



# Nighthawk News

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Early Dismissals:**  
Nov 23, Dec 7 and Dec 23
- **PTSA Meeting:**  
Dec 7
- **NHS Winter Concerts:**  
Dec 12-16

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

The holiday season is fast approaching. I know that staff, students, and administrators are looking forward to a peaceful season spent with family and friends. Often this time of year evokes deep reflection, for both parents and educators, as we think about the previous months of school and anticipate the months ahead. As Principal, I have focused my work with students and staff to celebrate students, observe classrooms, promote instructional changes to enhance learning, and review new programs in an effort to address the goals in our current school improvement plan.

Please continue to stay involved in the academic life of your teenagers. I will also be working with my staff to develop additional venues for parent-school partnerships, especially as

we continue to tackle more challenging issues, including school safety and substance abuse, like many high schools across the nation. We will build on that message for all students regarding positive choices and decision making. Programs like WOW (Workshops of Wellness) for freshmen, as well as daily advisory activities, continue to be a critical aspect of building awareness and support. Your involvement is important to our students, and we hope to see you at upcoming breakfasts, PTSA meetings, as well as holiday concerts and events.

Recently, our high school was the host for a district-led classroom walkthrough experience. Administrators from across the district came together to visit high school classrooms and informally assess how our teachers engage and empower students to construct

meaning and apply new learning in all subject areas. Administrators engaged in a Master Chef challenge in our culinary classroom with students as judges! Perfectly timed for the holiday cooking season. We seek out feedback about ways to improve our practice, and many of the positive comments centered on the level of rigor and higher order thinking that occurs in our classrooms. I couldn't be prouder of the work and the efforts of our students and staff. As a high school Principal, my hope is that we find ways to celebrate these kinds of successes during this season and in the months ahead.

I wish every Newtown family a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season!

Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue  
Principal

## Workshops of Wellness

An event hosted by NHS Link Crew

**Who:** Freshman and their parents

**What:** Freshman and their parents will attend workshops on topics such as mental health, substance awareness and abuse, and internet safety. Jeffrey Veatch will present "A Message from Justin," an inspirational multimedia presentation. Jeffrey is a father sharing the story of his late son who died from an accidental overdose at just 17 years old.

**When:** Thursday, December 1 from 6:30-8:30 pm (Snow date: Thursday, December 8)

ALL FRESHMAN AND THEIR PARENTS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT NIGHT.

Attendance will count as an extra credit PE/Health class grade for either the Fall 2016 or Spring 2017 semester.

# From Your PTSA

## Meet the new PTSA Board!



Sue Vogelman, Laura Hubner, Kathleen Young, Claudia Sieber

### Kathleen Young, President

I am the proud parent of three daughters attending Newtown Public Schools (12<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade). My husband Randy and I have been PTA members since my oldest was in kindergarten. My involvement with the PTA includes serving as a volunteer/committee member for Book Fairs, Sock Hops and the Eighth Grade Dance, as well as Committee Co-Chair for Kindergarten Bus Run, Teacher Appreciation Events, and Holiday Shop. I also served as the Vice President of Reed Intermediate School PTA. I am thrilled to serve as President and Board Member of the PTSA at NHS. I decided to become more involved this year because I believe in the PTSA programs and feel engagement with students and teachers is more critical than ever at the high school level. I look forward to serving and collaborating with NHS families, students and faculty. I encourage all of you to become a PTSA member and support our programs and fundraising efforts that go towards great initiatives including student breakfast during standardized testing, student scholarships and safety forums.

### Claudia Sieber, Treasurer

My husband Steve and I have two grown children, another is a freshman at the University of New Hampshire and our youngest, a son, is a freshman at Newtown High School. I have been involved in PTA in many ways over the years including Membership Chair, New Playground Committee, Treasurer and Magazine Drive Chair to name a few. I most recently took on the role of treasurer of the PTSA at the high school in an effort to become more familiar with the faculty and staff while also supporting them in the education of our children. I am looking forward to serving with a wonderful group of ladies on the PTSA board.

