

# News From The Hill

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Thursday, December 1, 2016

## Save the Date!

Thursday, December 1	Last day for seniors to get changes to their names on their diplomas.
Friday, December 2	WINTERFEST! 7:30 PM, NHS Auditorium
Thursday, December 8	Senior Art Show Reception, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, NHS Media Center. The show will run from December 8 - 22.
Saturday, December 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter Arts Festival, Town Hall (Powers Hall), 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



### **Winterfest Music Concert! December 2, 7:30pm, NHS Auditorium.**

Needham High School's Friends of Music (FOM) presents WINTERFEST '16!  
Featuring NHS A Capella groups, Chorale, Jazz Band, Marching Band,  
Contemporary and other music ensembles! With MCs Nathan Simani and  
Kat Fitzpatrick. Tickets available at door: \$10 students/seniors; \$15 adults.  
FREE Desserts!

## 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:

**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](http://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](mailto:jmattleman@needhamma.gov))

### QPR Suicide Prevention Training

#### What can you learn in 90 minutes?

Maybe enough to save someone's life.

Needham Youth Services (formerly the Needham Youth Commission) and the Needham Coalition for Suicide Prevention are offering a QPR Suicide Prevention Training for Adults/Parents. This is a **FREE** program, and hundreds in Needham have already been trained. The QPR Suicide Prevention model (Question, Persuade, Refer) is based upon the following concepts: Those who most need help in a suicidal crisis are the least likely to ask for it; The person most likely to prevent a person dying by

suicide is someone they already know; and that prior to making a suicide attempt, a person typically sends warning signs of their distress and suicidal intent to those around them.

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 (7:00-9:00pm)

#### Learn more

[Needham Youth](#)

**Space will be limited to 25 participants and pre-registration is mandatory**

Register at <https://goo.gl/ZI2wQH>

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## Winter Marketplace!

Shop local vendors this holiday season at Needham's Winter Marketplace, sponsored by Parent Talk, on Sunday December 11, 2016 from 1pm to 4pm at Needham Town Hall. For more information, please email [fundraising@parenttalk.org](mailto:fundraising@parenttalk.org) or visit [www.parenttalk.org](http://www.parenttalk.org).

## Thank You From The Boosters!



Thank you to the Village Club and Needham Boys Lacrosse team volunteers for unloading all of the trees for the Annual Needham Boosters Christmas Tree and Wreath sale. The Boosters and the NHS Athletic Department are tremendously grateful! The first weekend of the sale was a great success due to the support of the Girls Lacrosse and Volleyball teams and Boys Wrestling, Baseball and Basketball teams. This fundraiser does not work without the support of our high School athletes, coaches and parents and The Village Club. Thank you!! The sale will continue through Wednesday December 21st. Please visit the sale (at Claxton Field) to purchase a tree or a wreath and thank our volunteers in person!

*A sincere "Thank You" to the following local area businesses for their generous contributions and community support for the NHS Staff Professional Development day:*

*Comella's Pizza, Needham  
Needham House of Pizza  
Sudbury Farms, Needham  
Sweet Tomatoes Pizza, Needham*

*The staff at NHS are very grateful for your contributions!*

## 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 is located in  
Room 205D. Hours are 11:30 -  
3:00PM. As the math help room  
is staffed by parent volunteers,  
the hours are subject to change.  
Please sign up 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!

## NEF Teacher Appreciation Cards

### 'Tis the Season to Honor Educators with NEF Teacher Appreciation Cards

This holiday you can honor a special  
teacher or VIP in your child's life by  
making a donation in his or her  
name to the Needham Education  
Foundation (NEF). NEF Teacher  
Appreciation Cards make it simple to  
show your gratitude, while  
supporting innovation and  
excellence in Needham Public  
Schools.

NEF will send a card to your  
designated honoree(s) or you can  
purchase cards to personalize and  
hand deliver. Cards are \$15 each,  
\$60 for 5 cards, or \$100 for 10  
cards.

**To purchase, please  
click <https://goo.gl/nm3k0j>  
([nefneedham.org](http://nefneedham.org)) to order cards  
online through December  
16th.** You may also purchase cards  
in person at Taylor's Stationery  
(cash/check only), Volante Farms,  
Roche Bros. or Sudbury Farms  
through December 31st. Questions?  
Please contact Maureen Callahan

## MIT's Women's Technology Program

at [mcallahan@nefneedham.org](mailto:mcallahan@nefneedham.org).

The application for the summer  
2017 MIT Women's Technology  
Program is now available on our  
website <https://goo.gl/jrKOvW>.

The deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please help us spread the word to  
students and teachers.

Applicants must be female high  
school students currently in Grade  
11, who will attend WTP in summer  
2017 before they enter Grade 12.

Encourage girls who love math and  
science who want to learn about  
engineering and computer science to  
apply!

## Volunteer opportunities

The Charles River Center is looking for  
volunteers for various programs  
working with kids and teens with  
disabilities in a recreational setting. We  
have openings on the first Friday of  
every month for our Teen night from 6-  
8:30, our Saturday Fitness and Field  
Trip program from 9:00-4:00, and our  
December School Vacation program  
from 9-3 December 27<sup>th</sup>-December  
30<sup>th</sup>. If interested contact Kelly Atkins  
at 78-972-1060 or  
at [katkins@charlesrivercenter.org](mailto:katkins@charlesrivercenter.org).

## Pirates of Penzance Auditions!

Argh! Come be a pirate!!! The Needham  
high school fine and performing arts  
department is pleased to announce  
auditions for the winter musical, The  
Pirates of Penzance! Auditions will be  
December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. Information and  
sign ups can be found in the music  
hallway and Mr. LeDoux's website. We  
hope to see you there.

## NHS Senior Art Exhibit

The Needham High School Senior Art  
Exhibition will take place Thursday,  
December 8 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the  
high school media center. Artwork from  
all Art 4 Senior Studio students and  
Senior Photography students will be on  
display. Light refreshments will be  
served in the conference room within  
the media center. This is a chance for  
fine arts students to show off their hard  
work and their efforts to create  
something beautiful. Please stop by to  
support our seniors during what is sure  
to be an evening to remember!

## Athletics NHS Rocket Review

### Week of November 21

*Congratulations to NHS Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, **Paul Liner**, who last weekend at a ceremony at Holy*

*Cross, was awarded the 2015-2016 Division 1 South Coach of the Year Award!*

*This is a top honor from the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association!*

**Thursday was the 129th meeting between Needham and Wellesley Football. While the Rockets came out on the wrong side of a 34-14 final, it is great to be part of the Oldest and Best High School Football Rivalry in the Country!**

**Needham now down two in the total record, at 59-61-9.**

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](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](http://www.youtube.com/user/TheNeedhamChannel).



Linda and Mike Riley before the coin toss

Half time!

Senior Girls Powderpuff winners!



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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.

