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Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Save the Date!

Wednesday, November 2	Needham Steps Up fundraiser, TripAdvisor headquarters, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Saturday, November 5	Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast & Carnival, NHS Cafeteria, 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Tuesday, November 8	Election Day, No school
Wednesday, November 9	Global Travel Night, NHS Media Center, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Students and Parents Welcome)
Friday, November 11	Veteran's Day, No school
Monday, November 14	Photo Make-Up Day
Thursday, November 17	10 th annual Take Back the Night event, 6:00 Pm -9:00 PM, NHS Cafeteria



Needham Youth Services Presents...

A Conversation....For Parents of Teens

A series of **FREE** programs for parents focusing on a singular topic related to the challenges of parenting of a teen. You may attend one or all!

Limited to eight (8) parents a night, this interactive group shares stories and receives feedback in a comfortable and confidential setting (dinner is also served during the group). Below are the topics for the fall and early winter:

November 15th: Make peace (and not war) with your teen
January 24th: The hidden dangers of teens & technology: keeping teens emotionally safe online
(Registration for this program will open on January 3, 2017)

To register and/or learn more: www.needhamma.gov/youth/aconversation. These sessions will sell out, so please register asap.

All sessions will be facilitated by Youth Services Director Jon Mattleman (Jon can be contacted at jmattleman@needhamma.gov)

Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast

25th Rotary Pancake Breakfast and Carnival - Nov 5th 7am to 11am. All you can eat pancakes and sausage. Kids games. Cake Walk. Come see the high school's new cafeteria. Tickets:

<https://goo.gl/EOqEQK>

Families with 3rd graders got a free ticket in their student's dictionary.

Take Back the Night

Needham High School's Take Back the Night Club and the Needham Domestic Violence Action Committee are pleased to announce the 10th annual Take Back the Night event. Take Back the Night is dedicated to raising awareness about domestic violence and sexual assault and its prevention, as well as working to give a voice to those who do not have one. Their mission is to end domestic violence in our community and promote healthy relationships. Planned and put on by Needham High School students, the event will feature live music, guest speakers, free food, giveaways, and much more. The 10th anniversary event will take place Thursday, November 17th, 2016 from 6-9 pm in the Needham High School cafeteria. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this free event.

National Center for Women in Informational Technology

Use this link to help spread the word about all of the 2016-17 NCWIT Aspirations in Computing Awards for high school students, educators, and college students. Attached, you'll find detailed information on prizes, eligibilities, and deadlines, as well as sample messaging for social media and publications. We thank you for your support!
<https://goo.gl/nyaArA>

Needham Community Theater

Needham Community Theater is performing its fall show "A Little Princess" November 18-26. In an effort to encourage kids to read this classic book, NCT is offering a free ticket to any student who reads the book to then come see the show. All of the librarians have been given ticket vouchers. Visit your school library for details or the website <https://goo.gl/XdbMjz>.

National Merit Scholarship

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has announced their Semifinalists as well as Commended Students in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. **Steven Flanagan, Michael Liu and Audrey Pratt have been chosen as Semifinalists from Needham.** Steven, Michael and Audrey were among the highest scoring entrants in the state. Commended students were: Jacqueline Anderson, Gregory Barboy, Edward Blake, John Bond, Elizabeth Bonvolier, Jonathan Borowsky, Laura Braverman, Matthew Evans, Tessa Fanning, Monika Hedman, William Katcher, Tejas Kelkar, Elizabeth Lively, Sarah McGlaughlin, Lucy McNatt, David Muir, Molly Retik, Sarah Rosenberg, and Erica Stern. Congratulations! We are all proud of you here at NHS!



Need Help? WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

The Writing Center

Room 719

After School on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays
No appointment necessary
The Writing Center is a place where ANY STUDENT can get help on ANY writing assignment (English essay, social studies paper, science lab, etc). Peer tutors are available to help students with their writing on a first come, first served basis.

