



THE SPARTAN NEWS

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February 2016

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2ND

GROUNDHOG DAY

FEBRUARY 10TH

CURRICULUM NIGHT
6:30 PM JAMPAC

FEBRUARY 12TH

LAST DAY TO ADD A
CLASS AT THE HIGH
SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 14TH

VALENTINE'S DAY

FEBRUARY 15TH

PRESIDENTS DAY

FEBRUARY 15TH- 19TH

NO SCHOOL—MID-
WINTER RECESS

FEBRUARY 23RD

BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING 7PM

FEBRUARY 26TH

JAZZ BAND FESTIVAL
BEGINS AT 4:00 PM
JAMPAC

New Hartford Art Students Achieve in Scholastic Art Competition

The Art Department would like to extend congratulations to the New Hartford Senior High Art students for a great showing at this year's Scholastic Art Competition! The Alliance for Young Artists and Writers is a national organization that identifies and celebrates high school artists who demonstrate exceptional creative talent.

This organization sponsors the Regional and National Scholastic Art Competitions, as well as awarding prizes and scholarships for selected artwork that display "originality, technical skill, and the emergence of personal vision or voice".

New Hartford Senior High Art students received a total of 29 awards this year, with all Gold Key winners moving on to be judged for the National Competition. Congratulations to all the New Hartford artists who participated in the 2016 Scholastic Art Awards! The following is a list of this year's award winners - all work will be on display from January 15, 2016 to February 26, 2016 at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, NY:



Gold Keys (First Place): Riley Cady (Sr.) - Ceramics & Glass, Digital Art and two Drawing and Illustration Awards; Gabrialla Ficano (Sr.) - Painting; Michael Galligano (Sr.) - Photography; Alexandra Meislin (Sr.) - Drawing and Illustration; Rachael Duchnycz (Jr.) - Drawing and Illustration; Abby Barringer (Soph.) - Drawing and Illustration

Silver Keys (Second Place): Alexis Carey (Sr.) - Photography; Noble Chevalier (Sr.) - Photography; Michaela Scarafile (Sr.) - Painting; Laurel Frisbee (Soph.) - Painting

Honorable Mention: Riley Cady (Sr.) - Drawing and Illustration and two Digital Art Awards; Alexis Carey (Sr.) - Ceramics and Glass; Noble Chevalier (Sr.) - Photography Portfolio and an Individual Photography Award; Gabrialla Ficano (Sr.) - Art Portfolio; Michaela Scarafile (Sr.) - two Drawing and Illustration Awards; Michael Cardillo (Jr.) - Drawing and Illustration; Brooke Humphreys (Jr.) - Drawing and Illustration; Elizabeth Lemire (Jr.) - Photography; Abby Barringer (Soph.) - Drawing and Illustration; Fallon O'Toole (Soph.) - Photography; Jordan Restivo (Soph.) - Photography; Abigail Thrasher (Soph.) - Painting

New Hartford's Double Down Team Moves Into The Finals!



Hartford's Double Down team has moved into the finals! Team members are Nadim Quazi (12), Nolan Durr (12), Arda Pekis (12), Arthur Ross (12), and Joseph Wu (11). The Finals Championship show will be aired on **WCNY channel 13 at 6:00 PM on Sunday, February 7, 2016.**

New Ski and Snowboard Club Takes to the Slopes



and Snowboard Club took its first trips to Woods Valley in January. The thirty-strong club will ski and snowboard every Wednesday this winter. Led by President Kyle Nordstrom, Vice President Phil Nackley, Treasurer Morgan Joyce and Secretary Alexis Kalil, the club is already making fun memories on the slopes and looks forward to many fun seasons to come. Advisors Katie Sullivan and Kelly Ann Nugent invite all students--from beginners to experts--to join the club.

Thanks to the support of the administration and the Board of Education, New Hartford's new Ski

New Hartford Staff to Celebrate Leap Year Birthdays

Susan Mojave, manager of the James A. Meyer Performing Arts Center at New Hartford High School and Tom Snizek, high school English teacher, will have the quadrennial opportunity to celebrate their birthdays on February 29th. Mr. Snizek will be celebrating his 11th birthday, the number of birthdays that Mrs. Mojave has celebrated is a closely guarded secret.



What are your chances of being born on leap day?
About 1 in 1,500.

When is the birthday party?

If you are born on a Leap Year, do you get your driver's license on February 28th or March 1st? It is an ambiguous question that is decided by each state. Most states, however, consider March 1st the official day. For instance, the Michigan Vehicle Code states that people born on February 29th "are deemed to have been born on March 1st."

How many people were born on leap day?

There are about 187,000 people in the US and 4 million people in the world who were born on Leap Day.

Full and/or Part-time Bus Drivers Needed

Interested in having a positive impact on students' lives? In most cases, drivers are the first school employee students see in morning and the last (SRP) employee they see at the end of the day. Contact transportation Director, Peter Gagliano at 624-1239.



News from the Counseling Department



Curriculum Night is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10th at 6:30pm in the JAMPAC. This is a great opportunity for families to hear from each Department on what courses are offered for grades 9 through 12.

Reminder regarding AP Exams... The AP Exams will take place from May 2nd through May 13th. Monday, May 2nd is the first day after Spring Break. Please plan vacations carefully.

THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

To Parents of Seniors: It is hard to believe that we are at the mid-year point in the busy life of a senior! Most of the college applications have been filed by now. Although a big part of the process is over, now is the time that students should be focusing on a strong finish to this year. Mid-year grade reports will be submitted to all 4-year colleges by February 8th. The mid-year report is a copy of the student's transcript with final semester averages listed for the fall. The transcript will include updated cumulative grade point averages (weighted and unweighted). As students receive acceptance letters, the reality of the cost of college hits! This is about the time we have a steady stream of students come in and ask for scholarship information. Students should be checking Naviance on a weekly basis for scholarship information. Seniors who have difficulty accessing the information in their Naviance account should see their counselor. A reminder, if you are interested in receiving financial aid, the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must be filed. Most colleges would like this to occur by mid-February.

To Parents of Juniors: This is the time for the juniors to really start thinking about next year and their post graduation plans. Counselors will begin course selections for the 2016-2017 school year with juniors after the February break. An option available to students in their senior year

is the New Visions program. Parents and students are encouraged to attend the Open House at BOCES on March 9th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for more information. Course choices for senior year should be made with consideration given to post graduation plans. In October we shared information regarding transcript, college testing, college search process, and career information. Included was an explanation of their transcript and general information about what a college is looking for when they see a student's transcript. College admissions testing options were also explained to students. By this time students should have decided on which of the tests and dates (SAT – March, May, June and/or ACT – April, June) this spring they will test. Students can register for the SAT at www.collegeboard.org and the ACT's at www.act.org. If students have not developed a potential list of colleges already, now is the time to do so! The colleges should be listed in Naviance. Some families may even want to visit a few college campuses during February and/or April break. If you would like additional assistance as you go through the college search process, please do not hesitate to set up a meeting with your child's counselor. The National College Fair in Syracuse is scheduled for Thursday, March 10th from 9am to 12pm AND 5 to 8pm at the SRC Arena, Onondaga Community College.



Punxsutawney Phil Does Not See His Shadow

Punxsutawney, PA -

Punxsutawney Phil, America's best known groundhog prognosticator, reported on Febru-



ary 2nd that he did not see his shadow. He stated through interpreters, "There is no shadow to be cast! An early spring is my forecast!" He later added, "Take your jackets off. You're not going to need them." This was welcome news for many...with the possible exception of the newly created New Hartford Ski and Snowboard Club.



New Hartford Students Rock the Regents Examinations

About 375 New Hartford High School students completed 501 Regents Examinations from January 26-29, 2016. Common Core Curriculum is making its way into the high school. Students took Common Core Regents Examinations in Algebra I, Geometry and for the first time, 11th graders took the Regents Examination in Common Core English Language Arts.

As always New Hartford students performed well on the examinations with an extremely high percentage of students passing the examinations and a significant percentage scoring above 85% or mastery level. New Hartford continues to perform at levels that rank it among the best high schools in New York State.

Curriculum Night in February

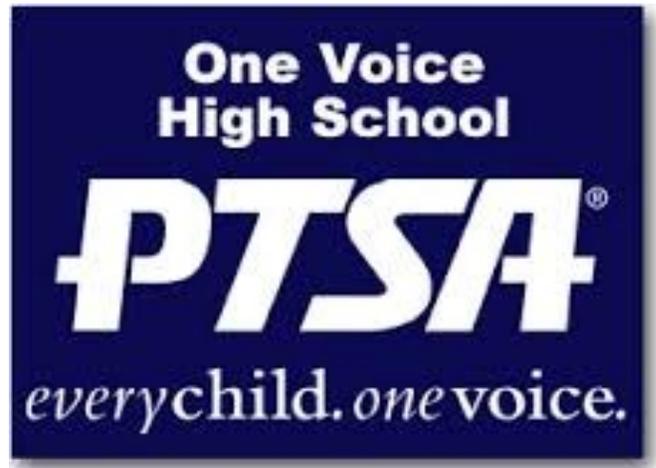


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and Counseling staff will be available to answer questions. Parents and students are welcome. See you there!

PTSA NEWS

We need more members to reach our goal of 261!



Our current membership is 227 members! **Please help us reach our goal by joining today!**

If you already joined, consider adding on your spouse and student! Grandparents, teachers, and staff are also encouraged to join!

PTSA Membership cost is only \$5 for adults and \$4 for students.

This year, the NYS PTA will be sending your membership card electronically!

Register through the PTSA using attached form or online at www.nyspta.org

and click "Become a Member Today" button, enter New Hartford or 13413, and click link "register" for NH Senior High School.

Our next PTSA meeting is Thursday, March 10th at 7pm in the HS Library.

Please come and join us!

Feel free to contact me with any questions at 315-735-7973

or via email at marie@novahealthsystems.com

Thank you,
Marie Abraham,
NHSHS PTSA President

New Hartford Senior High School
PTSA Membership Form 2015-2016
PTSA= Parents + Teachers + Students
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Name(s): _____

Student Name(s): _____

Student Grade(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Home Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Are you a new NHSHS PTSA member this year? yes _____ no _____

Single Membership \$5.00 _____

Each Additional Membership \$5.00 _____

Student Membership \$4.00 _____

*Please make checks payable to: **NHSHS PTSA or New Hartford Senior High School PTSA**

OR

***Register online at www.nyspta.org and click "Become a Member Today" button, enter New Hartford or 13413, and click link "register" for NH Senior High School.**

Please let us know if you can volunteer for any of the following PTSA activities:

_____ Reflections (Sept-Dec) _____ Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (May)

_____ Semi-Formal Dance (Dec) _____ Senior Recognition Night (June)

_____ Hospitality (Sept-June) _____ Senior Picnic (June)

Thank you for your continued support! Steve Frisbee, VP of Membership

PTSA Use:

Paid By: Cash _____ Check# _____ Online _____