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

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our motto this year is, "Prepare to Get Schooled!" Our students, parents, staff and school community are what make our school outstanding.

During the first grading period, we sensed a spirit of cooperation, respect, and pride. It is so easy to feel and see the difference between our school and others – our students and staff have a sense of purpose with a spirit of respect. We have great students and that is why we have the best high school in the district!

We are the best because our expectations run high. Our students expect to succeed and graduate, and our teachers hold high expectations for student performance and conduct. Our students are always striving to do their best. That's the fundamental principle of students who attend New Smyrna Beach High School. We all know what needs to be done, and we all know our strengths and capabilities. We set higher standards and even higher goals. We get down to work and do so with determination.

Let us not forget, and continue to embrace our most important goals - to keep our students safe and do whatever we can for our students to earn a high school diploma and graduate. We are off to an amazing start.

Thank you for all you do.

Matt Krajewski  
*Principal*

***"Prepare to Get Schooled!"***

## 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.

## SEPTEMBER



Aaron Malecki  
Athlete of the Month



Markell Peterson  
Scholar of the Month



Samantha Sydeski  
Athlete of the Month

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## OCTOBER



Scholar of the Month is Paige Eagney (right)  
and Athlete of the Month Jensen Anderson  
(left). Not pictured is Athlete of the Month –  
William "Derek" Sanderson.

## Teacher of the Year 2021



Mary Mosher was selected as Teacher of the  
Year 2021 to represent New Smyrna Beach  
High School

## Cuthbert Way



New Smyrna Beach High School dedicated the two newly constructed stairwells to Volusia County School Board Member Linda Cuthbert. Mrs. Cuthbert serves District 3 and has advocated for years to have the new stairwells installed.

Thank You Mrs. Cuthbert for all that you do for NSBHS!

## Foundation 37

October 16, 2019 - Foundation 37 awarded scholarships to New Smyrna Beach High School teachers; Heather Cribbs, Beth Outlaw, Elizabeth Stone and Mark Tidman.

Presenting the checks from the foundation were Maria Mills-Benat and Renee Bergin.

Foundation 37 is a community based, volunteer organization committed to significantly impacting people's lives!



Pictured left to right:

Mr. Matthew Krajewski, Principal, Renee Bergin (from Foundation37, Mrs. Beth Outlaw, Maria Mills-Benat (from Foundation37) and Mr. Mark Tidman



Pictured left to right:

Mr. Matthew Krajewski, Principal, Mrs. Elizabeth Stone, Mrs. Beth Outlaw, Ms. Heather Cribbs and Mrs. Sue Hopkins, ESE Assistant Principal

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## Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off Celebration

The Cuda Nation kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15- Oct. 15) with a week of lunch time activities in the courtyard. The celebration began with a parade of flags on Tuesday September 17th. Principal Krajewski and district World Languages Specialist, Dr. Kellermeier addressed students promoting diversity and inclusiveness. Savannah Meiring's Show Dolls danced to two Latin songs dazzling the crowd. Dr. Kellermeier and District Visual Art Specialist, Bryce Hammonds, helped students create ojos de dios and Panamanian molas. On Wednesday the NSBH Jazz Band Combo played and Dixie Blake, President of Volusia County Sister Cities, set up a booth with photos and information and talked with students about Campeche, México our Sister City. On Thursday the full jazz band played. On Friday, September 20th there was a Karaoke contest where students had to sing a song by a Hispanic artist. Judging by audience reaction, Brooklynn Snyder and Taniya Jackson were the winners singing Havana by Camila Cabello. Mrs. Adarve, Mrs. Guruvadoo, Mrs. De Leonardi and Mrs. Rosado made tropical drinks and served nachos. The culinary department under Mrs. Luff's leadership made churros and chocolate. The week of activities wrapped up with a congo line.

This year Volusia County Schools World Languages and the Volusia County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce co-sponsored a Hispanic Heritage Month essay contest. The prompt was: How has our rich and diverse Hispanic community influenced multiculturalism in Volusia County? The top 3 essays from NSBHS were by Madison Lane (runner-up), Cyndi Hesselton (runner-up) and Raj Patel (finalist). Raj's essay was sent to district to compete against the other schools' best essays. A student from De Land High won the overall competition.