### Laura Hubner, Vice President

My husband, John & I have 3 children enrolled in Newtown Public Schools in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades. I participate in the PTA because I believe that a positive relationship between parents and teachers helps children succeed. I have volunteered in a variety of PTA positions, such as Book Fair Cashier, Co-Chair of the Geography Program, Editor of The Reed Times, & Chair of the NMS spirit wear sales. I think a strong PTSA will benefit NHS parents, teachers & students and I'm excited to be involved.

### Sue Vogelman, Secretary

I have lived in Newtown most of my life. My husband Tim and I raised our two sons here, one is a freshman at NHS and the other is a junior at Ithaca College in upstate New York. I taught at Sandy Hook Elementary School for 11 years in the 90's and since then worked at Trinity Church running the children and youth programs for children of all ages. I continue to volunteer regularly in the schools and community and you may have seen/heard me sitting behind the piano at most of the Sandy Hook School chorus concerts over the past 6 years. I am looking forward to working on the NHS PTSA Board to support our schools and the wonderful students of Newtown High.



Mark your calendars for our PTSA meeting dates!

December 7, 2016	March 29, 2017
February 1, 2017	June 7, 2017



## Reflections Program

Create original works of art based on the theme "**What Is Your Story?**" and be eligible to win an \$800 Young Artist Scholarship in the PTA's cultural arts program, Reflections.



The deadline for submissions is  
**December 2, 2016**

Students in 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade submit works of art in 6 categories: literature, visual arts, photography, dance choreography, film/video & musical composition. There is also a Special Artist Division for students with disabilities.

For more information, to see the rules, and to access the entry forms, see the NHS PTSA Google Drive: [NHS PTSA News Events Updates Forms - Google Drive](#)

All submissions should be dropped off in the Main Office. For questions, visit the NHS website under [PTSA Reflections Program](#) or contact Mrs. Sapenter at [alwaysshavefaith@charter.net](mailto:alwaysshavefaith@charter.net)

# Parent Volunteer Reminder



For those parents interested in volunteering at Newtown High School, there are some changes to the security requirements. Highlights are summarized below. For complete details regarding the Newtown Public School District, please visit <http://www.newtown.k12.ct.us/Parents/Volunteers/tabid/106264/Default.aspx>

Highlights of District-wide Volunteer requirements:

- 1) Submit to a criminal background investigation. Link to Volunteer Background Check Authorization Form: <http://www.newtown.k12.ct.us/Portals/Newtown/District/docs/Security/Volunteer%20Criminal%20Background%20Check%20Frm.revised.pdf>
- 2) Complete the Volunteer Information and Waiver of Liability Form. Link to form: <http://www.newtown.k12.ct.us/Portals/Newtown/District/docs/Parents/Volunteer%20Information%20Form%20and%20Waiver%20of%20Liability.pdf>
- 3) These forms must be completed and results of background investigation completed prior to volunteering at NHS.

These forms must be completed and submitted **each school year**.

Any volunteer that works with students one-on-one without direct sight-line of supervision by NHS Staff or public view, must be fingerprinted for a more thorough criminal background investigation. Please contact Meg Reilly at 203-426-7606 for a fingerprint card and further instructions.

## B.E.A.T. News

### What is new in Business, Entrepreneurship and Applied Technology?

First, our new course, **Computer Game Design** is rolling along with students creating characters, music, and storylines for their games. We also have added **Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles** which allows students interested in computer science to earn college credit. In addition, **Honors JAVA 1&2** have also been added to the B.E.A.T. department as elective credits.

Our culinary department has expanded its repertoire by including "**Paladar on the Fly**" in which advanced students make lunch for faculty and students using whatever ingredients are available that

day. This practice allows students to show off their creativity and problem solving skills.

Business Education continues to provide essential skills in **Personal Financial Literacy** with students forming individual plans for successful lives. Topics include, credit, personal happiness, choice of banks, and investment options. The course has also added a virtual simulation component in which students can apply concepts taught.

Our entrepreneurship classes continue to provide life lessons for students. NHS

Graphics offers products and services in graphic arts. **The Nurture** has a full load of 3-4 year old students who are taught with lessons provided by Early Childhood Development high school students. Our **Newtek** computer repair company just received a large number of iPads that need repair. **The Greenery** continues to have flower sales, and has branched out to growing vegetables as well.

