



NEEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL News From the Hill

DECEMBER 21, 2023

Save the date!

Friday, December 22 - *Deadline to submit applications for the Peter J. Eloranta Scholarship (4pm)*

Monday, December 25 - Monday, January 1 - *Winter Recess*

Wednesday, January 10 - *Early Release (Dismissal at 11am)*

Monday, January 15 - *No School (Martin Luther King Jr Day)*

Friday, January 19 - *End of Term 2*

12/21 updates in the Needham Community News section down below!

Peter J. Eloranta Scholarship - Deadline to apply is Friday, December 22 (4pm)

The Peter J. Eloranta Scholarship Fund was established to honor the memory of Peter J. Eloranta, a graduate of Needham High School, Class of 1964. Mr. Vaita K. Eloranta bequeathed a sum of money and established a scholarship fund in his son's name. This fund provides support to Needham High School students who wish to pursue additional educational opportunities outside of the high school's regular course offerings.

Please see the [link](#) for details about the Peter J. Eloranta scholarship and the steps to complete the application process.

Deadline for applications is Friday, December 22 at 4 pm.

Shattered Ice - Going Into Production 2024

SHATTERED ICE is inspired by the experience of Needham High School alum Jake Miskin (2005-2009), during which time multiple students were lost to suicide.

This fictional story is an amalgamation of experiences and events that took place while Jake, and other producers who worked on the film, were students at NHS. The goal of the film is to raise awareness, tell a powerful story, and to send a message to other young teenagers/adults that there is light at the end of the tunnel even in the darkest times.

Learn more: <https://www.officialshatteredicethemovie.com/>

Special Education Directors and SEPAC - Presentation

Special Education Directors and SEPAC will host a presentation by [Allan Blume](#) on the new IEP forms.

January 9, 2024 at noon via Zoom [here](#)

Meeting ID: 617 696 9653 / Password: 383531

Mass Bay Course Applications - Deadline Extended!

Interested in Taking a College Class for BOTH College & NHS Credit?

Deadline for registration extended to January 5th!!!

Interested in Taking a College Class for BOTH College & NHS Credit?

The opportunity is right down the street at Mass Bay!!

If interested, please see or email Ms Plunkett in the Counseling Department

(dana_plunkett@needham.k12.us).

Links for applying and signing up for an information session are accessible below the flyer



CDEP DUAL ENROLLMENT | 2024

Want to take a FREE college course and receive college and high school credits?

The Massachusetts Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Partnership (CDEP) provides opportunities for Massachusetts high school students to take college-level courses for free and earn credit toward high school completion and their future college degrees.

MassBay Community College is offering FREE college-level courses this spring for juniors and seniors only at our identified partner high schools - Bellingham, Framingham, Hopkinton, Keefe, Natick, and Needham. Classes will be held after school or fully Online from January 22, 2024 - May 19, 2024.

Learn More! | Information sessions will be held remotely on:

Thursday, December 7, 2023 | 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 | 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 14, 2023 | 4:00 PM



Scan code to register for an information session

Classes Offered:

Health Careers Exploration | MassBay Framingham Campus | This course will meet in-person on select **Thursdays: 1/25, 2/8, 2/29, 3/14, 3/28, 4/11 and 5/2** | **6:00-9:00 PM** | The rest of the course is online.

Communication | MassBay Wellesley Campus | Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:30-4:45 PM

Critical Thinking | MassBay Wellesley Campus | Mondays & Wednesdays 3:30-4:45 PM

Nutrition | Fully Online | No scheduled class meetings

Marketing | MassBay Framingham Campus | Mondays & Wednesdays 3:30-5:00 PM

Questions? Contact: Elaine Rosenberg | erosenburg@massbay.edu

MASSBAY.EDU | **START HERE • GO ANYWHERE**

Links from the above flyer:

Apply Here: [CLICK LINK](#)

Applications due by January 5, 2024

CLASS OF 2026 FOOD DRIVE



132 LBS DONATED

and the winner is...

HR 807

-Last Week's Announcements-

In Case You Missed it:

Everything below was featured in last week's newsletter.

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Class of 2024 - "Flocking" Fundraiser

Here is a direct [link](#) to our website.

You can also access the website by searching bit.ly/flocking2024

1 Flocking FAQ...

Q: When will the flock arrive?

A: The date that you select on the SignUpGenius will be the evening the flock is placed, so the flock will be discovered the following morning. If that affects anyone's sign-up, just let us know.

