

News From The Hill

A Caring Community Striving
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Academic Excellence



Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Save the Date!

Friday, September 16 - Friday, September 23	Mandatory Guidance meetings for seniors regarding the college process. Check Naviance or go to Guidance for full schedule.
Thursday, September 22	Early Release, Dismissal at 11:55 AM ORACLE Club & Activities Fair, NHS Cafeteria, 12:00 PM
Friday, September 23	NCYSAP 5 th Quarter event, NHS "A" Gym, 9:00 PM - 10:30 PM
Sunday, September 25	Charles River Center 5K and Fun Run, Charles River Center, 11:00 AM
Monday, September 26	SEPAC Overview of Program, Broadmeadow Media Center, 7:00
Wednesday, September 28	Senior Parent Night, NHS Auditorium, 6:30 PM - 8:00PM
Friday, September 30	Senior Field Day
Saturday, Oct. 1 - Sunday, Oct. 2	Friends of Needham Library Book Sale
Tuesday, October 4	PTC Principal's Coffee, Faculty Cafeteria, 8:00 AM
Thursday, October 6	Back to School Night, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Homerooms at 6:30 PM sharp
Friday, October 7	Photo Day
Saturday, October 29	PTC Craft Fair, NHS Gyms, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Math Olympiad

Needham High School is hosting the Massachusetts Math Olympiad on Thursday, October 20. There is more information on Ms. Carmody's web site. Interested students should obtain a field trip form from their math teacher or Ms Carmody's web page. The forms are due Oct 6.

The Other Wes Moore

Parents: Have you read, *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates?* Your kids have! And you still can too. Come discuss the book with other parents and community members on October 26, from 7:00-8:30 pm (location TBD). Sponsored by the Needham Diversity Initiative.

The Charles River Center 6th Annual 5K Run/ 1 Mile Walk

Sunday, September 25th, 11:00 am

This USA Track and Field-certified course begins at the Charles River Center at 59 East Militia Heights Drive and loops through the scenic back roads of Wellesley and Needham. All abilities welcome. Free T-shirts to the first 300 entries. Food, drinks, and festivities after the race. For more information and to register, visit: www.charlesrivercenterroadrace.com.



SALSA Training (Students Advocating Life without Substance Abuse)

SALSA

Saturday, September 24 in the NHS Media Center 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

SALSA is an NHS peer leadership program that encourages healthy living and helps Pollard Middle School student change their perception that "every NHS student uses drugs and alcohol". If your student is interested in:

- Participating in a club where the choice to abstain from substances is respected
- Enhancing leadership skills
- Being a role model
- Earning community service learning hours

Encourage them to attend the training this Saturday afternoon in the NHS Media Center. Pizza lunch will be served and community service hours awarded. New and current members are welcome to attend. For more information about the program contact club advisor Karen Mullen (R_K_Mullen@yahoo.com or 617 921 8715)

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!

Community Service Announcements

The Needham Great Hall Concert Series is looking for NHS to help run four exciting concerts this year. Jobs consist of ushering, collecting tickets, handing out programs, selling refreshments, greeters, etc. The first concert is Saturday, September 24th and we need you from 6:30 to 10:30 at Needham Town Hall. For more info or to sign up, contact Margie Brodsky at margiebrodsky@yahoo.com

The Broadmeadow School is looking for a High School student to tutor a 4th grader after school once or twice a week from 2:45 - 3:30. For more information, please contact Karen Bourn at karen_bourn@needham.k12.ma.us

Volunteers Needed 9/25 Would you like to help a local non-profit? The Charles River Center in Needham is looking for volunteers for our fun, 5K Run/1 Mile Walk on Sunday, September 25th. Help is needed for set up, course monitoring, cheering, water stations, food booths and break down. Most are 2-hour shifts. Proceeds from the event benefit more than 950 children and adults with developmental disabilities such as autism and Down syndrome. Please contact Hilary Ryan at hryan@charlesrivercenter.org or (781) 972-1030 if you can help!

Friends of Needham Library Book Sale

The book sale of Friends of the Library takes place on Saturday, October 1 from 9 am to 4 pm and on Sunday, October 2 from 1 to 4 pm. Community Room items are half-price on Sunday; fill a brown bag for \$8. Friends' Book Shop items are half-price on both days. 781-455-7559

or friendsneedhamlibrary.org.

Parent Talk Sale

The **Parent Talk Fall Sale** is coming up on **Saturday, October 15, 2016** at the Christ Episcopal Church, 1132 Highland Ave. The general sale is from 8:30 - 11:45 a.m. with a clearance bag sale from 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. More details about the biannual gently used clothing, toy, and equipment sale, including information on how to donate to a good cause, consign items to earn some money back, volunteer for a two-hour shift and get pre-sale shopping privileges, or shop for great deals can be found here: <https://goo.gl/IniUMr>

SEPAC Educational Presentation:

Needham's Special Education Services and Programs

Please join us for an overview of what Needham has to offer students with all types of needs at all of our schools, from preschool through age 22. This is an opportunity to meet all of the Special Education Directors, and to learn about what will be new this year.