Erik Holst-Grubbe  
BEAT Department Chair

## World Language Department

The World Language Department has been engaged in activities to celebrate culture and prepare our students for the world beyond Newtown High School.

To help students appreciate and engage in the culture, teachers have been providing immersion experiences with events such as Italian Day with Laura Battisti and French Day with Alison Flannery and Jen Brown with the help of Sacred Heart University intern April Jauregui. To participate in these days filled with food, music, and learning, students had to study famous figures in history, musicians, artists, food, the current culture of their countries, and more. Through these successful and well-received immersion experiences students were able to learn from each other and feel



the language and culture come to life in an exciting environment. Students in other World Language classes can look forward to immersion experiences in the spring.

Aside from exciting happenings with the languages we currently offer, some students are pursuing other languages. This year one student is doing an independent study in German through the Rosetta Stone K-12 program. We look forward to possibly offering more supplemental languages in the future to more students.

As always, World Language will continue to move our students forward through cultural events, increased engagement with technology, and creation of more authentic tasks.

Elizabeth Ward  
World Language Department Chair

## Athletics Department



The Newtown Unified Sports Program was recently identified as a Unified Champion Banner School. This is a national award sponsored by Special Olympics International. The Blue Heat hosted a soccer tournament at the Newtown Youth Academy which yielded a tremendous turnout with Brookfield, Bethel, Bunnell and Stratford in attendance! The Blue Heat also traveled to Bunnell and Staples to participate in Unified soccer tournaments.

As the fall season comes to a close, our Field Hockey team won the SWC Championship! Volleyball were runners up and we had 31 Student-Athletes make all conference. Currently our football team is 9-0!

Matt Memoli  
Athletic Director

## Special Education Update

The Newtown High School Special Education department has been off to a great start for the 2016-2017 school year. We are happy to welcome new staff to the high school, Jennifer Radachowsky, a special education teacher, and Dr. Paula Grayson, supervisor of Special Education. They will bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the high school. We are also happy to announce that our Unified Sports program was named a Unified Champion Banner School. Congratulations to coaches Kathey Davey and Margaret O'Callaghan! The Best Buddies program has been off to a great start and participated in the Best Buddies Friendship Walk at Quinnipiac University.

Amy Holt  
Special Ed Department Chair

# English Department

## Metropolitan Museum Field Trip Brings Together Art and Literature



On October 17, students enrolled in the cross-curricular course **Humanities** and the senior English elective **Modernism and Mythology** visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Humanities students planned their visit around research for their final anthology. For this project, students compile existing works of art and literature and create original pieces around a theme or era in history. Topics include Death and Rebirth, Endurance of the Human Spirit, Pop Art, Power, and Cities. Students located works of art to visit, mapped their day, and viewed the works for part of the rich and successful field trip.

Besides being a fantastic opportunity to experience art and the exploration of the human condition from a variety of cultures, the goal of the trip for Modernism and Mythology students was to examine the original art of the Ancient Romans and Greeks as well as the depiction of mythology in other cultures, such as Egyptian and Kongo. Students were expected to photograph the artwork, and they crafted a presentation to the rest of the class, identifying mythological elements found in the different pieces as well as any archetypes. In many cases, students also commented on what personally drew them to the artwork and interpreted how the artist's depiction might differ from the original myth.

## Chekhov's *Cherry Orchard* On Stage

On Wednesday, November 30 students enrolled in senior electives World Literature and Drama Studies will take a trip into New York City to see Anton Chekhov's play *The Cherry Orchard*. Students in both courses are studying the play through different lenses and the teachers, Ms. Jacqui Kaplan and Mr. Brian Tenney, are bringing the classes together to enrich the students' understanding of the play in the context of history and drama.



For World Lit students, it continues their study into late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century changes in Russian society after the freeing of the serfs; for Drama Studies students, it exemplifies a breakthrough style of dramatic writing that sought to more closely replicate human speech and blur the lines between comedy and tragedy.

Abigail Marks  
English Department Chair

# Math Department

The Math department has had an exciting beginning to their year. They would like to welcome new members Zac Dreher, Suzanne von Oy, and department chair Lauren Dominick to the department!