We are communicating via this email:

nhsflocking2024@gmail.com

We look forward to having fun and spreading some joy in the coming months.

We'll see you out there

Thanks!
Your 2024 Student Council Members

Typically, when the weather turns colder, birds migrate south, but

**watch out Needham -
there is a flock headed this way!**

Beginning December 11th, the NHS Class of 2024 Student Council invites you to “flock” your...

Friends!

Neighbors!

Family members!

People you don't even know!



NPS Health Office: Uptick in Illnesses

HEALTH SERVICES REMINDER!

Please review the NPS Illness Guidelines and Covid Protocols

We have many illnesses this time of year at the high school and want you to be mindful of this.

Please review the NPS current Illness Guidelines and Covid Protocol!

Remember to Covid Test yourself with any cold symptom that develops or if you were exposed to Covid before returning to school.

Also continue to Covid Test for 3-5 days in a row!

Please inform the Health Office and your students' Guidance Counselor if you have Covid.

Provide all medical documentation to the Health Office via the SNAP Portal.



Needham
Public Schools

COVID PROTOCOLS

Additional information is included in the district's [COVID Protocol Updates](#)

Updated September 8, 2023

[Covid Infographics, 9/23](#)

[Covid Illness Guidelines and NPS Illness Guidelines](#)

Thank you for reviewing the NHS Illness Guidelines and Covid Protocol!

NHS Health Office Nurses

Letter to 2024 Graduates and Families

A message from the NHS Counseling Department for Seniors & their parents/guardians:

We invite you to read the attached letters from the NHS Counselors. Happy Holidays.

[Senior Parents/Guardians Letter](#)

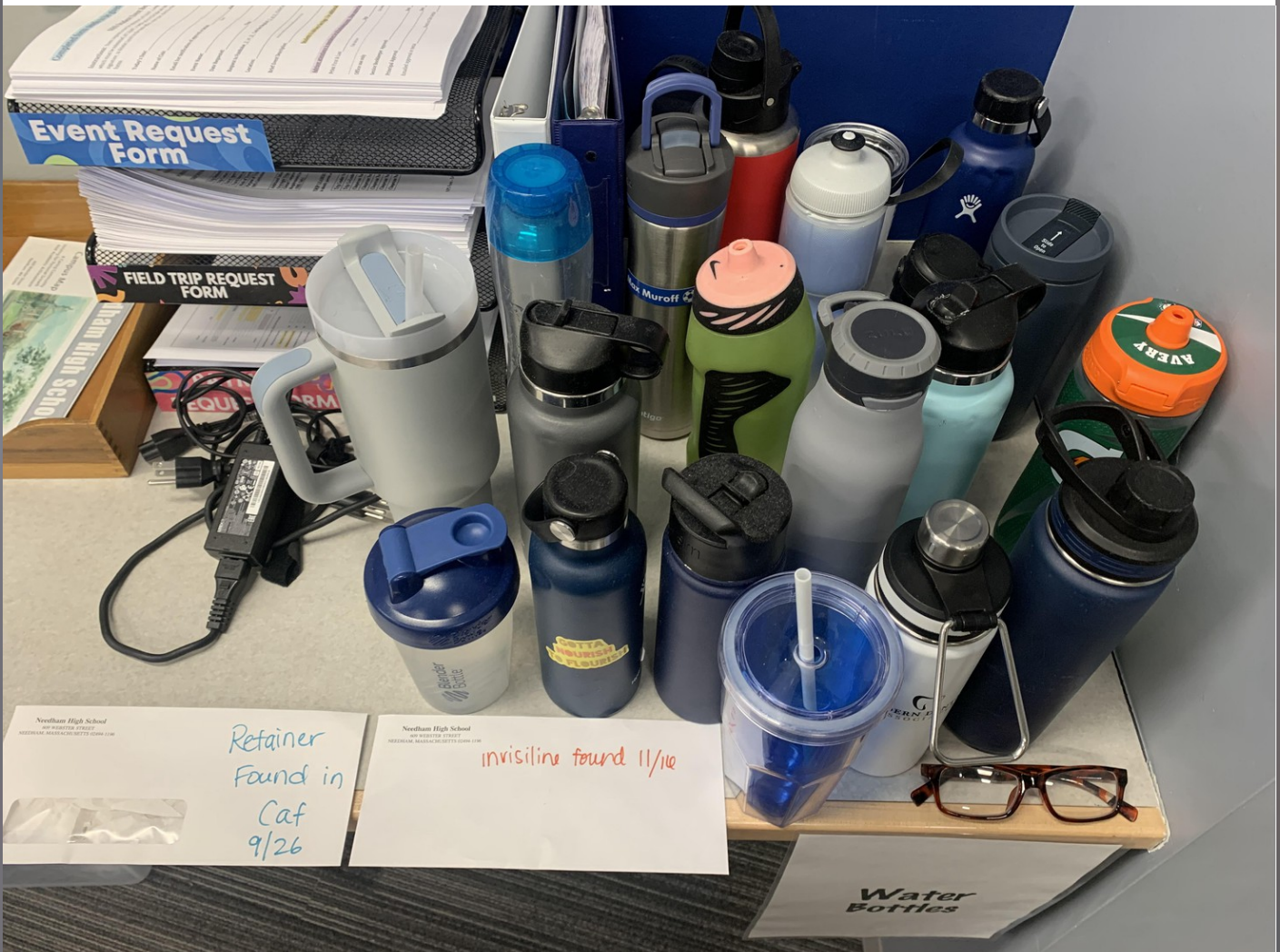
[Senior Letter](#)