Throughout the week the World Languages department collected donations for Chef José Andrés and his non-profit World Central Kitchen to provide meals for survivors of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas.

The Sister Cities Campeche exhibit was left up in the maker's space of the media center for 3 weeks under the direction of our media specialist Mr. Parker. Additionally, Mr. Gellermann recently acquired a unique set of posters created by the Florida Humanities Council. These posters contain B&W photos taken by Hispanic photographer, Ansel Torres. They depict people and places in

Florida that are part of our Hispanic Heritage. The poster collection was on exhibit in the east hallway of the administrative building.



◀ *Students making molas, an art form of the indigenous Kuna people of Panama.*

▶ *NSBHS jazz band play in courtyard to help kick-off Hispanic Heritage Month.*



### HOMEcoming

The World Languages Department and the International Club participated in Homecoming events. Many of the World language teachers, students and club members marched in the parade with over 30 flags from around the world. The club made a giant banner to hang in the doorway and decorated several doorways.



◀ *Students of the International Club and the World Languages Department march in the Homecoming parade with flags of over 30 countries.*

Sister Cities/ UF Center for Latin American Studies Teacher Exchange with Campeche, México with Focus on Global Workforce.

In early June of this past Summer the UF Center for Latin American Studies hosted a "Preparing Students for the Global Workforce" workshop in New Smyrna Beach. An emphasis of this workshop was to look at how World Languages and intercultural competencies are needed for specific purposes in the global workforce of the modern economy. Mrs. Adarve, Mrs. Guruvadoo and Mr. Gellermann attended this 2-day workshop.

Shortly after this workshop Mr. Gellermann participated in a teacher exchange program through Volusia County Sister Cities and UF Center for Latin American Studies. He spent 10 days in our sister city Campeche, México visiting a variety of schools. In October two teachers, Martha Ferra González and Suleymi Martinez, from el Colegio Xail in Campeche came to visit schools in Gainesville and Volusia County. They were hosted for 4 nights by Mr. Gellermann and his wife Diane.

They spent Thursday, October 17th at NSBHS visiting Spanish classes in the morning and getting a tour of our CTE Academies with NSBH Academy Leader, Mrs. Denise Johns in the afternoon. Mrs. Guruvadoo hosted a fabulous lunch for our guests with the help from Edgewater Chick-fil-A. Mr. Krajewski, Mrs. Stach and other administrators welcomed them in the morning with coffee and donuts and an introduction to our school. They were very impressed with our students, staff and the variety of our program offerings.

There will be another teacher exchange to Campeche this Summer in early June. There are approximately 10 openings, CTE teachers are encouraged to apply as the emphasis continues to be the global workforce. Check out the website for more information: <http://www.latam.ufl.edu/outreach/k-16-professional-development/summer-teacher-institute/>.



◀ *Suleymi Martinez and Martha Gonzalez, teachers from Campeche, Mexico tour NSBHS CTE Academies with Academy Director Mrs. Denise Johns.*

### SPANISH/VISUALARTS COLLABORATIVE ART PROJECT

District Visual Arts Specialist, Bryce Hammond, came to NSBHS during the Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off celebration and worked with students making Panamanian molas. During this event he spoke with Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Adarve and together they came up with an idea to expand this art project and reach more students. They reserved the NSBHS lecture hall for Monday, October 21st and invited all visual arts and Spanish classes to attend. Students learned about this indigenous art form from the Kuna people of Panama and make a colorful rendition of their own.

Hispanic Heritage Month ended October 15th so that it envelopes what many know as Columbus Day. Various states have changed this holiday to Indigenous Peoples Day, and in many Latin American countries it is known as el Día de La Raza. Thank you to Mr. Bryce Hammond and our creative Cuda teachers for organizing this event. It was a very appropriate way to wrap-up Hispanic Heritage Month with a celebration of indigenous culture.