The Math Team is an excellent club for students who enjoy mathematics and solving problems. Last year, the team qualified for states and drove up to Massachusetts to compete at New England Regionals. The Math Team welcomes students of all grade levels and abilities to do math while having a lot of fun. Many of the members are in other clubs and sports teams. If students would like to join they can come check it out after school on Wednesdays in F216.

The Math department teachers volunteer their time to host Monday night help sessions every other Monday night for students of Newtown High School. Students must sign up the Sunday night prior if they would like to attend. They can sign up on the [Math department website](#) which can be found on the Newtown High School website.

Lauren Dominick  
Math Department Chair

# Science Department News

## Physics Treasure Hunt



Students in Dr. Malary's physics class played pirates as they used what they have learned about vectors to determine the location of "treasure" (a certificate) that Dr. Malary had placed in some of the surrounding science classrooms.

Students used some given information to plot a course to the "treasure" by drawing vectors on a map of the school. Once their course was approved by Dr. Malary, they left the room to locate the certificates. When they returned they were allowed to plunder a candy bowl, and, yes, they were encouraged to don pirate garb. Arrrrrrgggg!



## Heat Conductivity

Freshmen scientists in Mrs. Baumgartner's IPES class (Integrated Physical & Earth Science) continued their study of heat. They measured heat conducted through a metal bar from a cup of hot water to cold water. They also investigated how different earth materials heat and cool when exposed to radiation.



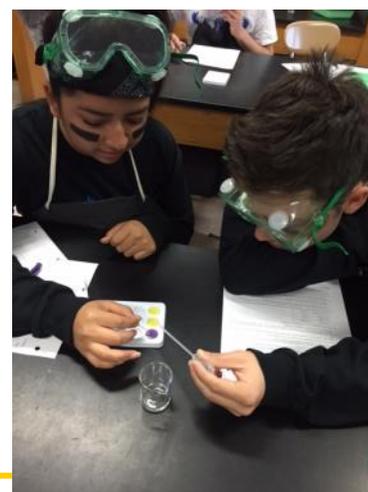
## Cells & Genetics

Mrs. McConnell's AP Biology students used their knowledge of the cell's cytoskeleton to investigate a case study involving a patient who was experiencing infertility. They ultimately determined that the cause of it was a genetic mutation of the tubulin proteins that compose the cilia lining the fallopian tubes. These cilia did not function properly and were unable to move the ovum from the ovary toward the uterus.



## Water Pollution Studies

AP Environmental Science students studied water pollution by modeling how pollutants flow through the ground into groundwater. They then identified the source of the groundwater pollution in a simulation where they had to test water samples from different locations around a fictitious town.



# Fine Arts Department News

## Celebrating Newtown Veterans

NHS musicians honored Newtown veterans by performing in this year's NHS Veterans' Day Ceremony. Trumpeters Jordan Klein and Quinlan Hart also played Taps for ceremonies at Sandy Hook and Head O'Meadow Elementary Schools.



## State Champions!

**Congratulations to the NHS Nighthawks Marching Band on winning the 2016 State Championships!**

## Winter Concerts

**Symphony Orchestra and Jazz Improv – December 12** (snow date 12/21)

**Bands – December 13** (snow date 12/22)

**Choirs – December 15** (snow date 12/21)

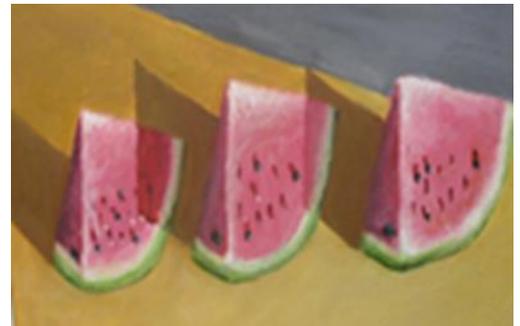
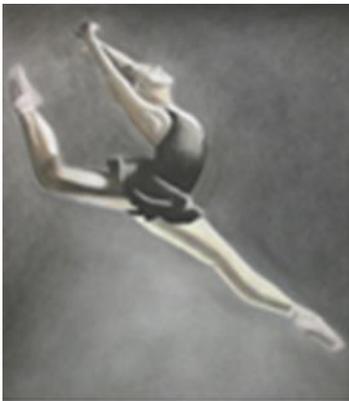
*Due to auditorium renovation, all concerts will take place at Reed Intermediate School.*

