



CUDAS CHRONICLE

For the parents, staff, students, and community of
New Smyrna Beach High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is the start of a new year, 2020, and the end of the first semester. By now, you know from the informal and formal reports given to you by your son/daughter, that it has been an outstanding first half-of-the-year! We continue to focus on the 2 priorities regarding our students – to keep them safe and ensure that they graduate and earn a high school diploma.

Know that our staff continues to be active in the monitoring of the students and the campus concerning your child's safety and security and our single point of entry, continually monitored by staff, has been effective. During this second semester, we will also have our annual district security audit, involving a district team visiting our campus and conducting a mock drill, to evaluate and ensure that we are in compliance with all security procedures to keep our students and staff safe.

With the hard work, commitment and concern for the progress of our students, and our *"Failure is not an option"* belief, there is good news to share regarding our 2018-19 graduation rate. Our graduation rate increased 9% from 76% to 85% from the prior year!

Our teachers and staff do-what-they-do to make a difference in the life of a student. We are fortunate to be in a profession that we can positively impact and alter young people's lives. Our students are worth all our efforts to watch them be successful.

If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of your son's/daughter's progress, feel free to contact the school, counselors, or schedule a conference as needed.

Thanks for all you do and for trusting us with your son/daughter each and every day.

Sincerely,
Matt Krajewski
Principal

NSBHS Mission Statement:

Working together with parents, school personnel and community members, New Smyrna Beach High School students will graduate with the knowledge, skills and values necessary to be positive contributors to society.

Congratulations!



NOVEMBER

Athletes of the Month

Lauren Perry

Antonio Mascote

NOVEMBER

Scholar of the Month

Samantha Lindsey



DECEMBER

Athletes of the Month

Daisha Jarvis

Frank Bellissimo



DECEMBER

Scholar of the Month

Yoga Make



January 27-31 is Celebrate Literacy Week!

Here are some tips for parents:

1. Model good reading habits by reading to or alongside your child; parents set the stage for children to become better readers.
2. Encourage your child to read new and challenging books, articles and magazines.
3. Establish a daily reading routine.
4. Encourage reading, writing and discussions among family members.
5. Be positive when talking with your child about their reading ability and skills.
6. The love of reading begins at home. Create a "home library" for your family to access.
7. Limit TV viewing by controlling the amount of time spent watching television.
8. Play word games with your child.
9. Expose children to different kinds of books such as novels, biographies and informational content. Books about our universe or various species are interesting and engaging for young learners.
10. Visit your local public library and help your child get a library card of their very own.
11. Take books in the car to read, rather than watching a DVD.
12. Create a "reading nook" in your home where your child can read.
13. Comment on new words your child hears on the radio or TV.
14. Play rhyming games during a car trip or at home. Children will enjoy learning their own version of rhymes you learned as a child as well as how spelling effects rhyming.
15. Read the back of the cereal box at breakfast.
16. Select a "word of the day" to add to your child's ever-growing vocabulary.
17. Write out words with opposite meanings on separate pieces of paper and have your child match the pairs together (i.e. huge-tiny).
18. Make up a story by having each family member add a sentence to a story starter; expand on the individual character traits, the setting of the story and exciting events/adventures.
19. Set aside additional reading time or add extra bedtime story time as a reward for good behavior.
20. Encourage your child to write a book about their day.
21. Help your child read the labels on different bottles and containers, including the shampoo and conditioner bottles at bath time.
22. Play the "I Spy" game, looking for uppercase and lowercase letters.
23. While playing outside, encourage your child to create their name out of sticks, stones and other materials.
24. Help you child label artwork with his or her name and age.
25. Before a family dinner, encourage your child to create place settings with first and last names.
26. Turn on the subtitles when watching a movie. Even if your children are not reading age yet, they will learn that what the characters are saying is associated with the text. As they get older, they will be able to match the words with the text.
27. Bake something – when following a recipe, children are not only practicing their reading skills, they are learning how to follow directions and work toward a goal.
28. Play a find-the-street-sign game while in the car. Encouraging your child to find words that start with various letters of the alphabet.
29. Read the description on the movie before starting it – getting a sneak peek into the storyline of the movie, make predictions and asking questions based on the description.
30. Make dessert time reading time. Read to your children while they enjoy their evening snack. Modeling your love for reading is one very important trait you can share with your children.



