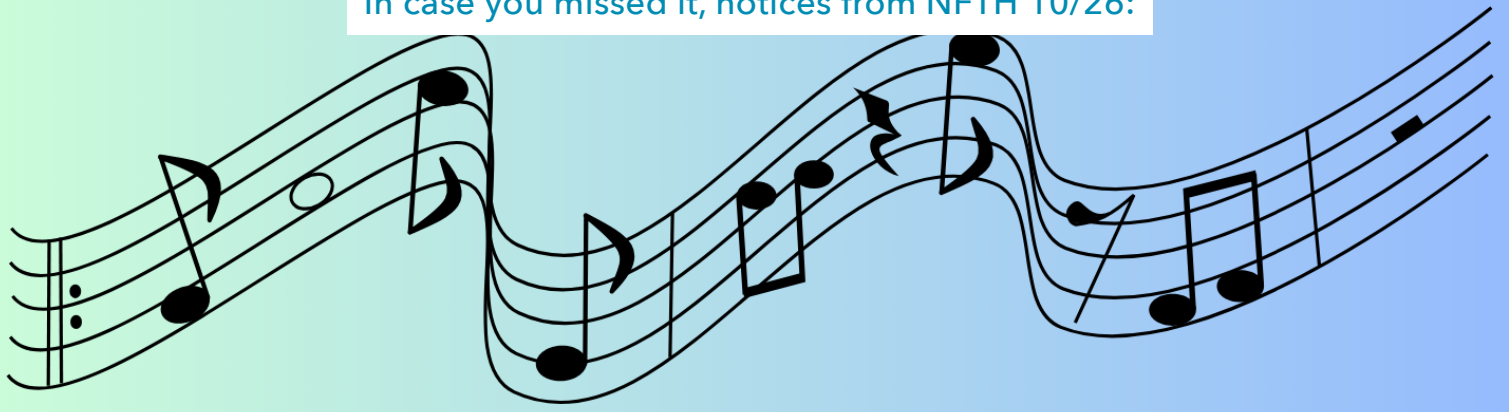
Homecoming: Date Change

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.





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



ADDITIONAL 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.**



PTC MEETINGS

SCHEDULE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR



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

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](#)



Featured club: Space Club

Click [here](#) to learn more about NHS club opportunities!

SPACE CLUB

THURSDAYS BEFORE SCHOOL

Learn from professionals in the space industry!

Learn about the ongoing wonders of space and develop a passion for space research.

Participate in hands-on space activities like astronomy nights!

Contribute to projects with NASA and benefit the Needham community!

Scan the QR code to join the email list!



Needham Community news!

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.



NEEDHAM'S MULTI-FAMILY ZONING

Community Workshop

Thursday, November 9th

7-9 pm

Powers Hall, Needham Town Hall

1471 Highland Avenue, Needham

and via Zoom

Visit needhamma.gov/mbtac for Zoom link to participate

Needham residents are invited to a Community Workshop to:

- Learn about multi-family zoning
- Review the Town's zoning plan
- Share your input

What is Multi-family Zoning?

The MBTA Communities law requires 177 municipalities in the Greater Boston area to confirm that they have a zoning district of reasonable size where multi-family housing (3+ units) is zoned for by-right. Needham does not currently comply with the law and the Town's zoning must be revised to meet the new requirements.

Stay informed

To learn more and subscribe to updates on the multi-family zoning initiative in Needham, scan this QR code or visit the project webpage at needhamma.gov/mbtac



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.

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!

BULLETINS AND OTHER INFO

High School Lunch Menu November 2023

All Meals are FREE to all students!
Ala Carte Items (yogurt, water, snacks) are an extra cost

Daily Lunch Options:

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

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays:
Whole Grain Cheese Pizza

Manager's Daily Specials for November

Greek Salad
Greek Wrap

All Entrees served with Veggies, Fruit and Milk



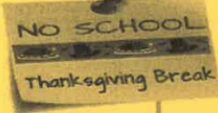
Everyday Entree
Nutritionals



App Store



Google play

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WE'RE HIRING ~ JOIN OUR TEAM! Current Openings for Cafeteria Workers Schedule: Monday-Friday Hours: 4 or 5 hour shifts available Use this link to apply online today! https://needham.tedk12.com/Hire/index.aspx		1 MANDARIN ORANGE CHICKEN BROWN RICE Fresh Green Beans Kale Salad with Apples Fortune Cookie	2 PASTA with MEATBALLS Grated Parmesan Cheese Roasted Local Carrots Tomato Basil Mozzarella Salad	3 GILL'S PIZZA Bean of the Day Light Caesar Salad Ice Cream
6 WHOLE GRAIN PANCAKES CHICKEN SAUSAGE PATTY Hash Brown Potatoes 100% Fruit Juice Spinach Salad with Craisins and Feta	7 PRINCIPAL SICOTTE'S CRISPY CHICKEN SANDWICH Baked Potato Chips Dill Pickle Chips Creamy Broccoli Salad	8 Bento Box to Go 	9 HOMEMADE MAC & CHEESE Broccoli Light Caesar Salad	10  No School Veterans' Day (Observed)
13 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH HOMEMADE ROASTED TOMATO SOUP Kale Salad with Apples	14 CHEESE QUESADILLA Salsa & Sour Cream Sweet Corn & Black Beans Mexican Side Salad	15 GOURMET BURGER with Cheese & Bacon Shoestring Fries Marinated Cucumber Salad	16 PASTA WITH PESTO & CHICKEN Fresh Cooked Carrots Tomato Basil Mozzarella Salad	17 GILL'S PIZZA Bean of the Day Light Caesar Salad Ice Cream
20 FRENCH TOAST CHICKEN SAUSAGE PATTY Hash Brown Potatoes 100% Fruit Juice Spinach Salad with Craisins and Feta	21 GILL'S PIZZA Bean of the Day Light Caesar Salad Pudding	22 No School Professional Development Day	23 	24
27 EGG ROLL IN A BOWL Garlicky Fresh Green Beans Wonton Tossed Salad w/Sesame Dressing	28 EGG, CHICKEN SAUSAGE & CHEESE ON A CROISSANT Hash Brown Potatoes 100% Fruit Juice Artesian Salad with assorted dressings	29 DELI STYLE BEEF HOT DOG CROSS TRACK FRIES Vegetarian Baked Beans Marinated Broccoli Salad	30 PASTA with MEATBALLS Grated Parmesan Cheese Carrot Coins Tomato Basil Mozzarella Salad	Download our app: search "School Nutrition & Fitness" or "Web Menus" OR Scan these QR Codes

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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#.