*Each concert begins at 7:00 pm and is free to the public.*

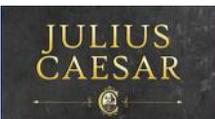
*Please bring family and friends to support our talented musicians.*

## Art Show

AP Art Portfolio students will be hosting an exhibit of their captivating creations from **January 13 thru January 26** at the Cyrenius H. Booth Library. A reception will take place on January 26 from 5:00 – 7:30 pm where you can meet the artists and discuss the inspiration behind their magnificent work. Please join us and celebrate their exceptional work.



## NHS Drama Club Production of *Julius Caesar*



From November 17-20, NHS Drama Club brought Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* to life in the Reed Intermediate School Cafetorium.

The student directors, NHS seniors Trever Legeret, Jack Palermo, and Brandon Pavlicek, describe their production: "Taking place in 1930's fascist Europe, Caesar is an adaptation of William Shakespeare's historical epic about the assassination of the Roman dictator Julius Caesar, reflecting not only

on history but on the aggressive, unsettling nature of modern politics." The performance featured a cast of 20 and a crew of 25, with students taking on all production leadership roles, including our talented stage and technical crew, and student led pit orchestra. The cast included Brooks Petershack (Caesar), Jacob Schultz (Brutus), Charles Soto (Cassius), Barrett DeYoung (Casca), Nicolas Stowell (Mark Antony), Aidan Moulder (Trebonius), Olyvia Shaw (Octavius), Calista Giroux (Portia), and McKenzie Iazzetta (Calpurnia).

Michelle Hiscavich  
Fine Arts Department Chair

*Newtown Public Schools*

# 2016-17 Winter Performance & Exhibit Schedule

<i>Nov.</i>	16	NMS Art – Paint and Snack, 5:30-7:00 p.m.	NMS
	17-20	Fall Drama (Th-Sat @ 7:00 p.m. & Sun @ 2:00 p.m.)	RIS
<i>Dec.</i>	1	Hawley 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus, 7:00 p.m. (snow date – Dec. 8)	RIS
	1	SH 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus, 7:00 p.m. (snow date –Dec. 8)	SH
	5	NMS 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Concert, 7:00 p.m. (snow date –Dec. 19)	RIS
	7	NMS 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Concert, 7:00 p.m. (snow date – Dec. 20)	RIS
	12	NHS Orchestra Concert, 7:00 p.m. (snow date – Dec. 21)	RIS
	13	NHS Band Concert, 7:00 p.m. (snow date – Dec. 22)	RIS
	15	NHS Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m. (snow date –Dec. 21)	RIS
	16	NHS Singers Holiday Show, 7:00 p.m.	NHS
<i>Jan.</i>	11	HOM 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus, 7:00 p.m. (snow date –Jan. 17)	HOM
	12	MG 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m. (snow date –Jan. 17)	RIS
	13-14	Western Region HS Music Festival (snow date – Jan. 20-21)	Staples HS
	13-26	NHS Art Portfolio Class Exhibit (M-Th 9:30-8; F 11-5; Sat 9:30-5; Sun 12-5) Reception on 1/26/17, 5:00-7:30 p.m. – Meet the Artists	Booth Library
	15-29	Scholastic Art Show (M-F 10-4; Weekends 12-4)	Silpe Art Gallery, Hartford Art School
	18	RIS 6 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Concert, 7:00 p.m. (snow date –Jan. 23)	RIS
	19	RIS 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Concert, 7:00 p.m. (snow date –Jan. 24)	RIS
	25	RIS Gr. 5 & 6 Orchestra, 7:00 p.m. (snow date – Jan. 30)	RIS
	26	RIS Gr. 5-6 Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m. (snow date –Jan. 31)	RIS
	28	Winter Guard and Winter Percussion Competition	Brookfield
<i>Feb.</i>	4	Winter Guard (Varsity only) and Winter Percussion Competition	Trumbull
	11	Winter Guard and Winter Percussion Competition	Masuk
	18	Winter Guard and Winter Percussion Competition	Jonathan Law
	25	Winter Guard and Winter Percussion Competition	Bethel