Monday, September 26

Refreshments: 7:00pm

Program 7:30 - 9:00pm

Broadmeadow School Media Center

Volunteers are one of Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital–Needham's most vital resources. We offer a wide range of volunteer opportunities, several of which are listed below. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the Volunteer Application and contact **Tracy Murphy**, Director of Volunteer Services, tvmurphy@bidneedham.org, or 781-453-5499 to arrange a brief interview.

Student Volunteer Opportunities include the following:

Volunteer Visitor Program A select group of volunteers are trained and assigned to visit with patients in the Derenzo Inpatient Care Unit, South II Inpatient Care Unit, Intensive Care Unit and the Emergency Department for short periods of time to provide conversation, companionship and appropriate non clinical mind-body activities.

Greeters As welcome ambassadors to the hospital, volunteers are placed in high traffic areas to greet visitors and to escort patients and families to appointments throughout the hospital. Greeters assist BID-Needham Patient Access and Registration staff to facilitate an efficient waiting area at the Main Entrance to the hospital, as well as other departments.

Escorts Volunteers work to assist medical staff with non-clinical duties. As part of a team of volunteers during a designated three hour shift, individuals are responsible for a variety of non-clinical assignments such as transporting patients discharged from day surgery or the inpatient units, executing laboratory sample runs, transferring patients to radiology and other departments, escorting patients to medical appointments, providing directions and an assortment of duties and errands to assist staff.

Students are assigned to one shift per week. Shifts run from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age.

The Summer Student Volunteer program runs for approximately six week during July and August. Applications for the summer program are accepted in the late winter.

The benefits of being a volunteer are many, and they include

- Volunteering provides a positive outlet for helping others and is a terrific way to stay connected to your community.
- BID–Needham is a great place to make new friends and have new experiences in an environment filled with camaraderie and respect.
- Reference letters to enhance college or work applications.
- Volunteering can provide a healthy boost to your self-esteem and life satisfaction.

We hope to hear from you soon!

News From Guidance

College Fairs

Canadian College Fair will be held at the Marriott in Newton on Tuesday, October 18 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Sixteen Canadian colleges will be represented. Please RSVP to Marc.jacques@international.gc.ca

NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling) will host a Performing and Visual Arts Fair on Thursday, October 27 at the Fuller Building at Boston University. The fair is from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

More information is available at <http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/PVA-College-Fairs/Pages/default.aspx>

THE BEAUTIFUL MINDS CHALLENGE 2016 "BE THE CHANGE. DOCUMENT THE EFFECT."

Do you know any teens (15-19) who think in creative, innovative ways? Invite them to participate in the 2016 Marlboro College **Beautiful Minds Challenge!** The top prize is a *full tuition scholarship* to Marlboro College!

This year's prompt is:

"Be the change. Document the effect."

All teens are invited to be agents of change and document the effect in a creative, digitally uploadable format. Submissions are due December 1, 2016.

SOUND EXCITING?

Check our blog regularly for posts to help your students get ideas for their projects.

Connect with the Beautiful Minds Challenge on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram for daily inspiration!

More details at minds.marlboro.edu.



Athletics NHS Rocket Review

Week of September 12

Congratulations to Boys Basketball Coach, Paul Liner on being selected the 2015-2016 Division 1 South Coach of the Year by the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association!



Coach Liner with Hall of Famer Jim Calhoun

Field Hockey (5-0) *Rockets start the season ranked #6 in the Boston Globe poll!* <http://www.bostonglobe.com/sports/schools/rankings/field-hockey>

9/12/2016 vs Natick W 2-1

9/14/2016 vs Weymouth W 5-1

9/16/2016 vs Braintree W 4-1

Girls Volleyball (5-0) *Fast start for the Rockets has them ranked #17 in the Boston Globe poll!* <http://www.bostonglobe.com/sports/schools/rankings/girls-volleyball>

9/12/2016 @ Natick W 3-0

9/15/2016 @ Weymouth W 3-1

9/16/2016 @ Braintree W 3-0

Girls Swimming & Diving (2-0) *First big test for Needham comes on Tuesday vs rival Framingham!*

9/13/2016 vs Dedham W 91-84

9/16/2016 @ Braintree W 100-81

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

Football (0-2) *Needham opens up their BSC schedule this Friday when they host Braintree!*

