



CUDDA CHRONICLE

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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, **“One Team One Mission.”**

Working together as a team, staff, parents, and community provides our students and school the greatest opportunity for success. With the support of all, students will thrive academically, socially, and in their extracurricular endeavors.

During the first grading period, students have adjusted well to the return to school at NSBHS. Swimming, volleyball, golf, football, and cross-country teams are in season and performing well. Also, our student clubs and organizations are active on campus and in the community. We highly encourage our students to become involved in some aspect of extracurricular student life on campus.

Faculty and staff have been committed to providing a quality instruction, patience, and support to our students. If your student is in need, we have additional backpacks, school supplies, and personal hygiene products on hand in the counseling department. Please don't hesitate to reach out if your student may need assistance. We continue to set high standards and even higher goals. Testing started early this year with district subject area, self-inventories, and state assessment (DIA, VBA, Writing Task, PSAT, and SAT, and EOC Retakes) testing. Teachers have high expectations for academic achievement and conduct. We expect our students to succeed and graduate within 4 years. In order to make this happen, students must strive to be present regularly and do their best each day.

In closing, I would like to impart you with our School Improvement Vision: If NSBHS implements social and academic supports for equitable standards-based learning through collective efficacy, student's at-risk factors will decrease, and academic achievement will increase.

Respectfully,

Timothy Merrick
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

Students of the Month SEPTEMBER 2023



Scholar of the Month
Noah Birsch



Citizen of the Month
Ryan Geary



Athletes of the Month
Kyle Nilsson



Megan Prezio

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An Outstanding Performance

Ryan Puckett was awarded a Letter of Commendation for outstanding performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.



Congratulations to Our Tomorrow Leaders



Gavin Wiese and
Lauren Kennedy



Annabella Steele and
Scarlett Weisheimer

Staff Member of the Month

AUGUST 2023

Heather Roberts

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SEPTEMBER 2023

Denis Keeran

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OCTOBER 2023

Susan Zona

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C U D A S

PBIS Student Nominated

Carley Borgen was awarded four tickets to the Orlando Pride women's soccer game on 9/17. She was nominated for positive behavior and an exemplary GPA by our student panel, Cudas who Care. Congratulations Carley. Thanks for being a wonderful representative for NSBHS.



Celebrating Teacher of the Year

Teacher of the Year Celebration at Jackie Robinson Stadium on October 18, 2023
Jeremy Brock



Pictured above L-R, Mrs. Everidge, Mr. Eschen, Mr. Brock, Mr. Merrick, Mrs. Stach and Ms. Fuhr



Crystal Apple Award

Mr. Tidman was nominated for The Crystal Apple Award

CONGRATULATIONS MR. TIDMAN

CRYSTAL APPLE AWARD WINNER



Congratulations Teacher of The Year Jeremy Brock



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As an Alumni of NSBHS, Dr. Robert "Hank" Routh is truly a LOCAL serving LOCALS



Chelsea E. Heck, OD



Robert Routh, MD



Justin Knuckles, OD

Criminal Justice Academy

The New Smyrna Beach High School, Criminal Justice Academy would like to thank Sheriff Mike Chitwood for his generous donation of our Criminal Justice Academy SUV. The new Academy vehicle will be utilized for training purposes for our students as well as supporting community events with our local law enforcement partners.



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RoboCudas

On Saturday, October 14th, the RoboCudas team participated in the annual Volusia Manufacturing Association's Daytona Robot Brawl, hosted at Jackie Robinson Ball Park. Our team fought fearlessly throughout the day against 51 other robots from approximately 20 different Volusia County Schools. The team was made of Brody Werner, Wiley Sokota, Noah Birch, Shael Fletcher, Aiden Broadwater, and Zy'Keise Palmer. The team won \$290 in the event.



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HOMECOMING WEEK



PBIS HOCO Tickets

Eight students, two from each grade level, received homecoming tickets for their academic prowess, positive behavior, or caring about their peers at New Smyrna Beach High school. Congratulations and we are proud of you all!