*All students will create, perform, respond and connect with understanding to all of the arts, including visual arts, music, theatre, and dance. Students will develop in-depth skills in at least one art form, appreciate the importance of the arts in expressing human experiences, and be prepared to apply their arts knowledge and skills throughout their lifetime.*

# Career Center Information

203-426-7679

Kitty Latowicki - College/Career Center Coordinator [latowickik@newtown.k12.ct.us](mailto:latowickik@newtown.k12.ct.us)

Peg Ragaini - School to Career Coordinator [ragainip@newtown.k12.ct.us](mailto:ragainip@newtown.k12.ct.us)

**The Career Center** is open from 7:00 am-2:30 pm, Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment with either Mrs. Ragaini or Mrs. Latowicki, please call 203-426-7679. Please contact us if you require further information on anything written below.

The Career Center is a unique environment that has the resources to provide students with help in exploring their post-high school options and careers. It is located in the rear of the Counseling Office. We are committed to working with students to promote self-discovery through real world experiences. Our goal is to aid students in developing a plan for their future.

Students can access college, financial aid or career websites during their free periods or after school in the Career Center. Our computers are also accessible for students to use for schoolwork, during the day, as long as it is during a free period.

## Unpaid Learning Experience Program

*Formerly known as the NHS Internship Program*

This program is open to juniors and seniors interested in exploring a career. The positions may be paid or unpaid. Students are placed in a position based on their interests, availability, and organization's schedule.

Students who meet the program requirements have the experience noted on their transcript. Students are asked to complete an application, work their scheduled thirty hours during the school year, attend a safety training, meet with me, and complete a simple reflection on their experience.

Examples of current placements include Threads Magazine, The Avielle Foundation, Head O' Meadow School, Church Hill Physical Therapy, and Fairfield Equine.

Applications are available in the Career Center and the deadline to submit an application for the current year is **December 15**.

## Career Shadows

This program allows juniors and seniors one excused day per semester to spend time in a career field of their interest with a community volunteer. If we do not have a volunteer in a student's particular field of interest, we will attempt to find one. **The deadline to apply for a Career Shadow is March 31.**



## Junior/Senior Project

The Junior and Senior Project class provides the motivated and responsible junior or senior learner an opportunity to distinguish themselves by developing a career-oriented relationship with a community professional in the student's area of chosen interest. Participants are expected to be motivated and self-directed. The program requires that the Junior/Senior Project be an experience unavailable in the traditional classroom. This course counts as a fifth class for seniors and a sixth class for juniors. Examples of projects from past years include:

- *Spark Gap and Solid State Tesla Coils*: Building working Solid State Tesla Coils
- *Character Design*: Concept Art for characters in an animated film
- *Fahrenheit 451 Audiobook Soundtrack*: A soundtrack for the

Fahrenheit 451 audiobook

- *No One Will Ever Be as Funny as I Think I Am*: An Original Comedy Routine
- *An Introduction to CrossFit*: Crossfit website and two week beginner's workout program
- *Life Haven*: Rebuilding a Children's Center at a shelter in New Haven.
- *Sandy Hook Memorial*: Scale model for Sandy Hook Memorial Park

Students interested in signing up for this course should see Mrs. Ragaini, Mrs. McConnell, or Mrs. Hanna. The spring semester class will meet the last Monday of the month starting in January from 2:10 to 3:30 pm.

# Career Center Information



## Regional Healthcare Shadowing Program

Applications are now available for the 2017-2018 school year. This program accepts juniors and seniors interested in exploring healthcare careers. Accepted students shadow healthcare professionals observing and learning about the daily tasks of the job. The goal is for students to learn about different aspects of the industry and to learn about the skills necessary to be successful.

Students are selected based on the date their application was submitted, attendance at an informational meeting in May of their sophomore or junior year, and school attendance (including Advisory).

Applications are available in the Career Center. Please see Mrs. Ragaini if you have any questions.

## Enrichment Programs

These programs are available to students to enrich their lives. Many of the programs take place over the summer and some throughout the school year. Most of them have a fee associated with them and the occasional few are free but have a selection process. The majority of the programs are costly.

All programs which are received in the Career Center can be accessed through [Naviance](#). Please check Naviance often for the active list of opportunities. We are not promoting any programs. We are only making this information available to you.

