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

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Greetings Cuda Families,

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful winter break. As we move into the second semester, we will be completing the instruction necessary for students to take their standardized assessments. Please encourage your student to be in school every day. Attendance is one of the greatest indicators of student success.

At NSBHS, we provide office hours before lunch from 12:03 p.m. – 12:18 p.m. Students that are struggling in class should attend their teacher’s office hours or tutoring for additional help. Please email your student’s teacher if you have any questions.

The registration process for the 2023-2024 school year’s classes will begin in February for rising 10th-12th graders. Information will be sent home through Connect Ed messages, on our website under the Counseling tab, as well as through daily announcements.

Seniors should be completing their scholarship applications at this time. Scholarship information may be found on our website under the Counseling tab.

Teachers and staff are working tirelessly to ensure students are college and career ready. We are fortunate to be in a profession that we can positively impact and shape young people’s lives. Our students are worth all our efforts to help them be successful. #1Team1Mission.

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

Finally, as we move through the second semester, please monitor our website and listen to Connect Ed messages for important information.

Sincerely,

Timothy R. 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

Cudas of the Month



Employee of the Month
November 2023



Athletes of the Month
October 2023
Kymbal Smith
and
Andrew Dyett



Scholar of the Month
October 2023
Ashlynn Anderson



Scholar of the Month
November 2023
Mariah Veira



Citizen of the Month
November 2023
Emily Dowdell



Athlete of the Month
November 2023
Alyssa Meyers
and
Lukas Parschauer



Scholar of the Month
December 2023
Lukas Parschauer

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Citizen of the Month
December 2023
Reece Ebaugh



Athlete of the Month
December 2023
Paris Thompson
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Weston Desoto



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Futures Mini-Grant Winners



Futures Executive Director Shimene Shepard and School Board member Jessie Thompson was at New Smyrna Beach High School on October 30th. They delivered Futures Mini-Grant Checks to four teachers, Ms. Dana Luff, Ms. Kelley Markland, Ms. Joselyn Rosardo and Ms. Kristy Slifkin.

Perfect Scores on Assessments

Michael Sokota received a perfect score on his Grade 10 FAST ELA Reading Assessment
Brynn Fischer Carne and Skyler Haedrich received a perfect score on their Biology 1 EOC Assessment
Caleb Meyers received a perfect score on his U.S. History EOC Assessment



L-R Michael Sokota, Brynn Fischer Carne and Mr. Merrick



L-R Caleb Meyers, Skyler Haedrich and Mr. Merrick

Scholarship Winners

Scholarship Winners for MLK Scholarship and Trayvon Martin Scholarship



The winners are:
Madeline Secomski,
Nazia Toledo,
Alaina Robers and Carl'Naja Lewis.
They celebrated at a banquet on Sunday January 7, 2024.



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



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

What a wonderful day for New Smyrna Beach High School. Thursday, January 12, 2024 we celebrated the ribbon-cutting for the brand-new traffic light, ensuring the safety of our students, staff and community.



A heartfelt shoutout to former School Board Member Linda Cuthbert and the collaborative efforts of County of Volusia, City of Edgewater, City of New Smyrna Beach and Volusia County Schools. Thank you to everyone who made this safety project a reality.

Attendance Poster Contest

“Everybody Every Day!” is a district wide poem, poster, and video contest sponsored by Volusia County Schools School Social Services Attendance Committee. Students are encouraged to submit poems, posters, and videos highlighting the importance of school attendance and education. Entries are judged by the Attendance Committee and a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner is selected per grade level. New Smyrna Beach High school had the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for the high school level poster contest for the 2023-2024 school year.

Coy Guzman 1st place
Emma Sayre 2nd place
Jillian Daly 3rd place



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9th Annual Band On The Run 5K



February 24, 2024

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Sign up for our Annual Band on the Run 5K Race!

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Color Guard received Superior Rating at MPA

L-R Mr. Eschen, Shelby Douglas, Skyler Haedrich, Haley Laconte, Leyawna Walker, Caitlyn McFarland and Mr. Merrick



Taste Testing for the Cafeteria

On Thursday, December 7, 2023, Cafeteria Manager, Christine Iasimone, who is part of the Food Matters Task Force, invited some Cudas Who Care students to participate in a taste test. The group of students met in the cafeteria and taste tested three items:

1. Ground beef spaghetti meat sauce
2. Ground beef with pasta meat sauce
3. Honey hot barbeque sauce with beef

Each participant rated the foods that they liked or disliked. This process is done in an attempt to vote on menu items for the next school year. Great job!



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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 or eaeverid@volusia.k12.fl.us.

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Halloween Cuda Care

The Halloween spirit was in full swing as our delightful preschoolers embarked on an exciting adventure around our campus, dressed in their spookiest costumes. The Cuda Care Preschoolers, with giggles and wide-eyed wonder, embarked on a thrilling trick-or-treating adventure that brought joy to every corner of our school grounds. They were met with smiles and candy-filled buckets as they visited various departments and classrooms. Our older students and staff members were equally delighted to share in the festivities, creating a sense of community that truly embodies the spirit of Halloween.

The event not only provided our youngest learners with a memorable experience but also served as a wonderful opportunity for the entire school community to come together and celebrate the holiday. It was heartwarming to witness the genuine excitement and camaraderie shared between our preschoolers and their older peers.

The Cuda Care team worked hard to ensure that this event was not only safe but also an unforgettable experience for our little ones. The creativity and dedication displayed by everyone on campus truly shone through, making this a highlight of the fall season. We look forward to many more joyful moments like this as we continue to nurture the curiosity and imagination of our little learners.

Warm regards,
 Kristy Slifkin
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- Character

We proudly inducted 63 new members into our National Honor Society Chapter Wednesday January 10, 2024. This special group of students has a cumulative GPA of 4.1

It was a wonderful night celebrating the newest members of our chapter with our families and friends cheering us on!

Ashlynn Anderson, Josaiah Anderson, Reese Arble, Sam Azam, Stella Azam, Noah Birsch, Andrea Blaha, Payton Britton, Tessa Bronkie, Arabella Buksar, Lainey Choler, Tuttapon Cianfrocca, Teagan Clark, Hannah Colonius, Celeste Coney, Jasper Cook, Emma Corr, Jadon Cox, Abigail Daughtry, Baileigh Dumsha, Simjay Engberg, Jeffrey Engle, Cole Engler, Mya Erwin, Brynn Fischer-Carne, Michael George, Anden Greene, Maria Guevara, Sophia Guevara, Madison Hancock, Samuel Heckler, Cristina Hill, Hugues Iguaran, Dillon Jacobs, Cameron Johns, Lauren Kennedy, Ray Knight, Addison Larson, Carson Lessard, Caleb Lewis, William Lynaugh, Emma Jandrew, Elizabeth Jandete Martinez, Anastasia McCulloch, Landon McLain, Owen McLaughlin, Taylor Nash, Jared C. Pardo, Anistyn P. Pride, Jessica Purkiss, Evan Scalo, Karma Schumaker, Dylan Schwartz, Madison Sheppard, Keegan Wilkinson, Eric Smith, Bryson Stepp, Na'Zia Toledo, Mitchell Truesdell, Celia Vazquez, Bretton Werner, Brooke West, Hailee Wetherell, Rylin Wilkes, Keegan Wilkinson

