



Needham High School
News From the Hill
January 4, 2024

Save the date!

Thursday, January 4 - *Senior Studios Art Show (6:30 in the NHS Library)*

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

Wednesday, January 10 - *Class of 2025 Chipotle Fundraiser (4-8pm)*

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

Friday, January 19 - *End of Term 2*

Friday, January 26 - *A Capella Go! (7pm in the NHS Auditorium)*

Wednesday, January 31 - *pre-order a yearbook by 1/31 to guarantee your purchase! (See Flyers & Reminders for more details)*

Senior Studios Art Show

The students of Senior Studios will be hosting their annual Senior Art Show on
Thursday 1/4 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Needham High School Library!



Art Show

Thursday,
1/4/2024

Senior Studios

Come see work from
Needham High School's
senior class

Photo
Art
Painting
Statue
Etc

Needham Library
6:30-8:00PM

Class of 2024 Clothing Drive

It's a new year, time to clean out those closets!

Join the Class of 2024 in donating clothing to Cradles to Crayons. Our preferred items are winter gear - coats, hats, boots, and gloves, but we will accept ANY item size 0 through adult medium, so if you've been waiting to go through those clothes, we'd be happy to take them off your hands!

**Cradles
to Crayons**

**DONATION
DRIVE**



Join the **Class of 2024** to make a difference and support Cradles to Crayons' efforts to keep kids warm!

WHEN?

Monday 1/8 -
Friday 2/2

WHERE?

Donation bins will be located in the **Main Lobby** and outside the **Counseling Office**

WHAT?

- Winter Coats
- Hats & Gloves
- Winter Boots
- Sweaters

We will accept **ALL** clothing, youth sizes 0-20 and adult sizes small and medium

Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive—at home, at school, and at play. We supply these items free of charge by engaging and connecting communities.

Cradles to Crayons | 281 Newtonville Avenue | Newton, MA 02460 | cradlestocrayons.org/boston

Class of 2025 - Chipotle Fundraiser 1/10



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR

CLASS OF 2025 STUDENT COUNCIL

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH | 4-8PM
300 NEEDHAM ST, NEWTON, MA, 02464

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **82B3Z2R**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

GAP Year Night

Wednesday, January 10th, 7:00pm

Zoom presentation hosted by Wellesley High School. *Find the Webinar Registration [Here](#).*

Jane and Jason Sarouhan are the J2 behind [J2Guides](#), a professional gap year consulting service that puts empowerment, expertise and affordability at the center of the gap year planning process. Jane and Jason have been leaders in experiential and gap year education for nearly 30 years. They are nationally accredited Gap Year Association Consultants and keynote speakers at the USA Gap Year Fairs. In this gap year presentation Jane and Jason will share their stories and expertise as they define and demystify the gap year, share effective gap year planning strategies, and answer your questions.

Needham School Committee FY25 Budget Hearing

The Needham School Committee will conduct a public hearing on the School Department's proposed FY25 budget on **Tuesday, January 16, 2024** in the Broadmeadow School Performance Center at **6:30 p.m.** The public hearing will also be accessible via Zoom: the link will be provided at http://www.needham.k12.ma.us/district_info/school_committee/agendas prior to the meeting. The School Committee welcomes public participation in the School Department's budget discussion.

A Cappella Go!

Tickets Available for NHS's a Cappella Go, Coming Friday, January 26th

Come one, come all to NHS's a Cappella Go concert, one night only, on **Friday, January 26th at 7:00pm** in the NHS Auditorium!

This family-friendly night of music will feature the amazing talent of all four NHS a Cappella Groups: Counterpoint; Fermata Nowhere; the Subway Dwarves; and the Treble Rebels!

As is the a Cappella Go tradition, we are also thrilled to welcome to the stage three college groups, each featuring a NHS a Cappella alumni: Columbia Non Sequitur (Columbia); Duly Noted (UMass); and Ursa Minors (Brown).

Purchase your tickets in advance at: [TicketStage - Needham High School Friends of Music](#)

[Tickets](#). Tickets will be sold at the door based on availability.

Questions? Please contact lhill@nhsfriendsofmusic.org



-Reminders From Last Week-

In case you missed it:

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Mass Bay Course Applications - Deadline to Register is Tomorrow!

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

Deadline for registration is tomorrow, January 5!

If interested, please see or email Ms Plunkett in the Counseling Department (dana_plunkett@needham.k12.us).

Links for applying are accessible below the flyer



Apply Here
Applications due by
December 23, 2023



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 Rosenburg | erosenburg@massbay.edu

MASSBAY.EDU | START HERE • GO ANYWHERE

Links from the above flyer:

Apply Here: [CLICK LINK](#)

Applications due by January 5, 2024

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

Class of 2024 - "Flocking" Fundraiser

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

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

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

Flyers & Reminders



The flyer features a red circle with a white cross in the top left corner. To its right, a red curved banner contains the text 'AMERICAN RED CROSS: TOTES OF HOPE'. Below the cross logo, the text 'Red Cross Club' is written in red. The main title 'DONATION DRIVE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS!' is in large, bold, black letters. To the left of the list, the text 'BOX IN THE LOBBY' is written in bold, black letters. A vertical line separates this text from a list of supplies needed. The list includes men's sweatpants and hoodies, toothpaste + toothbrushes, shampoo + conditioner, body wash, and alcohol free deodorant and mouthwash. The bottom of the flyer has a red curved shape on the right and a grey curved shape on the left.



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Red Cross Club

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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).

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

Needham Community News

Navigating Mental Health Resources for our Kids

Presenter: Kimberly Martin, Assistant Vice President, Children and Family Services, Riverside Community Care

Date: **January 10, 2024**

Time: **7:00pm – 8:30pm**

Where: Broadmeadow School's Performance Center

Register Here:

https://needhamprograms.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=30325

The ongoing fear, grief, and uncertainty of the pandemic have trained a spotlight on mental health, especially on that of our children. In fact, the American Academy of Pediatrics has called the worsening mental health during the pandemic a national emergency. But how do you know if what your child is going through is normal? And when should you seek professional intervention? In this conversation we'll share:

1. The warning signs that may indicate that it's time to seek help
2. Where and how to get started in seeking mental health resources for your children
3. What to expect when starting the process
4. Tips for parents when advocating for their child (and themselves!)

Standing Bulletins

Attendance Policies & Procedures

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

Covid Protocol

[Covid Infographics, 9/23](#)

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

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.

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.

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!

HOMESCHOOL CLUB

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

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TO
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FROM
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FROM MS.
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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