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## Pinwheels For Peace @ NSBHS

### 2019 SOCIAL AWARENESS ART INSTILLATION ON CAMPUS EXHIBIT

In today's world, peace needs to become more than just a word. Locally, the NSBHS Fine Arts Department coordinated the Pinwheels for Peace Art project. This year students from Mrs. Curry, Ms. Johnson and Mrs. Gregor's classes participated in an International art and literacy project, Pinwheels for Peace All Over the World by "planting" pinwheels with messages of peace.

NSBHS art department created full size spinning pinwheels of all shapes and sizes – as part of the creation process. Then the students wrote their thoughts about "war and peace / tolerance/ living in harmony with others" on one side. On the other side, they made drawings, painted, collaged, etc. to visually express their feelings. The artists' assembled these pinwheels and "planted" their pinwheels from September 14-Oct. 11, 2019 as a public statement and art exhibit/installation. This interactive art exhibit engaged the entire student body. The instillation was located in the center planter in the middle of the courtyard. As the wind blew the colorful pinwheels, a sense of serenity and unity could be seen on the viewer's faces. Students' artistic and personal views were shared throughout the campus. This project is a non-political statement, rather the students focus was on the ideals that peace doesn't necessarily have to be associated with the conflict of war, it can be related to violence/ intolerance in our daily lives, to peace of mind. To each of us, peace can take on a different meaning, but, in the end, it all comes down to a simple definition: "a state of calm and serenity, with no anxiety, the absence of violence, freedom from conflict or disagreement among people or groups of people."



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## NSBHS and Smyrna Safari Club 12th Annual Spooktacular T-Shirt Design Competition

*Smyrna Safari Club Partners with  
New Smyrna Beach High School of the Visual and Performing Arts Photo Classes  
2019-2020*

The School of Performing and Visual Arts and photography teacher Tina Curry are thankful for the opportunity that the Smyrna Safari Club was able to host the twelfth annual T-Shirt contest, "Spooktacular Halloween Surf Contest". This partnership teaches striving young artists to use their creative skills to promote their artwork and it also gives a real-world experience in today's competitive creative job world. Students from the Creative Photography classes at New Smyrna Beach High School created custom t-shirt designs for the Smyrna Beach Surfari Club's 40th anniversary Spooktacular Halloween Surf Contest. This is an annual NSBH Senior Scholarship fundraiser event hosted by the Smyrna Beach Surfari Club, devoting their time to surfing and serving their local community to raise money to create a scholarship opportunity for a senior at their local community high school. This was the twelfth-year photo students competed in the T-shirt contest.

On the last week of October, NSBHS AP Photography Senior Lindsay Roth was awarded the winner of the contest. Her diligent work, creative talent and constant enthusiasm with this project had its benefits. She received one hundred dollars for her effort and creativity, as well as the publicity to showcase her artistic talents. The club also donated \$150.00 to the photo department for printing supplies. Her design was printed on hundreds of t-shirts that were given to the contestants and also sold to the public. It was also used to print informational posters for the advertisement of the contest.

New this year the club decided to give another outstanding student artist exposure by using New Smyrna Beach High School AP photography senior Shane Owens' original T-shirt design for this year's trophy plaque design for their winning contestant.



## Summer Travel Abroad Opportunities

This past summer, 18 students, parents, and teachers traveled to England, Scotland, and France on an 11-day adventure. We toured castles, tasted new foods, walked through centuries-old cobblestone streets, and visited the birthplaces of Harry Potter and William Shakespeare.

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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.

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



*Lindsay Roth 2019 Winner Spooktacularv2*



*Shane Owens 2019 Plaque Winner*

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## Game & Simulation

In August, Volusia County Schools signed a contract with NASEF (North America Scholastic ESports Federation) to start ESports Clubs at the 5 high schools offering Game & Simulation. New Smyrna Beach High's Game & Simulation program currently has 2 teams competing in Overwatch at the scholastic level. Spencer Palmer, Reagan Miles, Klorin Leger, Jason Cowart, Katelyn Ripa, Charles Vaughn, Nathan Keenan, and Ethan Sider-LaFrance call their team Florida Vice. James Jones, Cody Nash, Jaden Wells, Maddox Williams, Daniel Wilson, Ryan Wooten, and Jason Weaver call their team Complete Bots. After 3 rounds of competition, Florida Vice stands at 2:1 placing them 9th out of 33 teams. Complete Bots stand at 1:2



