



# CUDAS 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:

## *#OneMissionOneTeam*

It has been an amazing opening and this school year is off to a great start. We have placed early emphasis on student safety and school security requiring all students to acquire and maintain a NSBHS photo identification. Each day, students enter through our single point of entry showing their student identification for access to the campus. Please encourage your student to bring their school identification to school daily.

We need your student in school daily to benefit from the total learning experience. Education, like life, is not a spectator sport – one cannot score from the sidelines. Students who attend school regularly are more involved in school life including extracurriculars including, service clubs, and curriculum-based programs on campus. In addition, daily school attendance gives students the greatest opportunity for academic success. As the year progresses, ask your student what their goal is for this year and what your student intends to invest.

We are inviting you to work with us in making this school year the best. We will do whatever it takes for our students to succeed and graduate. By always working together, we will maintain our school as the best in the district! We hope to see you at Open House Wednesday, September 27, at 6:00 - 7:30 PM.

This year-and every year, we challenge our students to demand their very best. It is our goal for students to make their legacy one to remember.

Thanks for all you do!

Sincerely,

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



Congratulations to Emily Gomez for earning the National Hispanic Recognition Award through the College Board. She earned achievement on both her school-based academic achievement and a superb Grade 10 PSAT score.



Congratulations to our wonderful Head Custodian Nikea Dukes and all the great custodians at New Smyrna Beach High School for keeping our school clean and beautiful.

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# C U D A S

## PBIS

A big congratulations goes out to the following students who received two tickets each to go to the Daytona International Speedway for either the Wawa 250 or the Coke Zero 400 races. Cullum Lloyd and Sydney Traub will be attending the Wawa 250 on August 25, 2023, and Gracie Migonis and Armoni Spurlock will be attending the Coke Zero on Saturday, August 26, 2023. These students were identified by staff members for displaying exemplary behavior. Each student will have an extra ticket to take a guest. This recognition comes from the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) initiative at New Smyrna Beach High School.



*Pictured L-R*

*Mr. Eschen, Mr. Merrick, Sydney Traub, Armoni Spurlock, Cullum Lloyd, Gracie Migonis and Ms. Fuhr*



## Kyla Works on Marine Stewardship Project

Kyla Kavanaugh, a junior at NSBHS, is presently working on a Marine Stewardship Project with NOAA (National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration). She is working collaboratively with NSBHS, FWC and the Marine Discovery Center to create community stewardship programs that include collecting seagrass and creating a controlled planting for future shoreline restoration. She is also focusing on monofilament (fishing line) recovery and recycling to help prevent aquatic species entanglement and pollution. She will be giving presentations on these topics to both school and community members in the near future. Lectures will be announced within the next month.

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REGARDING YOUR DEVICES

## Device Insurance



**DEVICE DAMAGES & INSURANCE:** Accidents happen! If a student damages or loses his/her device or charging cord, a standard fee will be charged to the family. VCS strongly recommends that families purchase annual device insurance for \$30/student to reduce the cost of fines assessed for a damaged/lost device. Families eligible for income-based services may be covered at no cost. Review the cost savings in the table below:

Fee Structure for Damaged/Lost VCS Devices			
WITHOUT VCS Insurance Coverage Cost of replacing a charging cord is \$25		WITH VCS Insurance Coverage* Cost of replacing a charging cord is \$25	
Level 1: mild damage (broken hinges, jammed power jack, or other as determined by technician)	\$50.00 each offense	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense, regardless of level of damage	waived
Level 2: moderate damage (broken keys/keyboard, broken base enclosure, broken palm rest, or other)	\$100.00 each offense	2 <sup>nd</sup> offense, regardless of level of damage	\$25.00
Level 3: severe damage (cracked screen, water/liquid damage or other as determined by technician)	\$200.00 each offense	3 <sup>rd</sup> offense, regardless of level of damage	\$50.00
Level 4: Lost/Stolen: If stolen, family must report it to police & submit documentation of police report to VCS to avoid fees.	\$500.00	4 <sup>th</sup> offense and all subsequent offenses	\$100.00
		Lost/Stolen: If stolen, family must report it to police & submit documentation of police report to VCS to avoid fees.	\$150.00

**\*NOTE: Insurance does NOT cover any fines resulting from neglectful or malicious damage to VCS technology.**

**NEW in 2023-24**  
**DEVICE INSURANCE:** Requires all families to set up a VCS Parent Portal account. An invoice of \$30 per student will appear in the Purchase & Pay tab inside the Parent Portal. This invoice may be reduced to \$0 for families eligible for income-based services. Families opting for insurance coverage will have 30 days to pay after the first day of school or from enrollment date, whichever is last. Invoice is paid online with credit card or bring cash or check to the school. Purchasing insurance is encouraged, but not required.



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**Criminal Justice Academy**

Mrs. Diffin Teacher/Criminal Justice Academy Club Sponsor and Mr. Fletcher Teacher/Director Criminal Justice Academy would like to welcome all new and returning students to the Criminal Justice Academy. This will be a very exciting school year. New this year, is our Articulation Agreement with Daytona State College. Upon successful completion of CJ1 - CJ3 with the NSBHS Criminal Justice Academy, students are eligible for up to six college credits from DSC for Introduction to Criminal Justice and Introduction to Forensics. Students will need to be Dual Enrolled with DSC to take advantage of this fabulous offer at no cost to the student.



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**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](mailto:clparker@volusia.k12.fl.us) or [eaeverid@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:eaeverid@volusia.k12.fl.us).

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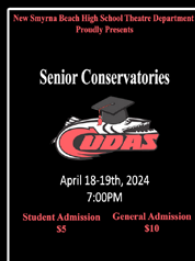
**Auditions (NSBHS Students): August 22nd, 2023**  
**Audition Call Backs: August 23rd, 2023**  
**Performances (7:00PM): October 26-28, 2023**



**One Act Auditions (NSBHS Students): September 6-8, 2023**  
**IE Auditions (NSBHS Students): September 12, 2023**  
**District Showcase/Performance: November 3rd, 2023**  
**Districts: November 9-11, 2023**  
**States: March 13-16, 2024**



**Auditions (NSBHS Students): November 15th, 2023**  
**Audition Call Backs: November 16th, 2023**  
**Performances (7:00PM): February 22-24, 2024**



**Auditions (NSBHS Students): To be determined**  
**Performances (7:00PM): April 18-19, 2024**

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