To access this information log onto [Naviance](#) and click on the *Colleges* tab, scroll to the *College Research* box and click on *Enrichment Programs*. You can search for programs by category or by the name of the program. Check with the specific program for exact details since the information in Naviance might not be correct.

Two examples of the hundreds of enrichment programs available, with details and criteria on Naviance:

- If you are interested in the environment, climate, outdoor preservation, etc., checkout UConn's Natural Resources Conservation Academy  
- or -
- If you are interested in business, international relations or economic development checkout Lehigh University's Pennsylvania School for Global Entrepreneurship

## Career Cruising

Career Cruising is a career exploration website through the Career Center.

Please email [ragainip@newtown.k12.ct.us](mailto:ragainip@newtown.k12.ct.us) or [latowickik@newtown.k12.ct.us](mailto:latowickik@newtown.k12.ct.us) for the user name and password. The website can be accessed through the links listed in [Naviance](#), on the home page.

## Community Service Opportunities



Is your student interested in making a difference in our community or region of the state? Community service opportunities are communicated in the following ways:

- Through the Community Service NewsBrief which is sent out on the first Thursday of the month to the entire student population, parents who have an updated email in Naviance and the NHS staff
- Through a bulletin board in the Career Center.

If you would like to post a community service opportunity for Newtown High School students, please either call or email [Mrs. Latowicki](#) or [Mrs. Ragaini](#). If an opportunity is sent to us before the first Thursday of the month we will post it in our NewsBrief, otherwise we will post it on our bulletin board.

# Career Center Information

## Scholarships



The scholarship list is updated on a regular basis. The list can be accessed in [Naviance](#) under the *Colleges* tab and then scrolling to *Scholarship List* on the bottom of the page. A listing of all scholarships with full descriptions can be found on [Naviance](#). All newly added scholarships will be marked with an asterisk. Most scholarships are for seniors graduating from high school, but there are an occasional few for underclassmen. The more scholarships a student applies for, the more likely it is they are to receive a monetary award. As the school year moves into the winter and spring months, more local scholarships become available. Any student who needs assistance navigating the list in Naviance should stop into the Career Center to set up an appointment with Mrs. Latowicki. **Please remember to check the list regularly.**

Also, check the websites of the individual schools for their scholarships. Many colleges/technical schools offer scholarships. Their website will post the requirements to receive a scholarship and whether you need to apply for the scholarship or if it is awarded automatically.

There are also links to other scholarship sites on the left side of the home page in Naviance:

- ✓ Scholarship Points
- ✓ Scholarship Spotlight
- ✓ Sallie Mae
- ✓ Fastweb
- ✓ College Week Live
- ✓ Unigo

A sampling of a few scholarships available now **for seniors** with explanations/criteria on Naviance are included below. The complete list of scholarships can be found on Naviance:

- ✓ Weller Education Scholarship
- ✓ Weller Medical/Health Sciences Scholarship
- ✓ Weller Engineering Scholarship
- ✓ Big Y Scholarship

A sampling of available scholarships **for all grades** with explanations/criteria and more on Naviance:

- ✓ Princeton Prize in Race Relations
- ✓ Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarships
- ✓ Doodle 4 Google Competition
- ✓ Drive2Life Contest

## Scholarship Workshop

Wednesday, December 21

Mrs. Latowicki is offering a scholarship workshop for seniors only on Wednesday, December 21 during the long period, class 1, in B150, during each lunch wave. Seniors can bring their lunch and learn:

- How to navigate the scholarship list in Naviance
- About scholarships that will be available between January and April
- The do's and don'ts when applying for scholarships
- Other sites to search for scholarships
- ... and more!



# Career Center Information



## Senior De-Stress Day

**Senior De-Stress Day** will take place all day, Tuesday, December 20, with a snow date of Thursday, December 22.

The Career Center will host Senior De-Stress Day, an entire day where seniors, only, can spend relaxing time, during free periods, and de-stress from the pressures of thinking about life after high school. Join us for coloring, treats and relaxing music.

## Career Lesson for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders in Counselor Workshops

Your freshman student has just completed a Career Interest Inventory in Naviance called the Career Cluster Finder. The results can be found in Naviance under the *Careers* tab by clicking on the *Career Cluster Finder*.