placing them 20th out of 33. There are 3 more rounds in this first level of competition, which will wrap up on Wednesday, November 6th. As the teams' General Manager, I could not be prouder of the effort these teams have put into this first-year experience. I have watched proudly as experienced players coach less experienced players to build stronger teams. Win or lose, spirits remain high, team members and team members continue to practice as often as possible. We are thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to take part in this nationwide competition and look forward to the spring competition where they will be playing League of Legends.

*Students in the picture left to right: Jason Weaver, Ryan Wooten, Jason Cowart, Reagan Miles, Charles Vaughn, Klorin Leger, Spencer Palmer, Nathan Keenan, Ethan Sider-LaFrance, Katelyn Ripa.*

## Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice 2 Academy students in Mr. Woodard's World History class.

On October 10th, City of New Smyrna Beach public relation officer and city attorney joined elected officials featuring Mayor Owen in a presentation of the local legislative process, new ordinances of New Smyrna Beach and typical issues that local government solve.

This month the Criminal Justice Academy students will conduct a Mock-City Commission session during a field trip to City Hall on October 24th. The purpose of the event is to have Criminal Justice student's portray public servants that create new laws to better serve the community.

In Mr. Fletcher's CJ2 class, students will learn to use crime databases to investigate local crimes and possible solutions.

In this World History class, the students will develop clear and coherent scripts that include State Statutes and proposed city ordinances. The students who participate will be recognized as city ambassadors for participation in the Florida Government Week celebration for 2019.



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## Flag Students

### SHOUT OUT FOR THE FLAG STUDENTS!

The two students pictured are Ryan Donnelly (L) and Ethan Lynn (R). These two students will be raising the flag each morning and taking the flags down in the afternoon after school. They are very committed to this important task and take it very seriously and I am proud of them. I asked them a few questions and here are their answers:

Ryan states that he wants to join the Marines when he graduates high school. His favorite subject in high school is Algebra and he enjoys weightlifting. He grew up in Pennsylvania and when he gets out of the military, he would like to pursue law enforcement as a career.



Ethan is also going to join the Marines after high school. His favorite subject in high school is science and he also enjoys weightlifting. An interesting fact about Ethan is that he has been working on motors since he was 4 years old. When he exits the military, he would like to pursue a career as a gas/diesel mechanic and open his own shop one day.

I am very appreciative to have two very diligent students step up and commit themselves to raising and lowering the flags every day for the school, thank you Ryan and Ethan.

—Ruth Myers



## International Beach Clean-up

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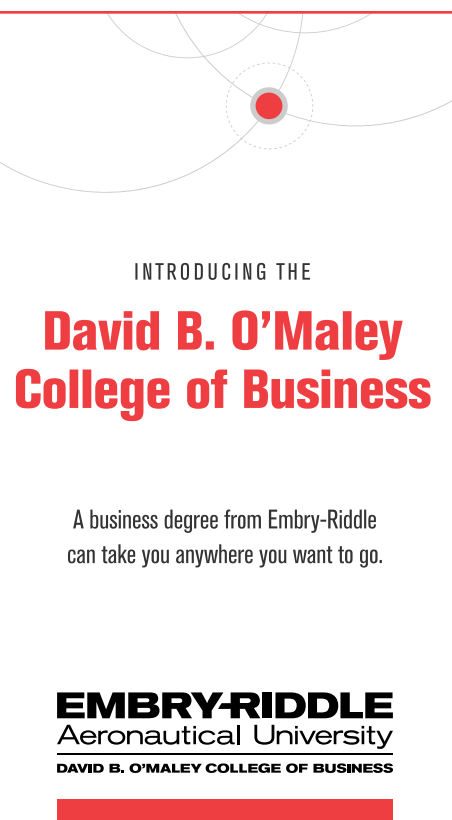
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