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Veterans Visit

On Tuesday, November 12th, local veterans came in to speak to the students here at New Smyrna Beach High School. They spoke on topics such as: what did you like most about being in the military, what is the hardest part of returning to civilian life, what job did you do in the service, if you could do it over again-would you still join the service, how did the soldiers entertain themselves, and they talked about their most memorable experiences; these are just some of the questions that the veterans answered. They were here all day speaking to the students. We are very fortunate to have these veterans take time out of their schedules to come in and share their

stories from their experiences in the military. The veterans in the pictures are left to right: Andrew Fisher, E-5, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom; Ruth Myers, E-5, Army, Cold War, Berlin; Rick Landis, E-4, Army, Vietnam; Michael Thomas, E-6, Air Force, Korea, Iraq; Lawrence Poucher, E-6, Army, Vietnam; Darin Kent, E-6, Navy, Operation Inherent Resolve, Operation Enduring Freedom; Nicholas Wingle, E-1, Navy. Scott Malfur, E-6, Army, Desert Storm, Global War on Terrorism, Korea; Tony Witters, E-9, Navy, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Global War on Terrorism, Operation Enduring Freedom; Michael Merritt, E-9, Marines, Vietnam.

Chatting with Author Jay Heinrichs

Students in Mrs. Stone's AP Language and Composition class spent over an hour video chatting with Jay Heinrichs, author of "Thank You for Arguing" on December 5th. Students prepared questions about writing, the tools in the book, and any persuasion problems they've encountered in advance; and communicated directly with Mr. Heinrich via Skype using a computer, camera, and microphone. This experience was very beneficial to learning the structure of argument, and the experience was a resounding success!



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Flag Football Tournament

November 21, 2019 – We received an email from the FHSAA Director informing that our team has now qualified to play at Tampa Bay Buccaneer Stadium on May 16th. This will be another tournament bracket with three other teams in the state. This has been quite an accomplishment for these athletes to advance this far in their first season. Thank all of you again for your support of our Unified Teams! Flag Football Roster: Morgan Melendez, Demitris Freeland, Christopher Hill, Bailey Brabham, Stephen Rose and Isiah Niles.



Annual Battle of the Beach

December 16, 2019 – Today we had our first annual battle of the beach double header basketball tournament against Poinciana. New Smyrna fought hard against the defending state champs, but fell short. We hope to expand next year and bring in more teams from the state to compete for the title. Our student body came to support us and were awesome! Thanks again to everyone who helped make our first tournament a success!

Teacher of the Year

NSBHS Teacher of the Year Mary Mosher is presented with her own parking space at school. Congratulations Mrs. Mosher!



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Halifax Art Show

November, 2019 – Here are the winners from the Halifax Art show. NSBHS had 6 3D students whose artwork was chosen to continue onto the Arthuas Extended Exhibit. One student Sydney McGuire was chosen for the Premiere Award and received a \$280 cash prize for her teapot and teacups set. This is like a “Best in Show” award for ceramics. Both the 2D and digital Photography classes also had students work chosen to continue to the Extended Show at the ArtHaus.

Student Name	Grade	Title	Medium	Teacher
Alana Hemby	11	“Long”	mixed media	K. Gregor
Andrew Mooney	12	“Void”	photo	T. Curry
Storm Carr	10	“Springtime Fox”	ceramics	Colby & Gregor
Delaney Vessell	12	“Between Border”	ceramics	Colby & Gregor
Ariel Belisle	12	“Chromatite”	ceramics	Colby & Gregor
Annabelle Spicer	11	“Crystal Dragon Head”	ceramics	Colby & Gregor
Dha’Jay Kliver	11	“Ties That Bind/ Self Loathing”	water color	L. Johnson
Madison Wendzel	11	“Not Me”	photo	T. Curry
Alex Creveling	10	“Looking For Home”	mixed media	Gregor
Isaiah Meehl	12	“Behold Death”	mixed media	T. Curry
Sydney McGuire	11		ceramics	Colby & Gregor

