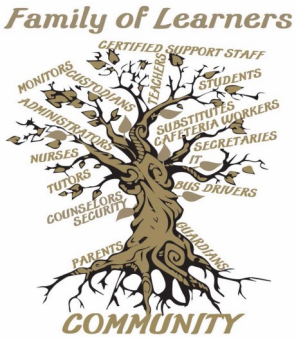
NHS NEWS

"I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL LEARN!" DECEMBER 2018

NHS Family of Learners Quarterly Event



After school on November 13th, we had our first Family of Learners event! Students and staff came together to engage in various activities and enjoy some snacks as well! The National Guard was also present and setup an obstacle course for students and staff to race through. We had a great time and look forward to holding more of these events throughout the year!

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AT HOME!

Are you ever wondering how you can help to support your child's learning at home? We have you covered! Throughout the year we will provide you with ideas/resources in our newsletter. Below are a few resources to get you started!

NHS Library Parent Resources Blog:

- 5 Reading Comprehension Strategies to Help Your High School Student
- Tips for Parents: Helping Your Teen With Homework

Monitor your child's progress through checking PowerSchool. Click here to setup a parent account if you have not set one up yet.

Counseling Corner

Junior Workshops took place this past week! School counselors facilitated a lesson regarding postsecondary goals. Please contact your child's school counselor to schedule a Junior planning.

Students looking for academic support should consider the Peer Tutoring Club! Students can receive help from their peers during the school day or after school. Please visit this link to request a tutor today with your student!

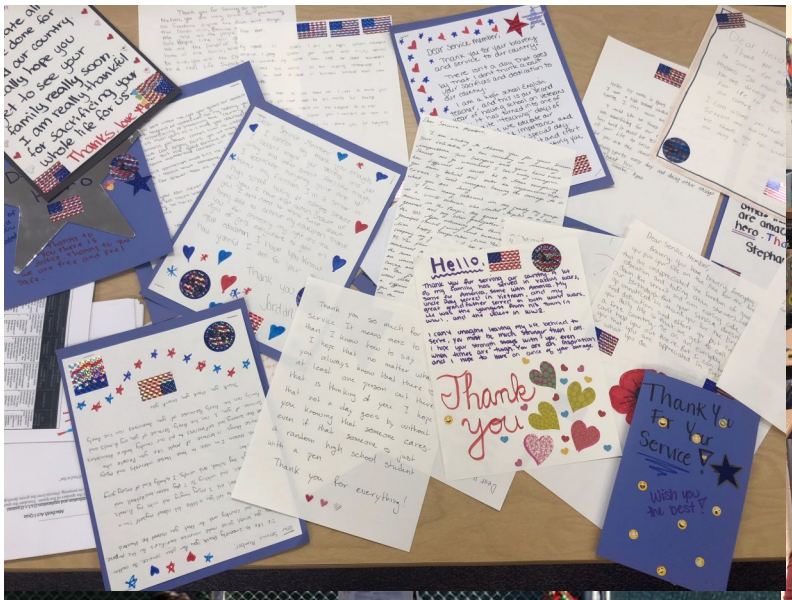
December Students of the Month

Each month a student from each department is chosen as "Student of the Month." Congratulations to these students for their dedication to their academics and leading by example within our family of learners.

Jarilyn Brodman
Dylan Casey
Erika Cuevas
Lindsay Forauer
Anthony Forbes
Samuel Geisler
Grace Girouard
Nghi Nguyen
Sara Studzinski
Marlon Rodriguez
Mia Vendetti
Shihao Zhai
OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Robert Stabert

Veterans Day at NHS

Newington High School honored our Veterans on Veterans Day to acknowledge their service and sacrifice. Students engaged in an activity in their advisory classes which involved writing "Thank you" letters to veterans through Operation Gratitude. We were also fortunate enough to have guest speakers here to speak to our student body about the sacrifice our veterans make to keep our country safe. Further, throughout November, our Family of Learners participated in donating to an organization called "Hero Boxes." NHS Staff and students brought in items to be shipped to our currently deployed soldiers. We are proud to share that on Thanksgiving night, **over 400 boxes of donated items** were wrapped and packed up and sent to our soldiers stationed in Afghanistan and Iraq. Some of those boxes have been received and brought great joy to our military heroes. See the pictures below! Thank you to all that have served, and are currently serving our country!