Math Help Room

The Math Help room will open during the week of September 12th. The schedule for the rest of the week of 9/19 is:

Thursday-11:30-3:00

The math help schedule is also available on line at [Math Room Help](#)

Homework Club

Homework Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday after school in Mr. Swanger's Room 418 from 2:45-4:00 PM. If you need a quiet place to work, swing on by!

Needham Steps Up

Join Your Community to Support Mentoring at Needham High School

Eat, drink, mingle and be inspired by attending the **7th Annual Needham Steps Up Fundraiser** on Wednesday, November 2, 6:30pm to 9pm at the new, TripAdvisor world headquarters. Help fund mentoring and enrichment for income-eligible, Needham High School students; and enjoy an open bar, heavy appetizers and silent auction. Hear mentoring success stories from Needham Steps Up students, grads and mentors. Help us honor long-time Needham educator and community leader, Joe Barnes, with the 5th Annual Stepping Up for Education Award. To purchase tickets or donate, visit www.NeedhamStepsUp.org or our [Facebook](#) page.

BC Splash

BC Splash will be held on Sunday, November 13 - registration is now open. Splash at Boston College is a student run program which aims to broaden the academic horizons of high school students by offering a wide variety of free courses all taught by BC undergraduate and graduate students. On the day of the event, the BC campus becomes a hub for learning, inspiring, and sharing. More information and registration is available at <https://bcsplash.learningu.org>.

Nutrition Services Looking for Caf Workers

The Nutrition Services Department is in need of On-Call (Sub) Cafeteria Workers to prepare and serve meals in any / all of the 8 Needham Schools. "Mom's hours"; \$13.18/hr. Looking for common sense, positive, flexible people who can work hard and have fun at the same time. Training is provided. Call Nutrition Services office: 781-455-0400 x219

Community Service Opportunities

Volunteer for a great cause and have fun in the process! The 4th Annual **BIGGSteps Against Cancer 5k** will be held on November 13th, 2016 at Broadmeadow School, and we need your help. You can spend from 1-3 hours volunteering for a number of roles crucial to the race's success. Visit the [BIGGSteps website](#) to learn more and sign up, or contact volunteer coordinator Ellen Connor directly at elliekat1@gmail.com.

Proceeds benefit cancer research and prevention, as well as supporting amazing organizations like BID-Needham and [Camp Kesem](#).



Expanding Girls' STEM Career Horizons



A one-day summit for high school girls in grades 8–12 who love Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

Are you interested in a career using science, technology, engineering or math? Would you like to learn more about emerging careers in these fields? If so, Girls STEM Summit-Statewide is for you!

- Experience an inspirational keynote speech by a local female leader in a STEM field.
 - Meet successful women working as experts in STEM fields, and work directly with them in hands-on career-specific workshops.
 - Expand your knowledge of STEM industries and emerging career paths.
 - Be inspired to continue taking STEM high school courses applicable to STEM college programs.
 - Explore additional STEM fields and interact with STEM professionals and organizations during the mid-day Exhibit Hall.
 - Learn about college institutions that offer a wide range of STEM programs.
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Date: Sunday, April 2, 2017

Serving 250 high school girls

Fee: \$60.00 (school group enrollments available)

Location: Regis College, Weston, MA

Time: 7:45 am – 4:15 pm (lunch included)

Register now @ www.juniortech.org

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Needham High School

Global Travel Night

For Students and Parents
Wednesday, November 9, 2016
6:30-8:00 pm
NHS Media Center

6:30-6:45 and 7:30-8:00pm

Exhibit Hall Featuring Travel Options and Travel Partners

The exhibit hall is designed to help students and parents explore the variety of options available throughout their high school years by talking with representatives of various student travel programs.

Needham High School offers a range of travel options for students in terms of cost, duration and focus. In all cases, the trips are designed for students to stretch outside their comfort zone in order to learn about the world and about themselves, and possibly to practice use of a foreign language. Some trips are low-cost, some are exchanges, some focus on practicing a foreign language, some on culture and history, and some on leadership and teambuilding. Some programs are led by Needham High School teachers, and others are offered through Needham High School travel partners.