The students were asked to save two careers and two career clusters of interest in their student portfolio. You can access this information in Naviance under the *Careers* tab by clicking on *Favorite Clusters and Careers*.

## Community Vision 192

Your local community access channel through Charter Communications will be offering their next free 16 week training program in February 2017. The training program will include production classes, participation in studio shoots, mobile truck shoots, and a presentational project.

This program is ideal for the Junior/Senior Project, an internship, or community service. Skills developed include multi-tasking, creative thinking, technical knowledge and following directions amidst a busy atmosphere. To apply, go to [www.communityvision21.com](http://www.communityvision21.com) and click on A/V Training Course.

## Reasons to Take STEM Classes



- ✓ It helps you stay current.
- ✓ It allows you to be innovative.
- ✓ It helps you make a difference.
- ✓ It fosters and benefits from creativity.
- ✓ It can get you a job in the beauty industry.
- ✓ It promotes equality in education.
- ✓ It prepares you for a college curriculum.
- ✓ It can land you a better job in the fashion industry.
- ✓ It is a confidence builder.
- ✓ It gives you a higher income.
- ✓ It increases your chances of landing a job.
- ✓ It is great for writers.
- ✓ It shapes a better world.
- ✓ It is a growing field.
- ✓ It is part of our daily lives.

(Retrieved from [www.stemjobs.com](http://www.stemjobs.com) on 4/20/16)



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## Important Links

NHS Home Page	<a href="http://newtown.nhs.schooldesk.net/">http://newtown.nhs.schooldesk.net/</a>
NHS Facebook Page	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Newtown-High-School/158260014186649">https://www.facebook.com/pages/Newtown-High-School/158260014186649</a>
NHS PTSA Facebook Page	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Newtown-High-School-PTSA-">https://www.facebook.com/Newtown-High-School-PTSA-</a>
NHS PTSA: News, Events, Updates & Forms / Google Drive	<a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B1fMVLvpIZbITTVdIS0hMd3JoZWm">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B1fMVLvpIZbITTVdIS0hMd3JoZWm</a>
Guidance/Naviance	<a href="https://connection.naviance.com/newtown">https://connection.naviance.com/newtown</a>
PowerSchool Portal	<a href="https://ps.newtown.k12.ct.us/public/">https://ps.newtown.k12.ct.us/public/</a>
Athletics	<a href="http://www.nighthawkspports.com">www.nighthawkspports.com</a>
2016-2017 School Calendar	<a href="http://www.newtown.k12.ct.us/Portals/Newtown/District/docs/District%20Information/calendar%20-%202016-2017%20final%20approved%20Jan.%2019.%202016.pdf">http://www.newtown.k12.ct.us/Portals/Newtown/District/docs/District%20Information/calendar%20-%202016-2017%20final%20approved%20Jan.%2019.%202016.pdf</a>
NHS Schedule of Days Calendar	<a href="http://nhs.newtown.schooldesk.net/Portals/Newtown/NHS/docs/Nathalie/Copy%20of%201617DAYS_x.pdf">http://nhs.newtown.schooldesk.net/Portals/Newtown/NHS/docs/Nathalie/Copy%20of%201617DAYS_x.pdf</a>

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Attendance:	203-426-7656
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School Counseling Office:	203-426-7651
NHS Resource Officer:	203-426-7646, x6124
Nurse:	203-426-7649
Psychologist:	203-426-7651
Substance Abuse Counselor:	203-426-7646, x6125

## Dates to Remember . . .



November 23	Early Dismissal
November 24	Schools Closed - <i>Thanksgiving</i>
December 7	PTSA Meeting
December 7	Early Dismissal
December 12	Orchestra Concert
December 13	Band Concert
December 15	Chorus Concert
December 16	NHS Singers Holiday Show
December 21	Principal's Breakfast
December 23	Early Dismissal - <i>Holiday Recess</i>
December 26-30	Schools Closed - <i>Holiday Recess</i>
January 2	Schools Closed - <i>New Year's Day</i>
January 10-13	Mid-Term Exams - <i>Early Dismissal</i>
January 16	Schools Closed - <i>MLK Day</i>