

News From The Hill

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Academic Excellence



Monday, December 19, 2016

Save the Date!

Thursday, December 8 -22	Senior Art Show, NHS Media Center
Tuesday, Dec. 20 & Wed., Dec. 21	SPIRIT WEAR PICK-UP from 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM in the NHS lobby
Wednesday, December 21	Needham Winter Solstice Walk for Usher Syndrome, Needham Town Hall Common, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM (see flyer attached)
Monday, Dec. 26 - Mon., Jan 2	WINTER BREAK!
Tuesday, January 3	Classes resume (“C” Day)



Needham Youth Services Presents...

A Conversation...For Parents of Teens

Funded by the Needham Women's Club, this free program is limited to 9 participants per evening and creates a forum in which parents discuss the challenges of parenting teens in a supportive and confidential setting. Parents may attend one or both of the following evening meetings (which will include dinner). January 24th: The hidden dangers of teens & technology Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm Cost: Free Location: Needham Town Hall (May-Chapel Room) Facilitator: Jon Mattleman (jmattleman@needhamma.gov) Learn more at: <https://goo.gl/MBQoLt> You must register in advance to attend

Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Did you know that December is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month?

To coincide with this, Norfolk County DA, Michael Morrissey is sponsoring a Distracted Driving program called "Distractology". The 10 minute interactive quiz teaches students skills to become safer drivers and how to avoid & ignore distractions on the road.

The SALSA Club (Students Advocating Life without Substance Abuse) wants to encourage Needham High School students to take the quiz by offering a \$25 Gift Card to one randomly selected student who takes the 5-10 minute quiz before Jan. 31st.

Below is the link to the quiz if you'd like encourage your NHS student (grades 9-12) to participate.

[Distracted Driving Quiz](#)

Drive Safely!



Booster Club Thanks

Thank you to the Village Club and Needham High School athletic teams for continuing to volunteer your time at the Booster Club Christmas Tree Sale. The Boosters and the NHS Athletic Department are tremendously grateful! This past week was a great success due to the support of the boys volleyball, boys soccer, squash, girls basketball, boys tennis, ski and track teams. We appreciate everyone braving very cold temperatures to sell trees which will raise funds to support our NHS athletes. Thank you to our high school athletes, coaches, parents and The Village Club. 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!



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.

**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
at mcallahan@nefneedham.org.

The application for the summer
2017 MIT Women's Technology
Program is now available on our

MIT's Women's Technology Program

website <https://goo.gl/jrKOvW>.

The deadline is January 15th.

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 27th-December
30th. If interested contact Kelly Atkins
at 78-972-1060 or
at katkins@charlesrivercenter.org.

The Needham Free Public Library is
opening a new STEAM Center for
children in grades 1-6 and we are
looking for volunteers to help
out. Monday through Thursday 5:30-
8:30 pm; Saturdays 9:00-2:00;
Sundays 1:00-7:00

A volunteer doesn't need to stay for the
whole amount of hours for the times
listed above.

Duties are very simple:

Have children sign in to use the center.
Sign out an iPad or laptop to a child if
they request one.

Have the child return the iPad or laptop
when done.

Watch so equipment like pads and
laptops aren't damaged or science
kits/robots stolen.

Paula Dugan
Children's Supervisor
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781-455-7559

High School YMCA Basketball League

Sign ups are currently taking place for
the 2017 season of Yball. The league is
for grades 9 through 12 and runs until
the middle of March with games on
Sundays and Tuesdays. Sign ups will
end on December 28. Registration takes
place at the Charles River YMCA or
online
at: www.YMCABoston.org/charlesriver
(teen basketball).

Athletics NHS Rocket Review



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.

Wrestling (4-2) Rockets open up BSC schedule with a win at Weymouth!

12/14/16 @ Weymouth W 49-24

12/17/16 @ Everett - Win

12/17/16 @ Cambridge Rindge & Latin - Loss

Girls Basketball (1-1) Rockets with a last second win on a Kara Petronio steal and a Maeve Barker Layup to beat Natick!

12/13/16 @ Westwood L 58-48

12/16/16 @ Natick W 41-40

Boys Basketball (1-0) Boys are in the Boston Herald pre season Super 6 for D1 South

http://www.bostonherald.com/sports/high_school/high_school_insider/2016/12/high_school_boys_basketball_preseason_super_six

12/13/16 vs BC High Loss (Exclusion Game)

12/16/16 vs Natick W 63-38

Boys Ice Hockey (2-0-1) Rockets start hot, going 2-0-1 in the first week with two comeback victories!

<http://needham.wickedlocal.com/sports/20161213/needham-boys-hockey-looks-to-pave-new-path?platform=hootsuite>

12/12/16 @ Acton-Boxborough W 8-3

12/14/16 @ Medford 4-2 Seth Jacobs with a Hat Trick!

12/17/16 vs Natick T 2-2

Girls Ice Hockey (2-0) Girls #5 in HNIB first poll

<http://www.hnibnews.com/massachuse>

tts-girls-division-1-poll-austin-prep-has-all-the-pieces/

12/14/16 vs Dedham W 5-3

12/17/16 @ Natick W 5-2

Boys Swimming & Diving (1-0) Boys start season with a nice non-conference win!

12/15/16 vs BC High W 100-86

Girls Indoor Track (1-0) Girls take down Framingham to kick off the season!


12/15/16 @ Framingham W 67-24

Boys Indoor Track (1-0) Boys cruise in their league opener vs Framingham!

12/15/16 @ Framingham W 65-25



Hernberg celebrates a 3rd period goal against Dedham



Needham Community
Winter Solstice
USH Walk 2016
To...



**SHINE A LIGHT ON
USHER SYNDROME**

a rare genetic disease causing combined deafness & blindness



Before their world is left dark and silent


December 21, 2016 · 6:00 -7:00 pm

Start at Needham Town Hall Common ...

End at VFW Needham Junction

**All Families welcome - bring a flashlight to shine the way!
Reception following at VFW 7:00 - 8:30 Live Music/Door Prizes**

Sponsored by

 **Arts for USH (KbK) and the Corderman Family**

For more information and to donate: www.artsforush.org

Arts for USH is a registered 501(c)3

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Now is the time to order the
NEEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK

Complete this order form and send it back with a check to:
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609 Webster St / Needham MA 02494

Please make checks payable to



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 detach and send with payment -----

Student name: _____

Homeroom: _____ grade: _____

Parent/Payer name: _____

Parent/Payer email: _____

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.