9/16/2016 @ Walpole L 21-7

Girls Soccer (2-3) *Defending Champs are ranked #13 in the first Boston Globe poll!*

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

9/12/2016 @ Natick L 2-0

9/14/2016 @ Weymouth W 4-1

9/16/2016 @ Braintree L 2-0

Boys Soccer (2-0-3) *Rockets are #3 in the Boston Globe poll after a comeback win over #12 Weymouth and huge tie vs #1 Braintree!*

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

9/12/2016 vs Natick T 2-2

9/14/2016 vs Weymouth W 4-3

9/16/2016 vs Braintree T 4-4

Girls Cross Country (2-3)

9/14/2016 vs Milton L 15-50

9/14/2016 vs Brookline L 23-33

9/14/2016 vs Dedham W 19-40

9/17/2016 Amherst Invitational *Girls Finish 9th out of 19 Teams!*

Boys Cross Country (5-0)

9/14/2016 vs Milton W 15-44

9/14/2016 vs Brookline W 27-28

9/14/2016 vs Dedham W 15-50

9/17/2016 Amherst Invitational *Boys Finish 5th out of 23 Teams*

Golf (2-3-1)

9/12/2016 vs Brookline W 85-75, 9/13/2016 @ Norwood T 100-100, 9/14/2016 vs Wellesley L 93-89

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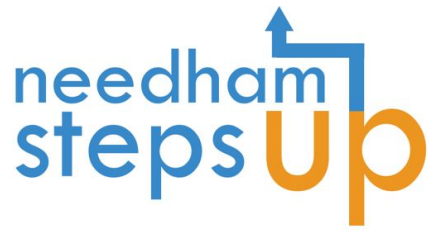
FOUR NEEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO NATIONAL HONORS CHORUS

The Fine & Performing Arts Department of the Needham Public Schools is proud to announce that four Needham High School students have been accepted to perform as members of the 2016 National Association for Music Education (NAfME) All-National Honors Chorus. The four students are Tejas Kelkar, Matthew Lorence, Jackson Schwartz, and Rachel Zaff. These students were accepted based on a competitive audition and selection process involving thousands of students from throughout the country.

Being selected as a 2016 All-National Musician is amongst the highest possible recognition that can be given to high school musicians. Selections are made by music education experts to ensure selected students are not only the finest possible young musicians, but also represent the positive qualities, both socially and academically, that all students should strive for. These top musicians will rehearse and perform in Dallas, Texas from November 10th through the 13th, as part of the NAfME National Music Educators Conference. Their audience will include over 1000 music teachers from throughout America.

All accepted students are members of Needham High School's award winning Choirs, and were sponsored by Needham music teacher Jonathan Vanderwoude. According to Dr. David Neves, Director of Fine & Performing Arts for the Needham Public Schools, having four students from the same school recognized in this fashion is unique. It is tangible evidence of the quality of overall music education instruction and experiences available for all of the children of the Needham Public Schools.

Contact Info: David Neves 781-455-0800 ext. 2440



Supporting mentoring for Needham High School students from income-eligible families

Seeking Volunteers for 2016 Event

Needham Steps Up (NSU) is seeking volunteers to participate on the 2016 event planning committee. Our 7th annual event will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd at Trip Advisor.

Needham Steps Up, a mentoring program based at Needham High School, pairs caring staff members with income-eligible students who may benefit from a one-to-one mentoring relationship.

We are looking for a few volunteers to expand our team working on corporate sponsorships. Our current fundraising process for soliciting corporate sponsorships has been developed over the past three years and is completely documented.

Annually we raise funds for the mentoring program from corporate sponsorships, program book advertising, and a silent auction during the event. Additionally, we have our Giving Tree available at the event so potential donors may consider making a contribution at a level of their choice.

If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact either Wanita Kennedy at wdkennedy@me.com Nancy Richmond NRichmond@SINCO-INC.COM Merle Berman at berman.merle@gmail.com.

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Students Advocating for Life without Substance Abuse

NHS Peer Leadership Program

Help Pollard Middle School students change their perception that all NHS students use drugs & alcohol

Be part of a group where your choice to abstain from substances is respected

Enhance your leadership skills

Be a role model

Earn Community Service Learning hours

Training
Saturday, 9/24

12 - 4 PM – NHS Media Center

Pizza lunch will be served & community service hours recorded

New members welcome!

For more information contact club advisor Karen Mullen
(R_K_Mullen@yahoo.com) or c. (617) 921 8715

5th Quarter

FRIDAY SEPT. 23rd

After the Varsity football game

9:00 - 10:30 PM

NHS "A" Gym

Free for all NHS students

Food & Drinks Live DJ

Ping Pong Basketball Spike ball

Event Sponsored by:

The Needham Coalition for Substance Abuse Prevention (NCYSAP)

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.