FFA

In October the NSBHS FFA Officers organized a fall festival at the FFA farm. The students invited FFA State Officers, Creekside Middle School and New Smyrna Middle School FFA members and families, and New Smyrna Beach High School Ag students and families. There was a barbeque, hayrides, kick ball tournaments and a great time to be had by all! Photo credited to Madilyn Dees.



Criminal Justice Academy

The NSBHS Criminal Justice Academy participated in the “Cram the Cruiser” Holiday Gift event again this year. We collected new and unwrapped toys to donate to the Volusia County Sheriff’s Office so they could distribute them to local children for the holidays. Thank you to all that donated their time, toys and cash donations for another successful event!



Shout Out to Flag Students

Here, at New Smyrna Beach High School, we have some very dedicated students that take on the responsibility of raising and lowering the flags at the front of the school. There is a certain protocol that needs to be followed and is very specific. These seven students take this job seriously, so I wanted to give them kudos for that.

I asked each one what the American flag means to them and here are their answers:

In the picture are the four students. Their names are, left to right: Zachary Carlisle, Isabella Fahey, Gracie Silver, and Isabella Fortin. They raise the flags in the morning.

Zachary Carlisle: The American flag means our freedom and represents our troops that have made the ultimate sacrifice and all the people that live in the United States and work to make our country great.

Isabella Fahey: The American flag has been a huge symbol of freedom and love for me. I am very lucky to live in a country that has given me freedom of speech and religion with acceptance, unlike other countries today.

Gracie Silver: The American flag to me means independence and freedom. It also reminds me of American’s who have fought for our independence and freedom.

Isabella Fortin: The American Flag has been through many historical events as a symbol of perseverance and victory. One such event was the World Trade Center tragedy in 2001. Although this event brings memories of sadness and terror, Old Glory was hoisted above the ruins to remind Americans that we can overcome anything through strength and unity. The American flag means a lot of things to me, but most of all, those stars and stripes mean that I am an American, and I am part of a country that will never stop representing my freedom and all its possibilities.

In the picture with three students, here are their names, left to right: Anthony Trent, Sean Hurley, and Gavin Long. They lower the flags at the end of the day.

Anthony Trent: I feel that the flag means freedom and it also symbolizes the sacrifices that people have made for our country.

Sean Hurley: The flag represents our freedom as Americans to be all that we can be and the soldiers that have sacrificed to give us this possibility.

Gavin Long: The American flag means freedom and opportunity to live a good life in a land where I can make my own decisions in life.

I want to thank these students for their diligence every day, I know I can count on you seven to take the job of raising and lowering the flags seriously,

–Mrs. Myers



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District 3 Thespian Festival

Before Christmas break, the theatre department attended the District 3 Thespian Festival at Lyman High School. Our thespians did a FANTASTIC job and brought home some great scores. If you see any of the following students, be sure to congratulate them on all their hard work!!

- \$500 Penguin Point Future Theatre Educators Scholarship – Shirey Brown
- \$1,000 District 3 Thespians Theatre Management Scholarship – Alik Davidson
- One Act – *The Hearing*
 - All-Star Cast Member – Tye Duncan (Substitute #4)
- Superior Tech
 - All-Star Crew Member – Shirey Brown (Student Director)
- Excellent Performance

SUPERIOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

- Nevaeh Barnard & Noah Podratz – Duet Acting
- Alik Davidson & Tye Duncan – Duet Acting
- Emma Crouse & Isaiah Meehl – Duet Acting
- Elias Boudebés – Monologues
- Deanna Whitesides – Solo Musical
- Olivia Graeff-Fanelli – Solo Musical
- Ana Brynteson-Hanke – Solo Musical
- Nevaeh Barnard – Costume Construction
- Kyle McCormick – Playwrighting
- Ari Mills – Costume Design
- Isaiah Meehl – Costume Design
- Thomas Banks, Nevaeh Barnard & Noah Podratz – Ensemble Acting
- Ana Brynteson-Hanke, Isabel Toussaint, Abi Farmer, Emma Crouse, Bianca Cotune, Veronica Chitwood, Willow Konieczny &