NEWINGTON DECA

Ultimate DECA Power Trip in Baltimore

In mid November, 10 Newington High School students participated in the Ultimate DECA Power Trip in Baltimore. Almost 1,000 students were at the conference. The students participated in 8 seminars and met with representatives from business colleges across the U.S. Students also had the opportunity to listen to featured speakers John Beede and A'ric Jackson for the opening and closing keynotes of the Power Trip. Jeajuan Ramos commented, "I really enjoyed the speech about Mount Everest and climbing obstacles, I learned a lot and it will have a big impact on how I see the rest of my high school career and future life when aspiring to go to college." Key messages included having 10 seconds of courage to try anything and avoiding Haters (Having Attitudes Toward Everyone Reaching Success).

Students participated in a practice role play in preparation for the state competition in 2019. Several of the participants scored very highly at the Power Trip and it will be great to see how they do come the State Competition! Tyler Joseffy noted, "During the seminars, I learned how to write like a professional, dress to impress, promote a product, and deliver a sales pitch. These seminars opened my experiences up to all different types of marketing and entrepreneurship strategies." Zac Callahan provided insights on his experience networking, "I met a lot of people from a lot of different places like Kentucky, Canada, Massachusetts, Germany, and many more."

While in the city, students participated in an in-depth tour of the Camden Yards, visited the Museum of Industry to learn about how business in Baltimore operated during the early 20th century, escaped from the Baltimaze escape rooms, visited the National Aquarium, and engaged in a food and historic tour in which they experienced local cuisine from dumplings and crab soup to gnocchi and tacos. Each restaurant shared aspects of their business plans and marketing strategies to capitalize on their unique value proposition. The students returned home tired, but satisfied after an eye-opening and extremely fun DECA experience in Baltimore.

Heavenly Hats Update!

NHS, as well as the other schools in the district, participated in a fundraiser to support Heavenly Hats. This organization collects and distributes new hats to people who have lost their hair due to treatments for cancer or other medical conditions. Staff and students donated a dollar, or more, and in exchange they were given a sticker and were able to wear a hat of their choice for the day. **We are extremely happy to report that the schools raised over $2,600 for Heavenly Hats!**

AP/ECE Literature Field Trip: Hartford Stage - Shakespeare's *Henry V*

Mr. Cianflone's A.P./ECE Literature students went to the Hartford Stage on Friday 11/9 to see a performance of Shakespeare's *Henry V*. Students were unanimous in their praise for the production, particularly in terms of the exceptional acting. The performance not only brought to life one of Shakespeare's history plays, but also provoked discussion about contemporary applications and resonance of the play.

Important Links

- Daily News and Announcements
- NHS Scribe
- Newington Athletics
- Parent PowerSchool Login
- NPS Parent Resources
- Student Support Calendar
- Latest NHS News

Important Dates

12/11: Winter Choral Concert (NHS Auditorium) - 7pm

12/13: Winter Orchestra Concert (NHS Auditorium) - 7pm

12/14: Pajama Party! CCMC Fundraiser

12/24-1/1: Winter Vacation, No School

1/10: Band Concert (NHS Auditorium) - 7pm

Happy Holidays

No-Shave November

November is a big month for Men's health. Men across the country grow moustaches and beards in an effort to raise awareness and funds to combat many of the serious ailments men suffer from such as depression, cancer, and suicide. This year our men at the High School put their best faces forward and grew out their beards to raise awareness of these ailments and build fraternal support for our young men in the Newington family. Beyond beard growing, in class they spoke about the cause to promote stronger health for men and displayed posters with statistics relevant to the cause throughout the building."

NHS Alumni Panel

On November 22nd, Seniors at NHS attended the NHS Alumni Panel Assembly. This is a tradition at NHS that our upperclassmen have found to be extremely valuable as they continue to think about their goals upon exiting the doors of NHS. The Alumni Panel consisted of 2018 Newington High School Graduates that return to share their post NHS experiences with the class of 2019. Pictured to left are some of the NHS Alumni that came back to share their experiences and answer questions about life after high school. Thank you to the alumni for coming to visit our family of learners and help prepare the class of 2019 for their future!