Lost and Found - Located in the Main Office

Are you missing anything?

This is a reminder that the lost and found is located in the main office. Students can come down and take a look in the bins if they're looking for a misplaced item.

Please speak to Ms. Doherty for assistance with lost keys, wallets, AirPods, etc.



NHS Boosters Club - Christmas Tree Sale

The Needham High School Boosters Club is hosting its annual Christmas Tree Sale!

Through the holiday season, **Thursday/Friday 4-7pm** and **Saturday/Sunday 9am-6pm**.

All proceeds benefit NHS Athletics. Thank you to our sponsors at The Village Club.

<https://needhamhighschoolboosters.org/>

Flyers and Reminders





AMERICAN RED
CROSS:
TOTES OF HOPE

Red Cross Club

DONATION DRIVE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS!

**BOX IN
THE
LOBBY**

Supplies needed:

- men's sweatpants and hoodies
- toothpaste + toothbrushes
- shampoo + conditioner
- body wash
- alcohol free deodorant and mouthwash

NEEDHAM ROCKETS HOODIE

LIVE NOW ON
MYSCHOOLBUCKS!!!

**BUY
BEFORE
THEY'RE
GONE!**

ROCKETS
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\$30



PURCHASE NHS CLASS OF 2027 HOODIES



scan this QR code to preorder hoodies



you will be notified when they arrive at NHS

THE ADVOCATE

2024 NHS YEARBOOK

ORDER NOW \$75

PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR YEARBOOK DIRECTLY THROUGH WALSWORTH AT

WWW.YEARBOOKFOREVER.COM

BY SEARCHING FOR NEEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL

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



DONATE YOUR ELECTRONICS!

DECEMBER 4TH - JANUARY 26TH

We accept all electronics except:

- Laptops/computers/monitors
- Calculators
- Game consoles



Drop your electronics in the bins in the library or main office! The electronics can be in any condition! Donating your old electronics will help preserve Coltan (a harmful material to gorilla habitats).

Needham Community News - 12/21 Updates

Needham Online Safety Coalition - Newsletter Column

See below link that will bring you to the third Column of the Needham Online Safety Coalition's newsletter!

[NOSC Newsletter Column](#)