6:45-7:30pm

Orientation to Global Travel and the Global Competence Program (GCP)

GCP Director, Stephen Plasko, will orient students and parents to both the international travel opportunities at Needham High and to the Global Competence Program (GCP). The GCP was developed by Needham High School in 2006--modeled on a Boston College Program. Since then, it has been replicated at numerous high schools across the country. All students are eligible to work towards a Certificate of Global Competence awarded for: proficiency in a foreign language, completing eligible global travel and global service, completing a focus project and writing a reflective essay.

For more information about global travel and the GCP, visit
<http://nhs.needham.k12.ma.us/core/GCP>

Athletics NHS Rocket Review

Week of October 24

On Wednesday the Athletic Department held multiple workshops for student-athletes and coaches. In the afternoon over 90 Athletic Team Captains from All Seasons took part in a workshop on how to be a "Triple Impact Competitor". The program was facilitated by Amy Manson from the Positive Coaching Alliance. Amy, a former NCAA All-American & Professional Athlete stayed Wednesday night and ran a "Double Goal Coach" workshop for 85 members of our coaching staff. This year, the workshops took place at the new Trip Advisor Headquarters in Needham!

Field Hockey (15-0-3)

Rockets are undefeated BSC Carey Champions!

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/sports/schools/rankings/field-hockey>

<http://maxfieldhockey.com/week7-newengland/>

10/24/2016 vs Dover-Sherborn

10/25/2016 vs Brookline W 4-0 **Sarah Conley with all 4 Goals!**

10/27/2016 vs Newton North W 4-0

Girls Volleyball (12-6)

Rockets await tourney seedings and a possible home match!

10/25/2016 @ Brookline L 3-0

10/27/2016 @ Newton North L 3-0

Girls Swimming & Diving (8-4)

10/25/2016 @ Brookline L 99-89

10/28/2016 vs Weymouth

Win on Senior Night!

10/30/2016 BSC Championships @ Wellesley College

Girls finish 3rd as a team! Will have a school record 22 girls moving on to Sectionals!!

Football (4-4)

Rockets showed a lot of fight and hung tough with Catholic Conference power CM in their playoff loss

10/28/2016 @ Catholic Memorial L 25-6

Visit <http://nhs.needham.k12.ma.us/athletics> for Rockets Athletic news, updates, forms, links, and complete team schedules. Please also view NHS Boosters Athletic Events Photo Galleries

at <http://www.davearnoldphotography.com> for Needham HS athletes and teams in action. Additional sites to check for more in-depth information and stories are the Needham Times online

at http://www.wickedlocal.com/needham/sports/high_school, Hometown

Weekly <http://hometownweekly.net/index145.htm> the Needham Patch online at <http://needham.patch.com/sports>, and the Needham Channel YouTube site at www.youtube.com/user/TheNeedhamChannel.

Girls Soccer (11-4-3)

Rockets finish regular season with a win and await tournament seedings to start defense of their title!

10/25/2016 @ Brookline L 2-0

10/27/2016 @ Newton North T 2-2

10/29/2016 @ Winchester W 3-2 **Rockets take down #12 Sachems On the road!**

Boys Soccer (10-2-7)

Rockets climb back into the Top 5 in the Boston Globe Rankings and will finish up regular season on Tuesday vs Everett.

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/sports/schools/rankings/boys-soccer>

10/25/2016 vs Brookline T 0-0

10/27/2016 vs Newton North W 4-1

10/29/2016 vs Lexington L 2-1

Girls Cross Country (6-5)

10/29/2016 BSC Championships **Girls Take 5th place as a team!**



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Needham High School Mission

Needham High School draws from the strengths of the community to create teaching and learning partnerships between faculty, parents, and students, both on an individual level and in groups, in order to provide a high quality education.

The school offers students a variety of opportunities to excel and a diversity of perspectives from which to learn in an environment that is both nurturing and challenging.

The balanced student is able to participate actively in school and society, be creative, and self-advocate while determining his or her unique path to fulfillment.