Back Row L-R Mr. Eschen, Mr. Merrick, Brendan DeNauro, Phillip Hibbert, Zy'Keise Palmer, Logan Everidge, Ms. Fuhr
Front Row L-R Joshua Reik, Olivia Bond, Ava Hudson, Cody Clark



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Cafe Taste Testing

Some of our students did a taste panel on Wednesday October 11, 2023. They gave their opinion on potential food items for our café manager. Cudas who Care, turn around kids, and positive referral students were chosen to partake.



Travel the World!

New Smyrna Beach High School is excited to announce upcoming opportunities to travel abroad.



Summer 2024-Adriatic Odyssey: Do you like your temples well-preserved like the Pantheon or crumbling like the Parthenon? Italy and Greece practically own the early history of Western civilization, which becomes vividly clear as you walk through the ruins of the Roman Forum and the Acropolis in Athens. In Vatican City, crane your neck in awe inside St. Peter’s Basilica and the Sistine Chapel. In Delphi, look deep into Greece’s mythical past.

Summer 2025-Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii: From afar, New Zealand and Australia may seem similar. An up-close look reveals distinct cultures and personalities. Both descend from the same British colonial family tree, so you may struggle to tell the accents apart in the streets of Auckland and Sydney. But as you dig deeper in the Māori culture in Rotorua and Aboriginal roots along the Great Barrier Reef in Cairns, each country’s individual identity becomes clear.

If you are interested in traveling, students can stop by Mr. Parker’s classroom (5-121) or Mrs. Everidge’s office (1-107) for more information or email clparker@volusia.k12.fl.us or eaeverid@volusia.k12.fl.us.

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Culinary

UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management Culinary Field Trip

A group of Culinary 2 students went to a Prostart Sharpen Your Skills Workshop at Rosen College and participated in a Taco Battle Challenge. The students won first place by coming up with a Grilled Shrimp and Mexican Street Corn Taco.



On September 28 the City sponsored a Volusia League of Cities dinner at the Elks Lodge. Culinary students volunteered to prepare and serve the dinner for local and state elected officials as well as members of the business community.



CUDA CARE

We're thrilled to report that our recent Open House at the Cuda Care Pre-School was a resounding success! It was heartwarming to see so many eager faces exploring our vibrant learning spaces and engaging with our passionate student teachers.

From interactive activities to insightful curriculum discussions, the day was filled with excitement and curiosity. Parents and children alike left with smiles and a deeper understanding of what makes our pre-school special.

We extend our thanks to all who attended. Your presence added to the warmth and community spirit that defines NSBHS. We are looking forward to an enriching year ahead!

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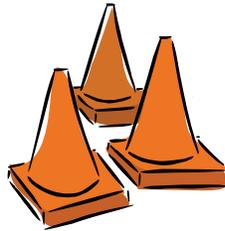
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Construction Class

Today we set out in Cuda Construction with our first sets of inaugural sheds. These are to be a source of revenue for our program to perpetuate the learning of skilled labor in the work force and just as hands-on know-how for life's little challenges.



Youth vaping remains a public health concern. In 2022, the annual National Youth Tobacco Survey found that more than 2.5 million youth use e-cigarettes. Many teens vape on a regular basis, and most choose flavored e-cigarettes. Many kids think vaping is harmless, but it can have serious health consequences. Given the right tools and information, parents, educators, and other influential adults can make a profound difference in the lives of their children and students by sharing the facts and tips to help them stay safe.

Facts About Teen Vaping

Use this guide to start an honest conversation at home about e-cigarettes and addiction.		Most e-cigarettes CONTAIN NICOTINE , the same highly addictive chemical in regular cigarettes.
Many e-cigarettes are shaped like USB STICKS, PENS, AND WATCHES , which makes them easy to hide at school.	The data show that kids who vape are MORE LIKELY TO START SMOKING cigarettes.	Of current middle and high school e-cigarette users, APPROXIMATELY 85% report using a flavored product.
Because their brains are still developing, teens are more SUSCEPTIBLE TO NICOTINE addiction than adults.	Vaping is not safe. In fact, some vapes contain AS MUCH NICOTINE AS A WHOLE PACK of cigarettes.	Some e-cigarette aerosols contain chemicals, SUCH AS FORMALDEHYDE , that can cause cancer.