- Alize Cardot – Ensemble Acting
- Alik Davidson & Olivia Graeff-Fanelli – Duet Musical
- Michael Burnett, Kyle McCormick, Ariel Lippy, Gabe Mastrianna, Emma Crouse & Abi Farmer – Pantomime
- Isabel Toussaint – Student Directed Scene

EXCELLENT INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

- Brie Hawkins – Monologues
 - Tye Duncan – Monologues
 - Kyle McCormick & Isabel Toussaint – Improv
 - Bianca Cotuna – Playwrighting
 - Paige Murray – Playwrighting
 - Shirey Brown – Make-up Design
 - Sam Lamountain – Make-Up Design
 - Max Alexander, Madie Stump, Soleil Skrocki, Olivia Graeff-Fanelli & Thomas Banks – Small Group Musical
 - Elena Bermudez, Shirey Brown & Deanna Whitesides – Small Group Musical
 - Elena Bermudez & Gabe Mastrianna – Duet Musical
 - Brie Hawkins – Costume Design
 - Sky Vanhoven – Costume Design
 - Destin Crews, Alik Davidson, Tye Duncan & Coby Depue – Ensemble Acting
 - Jalynn Brown – Publicity Design
 - Dom Neagle – Publicity Design
 - Thomas Banks – Student Directed Scene
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Need more time to plan? In 2021, we will spend 18 days traveling throughout the most iconic parts of Italy and Greece: Milan, Venice, Pisa, Rome, Pompeii, Athens, a cruise through the Greek Isles, and much more! You'll get to see the art, architecture, and pieces of history you've only ever read about in books. This trip is open to all students and parents of students who attend.

In 2022, we will be traveling to England, France, Germany, and Austria on a World War II tour. This in-depth tour will take us to war rooms, battlefields, and memorials that altered the course of history.

If you are interested in traveling internationally, please see Mrs. Everidge in 5-102 (x-38543) for more information about upcoming trips.

Interact

Interact is all about service above self! We participate in many community events and have fun doing it. We meet every Thursday in Mrs. Dyke's room, 7-112.



Our bright smiles and baked goods lit up Flagler while fundraising for Rise Against Hunger and Relay for Life.

Window painting for the Homecoming parade was so much fun! It's way more fun giving out candy than getting it. All during our reverse Trick-or-Treat for the elderly!



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Cudas Choose Kindness

Cudas Choose Kindness is a club that promotes mental and physical health around our campus! Join us every other Tuesday during lunch to participate in fun events around campus. Locations are in Mrs. Outlaw's room 7-107 or Mrs. Collin's room 6-226!



Cuda's Choose Kindness hosts meeting in Mrs. Outlaw's room every other Tuesday. These meetings are super fun and are beneficial to the club!



Cudas Choose Kindness participated in the annual homecoming parade with our very own float! We dressed up to the theme and spread positivity and school spirit!



Our club provides free yoga to the students in the gym every month! This was the month of October, so we wore pink in honor of breast cancer awareness. Yoga is a great way to relax and take a break!



Payton Zitzka, Alyssa Schofield, Kasey Lane, Shelby Balmer, and Ashley Lane advertise the club and help Cudas Unhooked at the Sandlot Question and Answer at the Brannon Center.



President Ashley Lane with the completed Thanksgiving baskets for Cudas Unhooked students.

Service Above Self

Interact members enjoy being involved in their school and community. Pumpkin unloading, Boys & Girls Club, Homecoming window & parade, beach clean-up and more. Interact meets every Thursday during lunch in room 7-112. All are welcome to explore opportunities for Service Above Self.