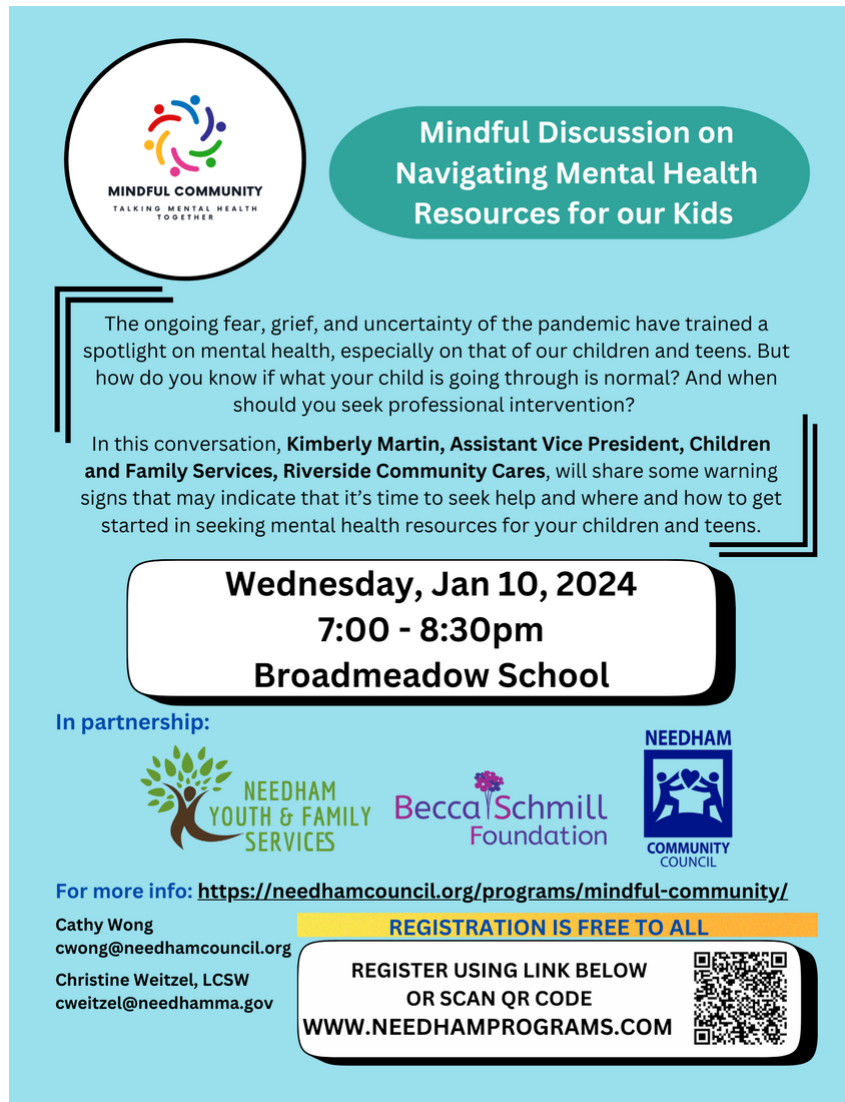
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Bring Your Ideas! NEF Accepting Winter '24 Grant Applications

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, January 12, 2024**. There will be one additional opportunity to submit applications this year on April 5, 2024.

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

Contact Sarah Winig at nef@nefneedham.org or talk to your [NEF School Rep](#) 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.



MINDFUL COMMUNITY
TALKING MENTAL HEALTH TOGETHER

Mindful Discussion on Navigating Mental Health Resources for our Kids

The ongoing fear, grief, and uncertainty of the pandemic have trained a spotlight on mental health, especially on that of our children and teens. But how do you know if what your child is going through is normal? And when should you seek professional intervention?

In this conversation, **Kimberly Martin, Assistant Vice President, Children and Family Services, Riverside Community Cares**, will share some warning signs that may indicate that it's time to seek help and where and how to get started in seeking mental health resources for your children and teens.

Wednesday, Jan 10, 2024
7:00 - 8:30pm
Broadmeadow School

In partnership:

NEEDHAM YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES | **Becca Schmill Foundation** | **NEEDHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**


For more info: <https://needhamcouncil.org/programs/mindful-community/>

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REGISTRATION IS FREE TO ALL

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



Toys for Tots

The Needham Police Department has partnered with Toys for Tots to take in toys for kids across Massachusetts.

There are 3 bins in the lobby of the police department where unwrapped toys can be dropped off!

Police Department address: 99 School St, Needham, MA 02492



Need childcare or just a fun day out for the kids? Participants will enjoy crafts and classic games like dodgeball, kickball, pickle and much more both indoors and outdoors (weather permitting). December 26- 29, 9:00am-4:00pm. Purchase a day pass for \$60 or the full week (4 days) for \$200.

Registration ends on 12/21

https://needhamprograms.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=30254

Standing Bulletins

Attendance Policies & Procedures

Please see this [link](#) to review NHS Attendance Procedures.

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#.

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.

Lost and Found - Main Office

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.*

Academic Recourses

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!

HOMework CLUB

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

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TO
TEXTBOOKS



HELP
FROM
PEERS



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QUIET
SPACE
TO WORK

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



Danielle Doherty

Danielle is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters