

Newington Public Schools

NPS News, 3rd Edition

March 21, 2024

*Every child,
every day,
in every way*

District Goal: *To reduce the opportunity gap for historically marginalized and underrepresented students through access to high quality education that is rigorous, relevant, and engaging.*



District Vision: *Every NPS Student will be a contributing member of their community and highly prepared for life after graduation.*

Superintendent's Message

I hope you enjoy the many wonderful events and accomplishments in NPS over the past several months. This newsletter is just a small sample of why we live up to our motto, Every Child, Every Day, in Every way.

District News

Strategic Planning

On May 15th from 9:00am-3:00pm, Newington Public Schools will be engaged in Strategic Planning in the High School Event Center. If you are interested in participating, please email Maureen Brummett at superintendent@npsct.org. Linked below are surveys for various stakeholders that will also impact Strategic Planning. We value your feedback.

Click [here](#) for the parent survey

Click [here](#) for the community member or local business survey

Board of Education Budget 2024-25

Please click [here](#) if you would like to learn more about the Board of Education proposed budget for the 2024-25 school year. Dr. Brummett and Board Chair Perrotti will be presenting the budget to the Town Council on March 26th at 7:00pm. There will be a public hearing about the budget on April 2nd at 6:00pm.

Our Educators and Students are Doing Amazing Things!

NPS Celebrates Black History Month

NPS celebrated Black History Month throughout the district for the month of February! Every school participated allowing all students to share and learn. Here is one of the exciting activities and events that were shared. To see a more extensive list please click [here](#).

Elizabeth Green: Our beloved Miss Jordan shared all about Black Hair Culture in honor of Black History Month. Miss Jordan taught us about the history of some hair styles and the symbolic nature it still holds. We learned about protective hair styles and some routines and materials to protect textured hair. Miss Jordan read "Don't Touch My Hair" and Nasya (a student in class) read "Princess Hair" both by Sharee Miller. We also learned about Madam CJ Walker and Annie Turnbo Malone women from history that invented hair products from Black Women's Hair. It was a great learning experience for some and affirming for others!



Benny Joins NHS Staff

Benny is a 4 ½ year old hypo-allergenic Goldendoodle who is a certified service animal. Benny is the beloved dog of NHS Spanish teacher Jennifer Salerno and is trained as a service dog. He joined the school community on February 14 and will partner with SRO Buggee. Benny is at NHS on a part-time basis, and has been a huge hit! He is making students feel more comfortable in office spaces and when seeking out the help they need.



Celebrations and Awards

Congratulations to the January and February Outstanding Student of the Month winners from each school.

January's Outstanding Student of the Month

Pictured from top left to bottom right: John Paterson – ***William Okorie***
Martin Kellogg – ***Mayaelyse Brooks*** Elizabeth Green – ***Laryssa Pires Almeida*** NHS – ***Cora Tracey***
Ruth Chaffee – ***Dalton Pina*** Anna Reynolds – ***Trevor Liappes*** John Wallace – ***Carmela Balducci***



February's Outstanding Student of the Month

Pictured from top left to bottom right: Elizabeth Green – ***Maryn Downey***
John Paterson – ***Jordan Squillante*** Anna Reynolds – ***Leah Neyssen*** NHS – ***Sara Smith***
Martin Kellogg – ***Angela Nguyen*** Ruth Chaffee – ***Sahazadi Islam*** John Wallace – ***Isabelly Neves***



Upcoming Dates

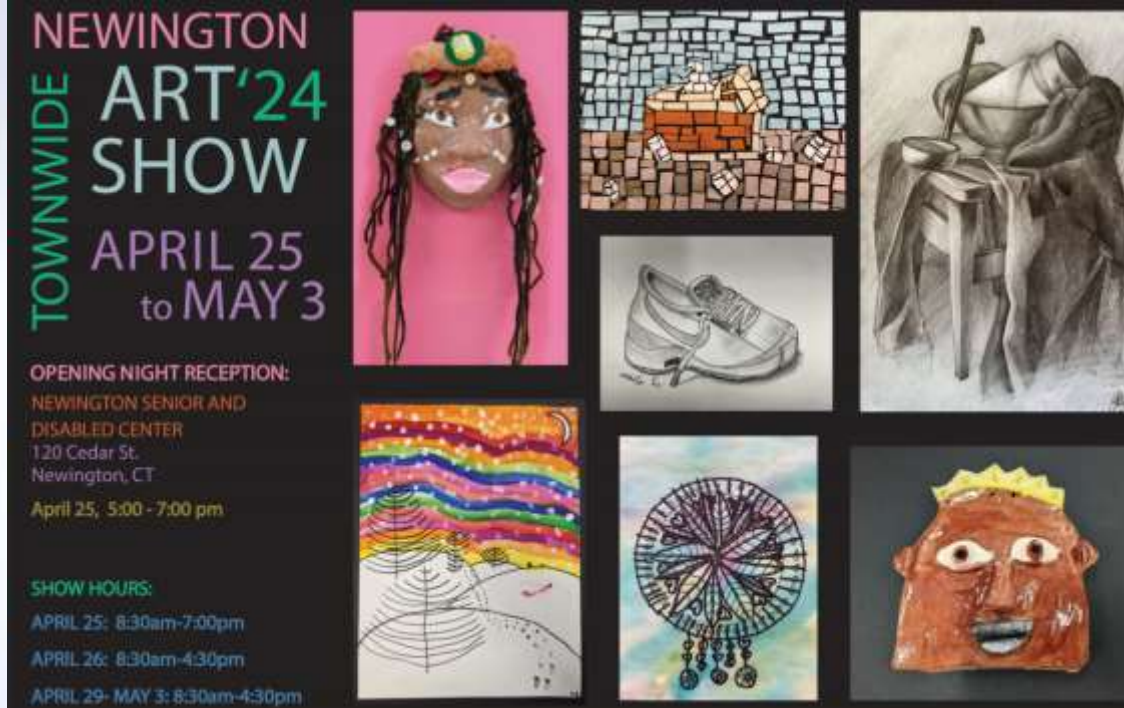
Good Friday is 3/29/24 – schools and offices closed

Spring Break is 4/8/24 – 4/12/24 – schools closed, offices open

Memorial Day is 5/27/24 – schools and offices closed

Please click [here](#) to view the 2023-2024 school year calendar.

The Newington Public Schools Art Department will host its K-12 Student Art Show this Spring 2024 and all are invited and welcome! For further information please see the poster below.



Principal/Leadership Changes

* Laura Blanchard, a former Assistant Principal of NHS, departed NHS on February 16, 2024. Rosa Perez, former Assistant Principal of Plainville High School, will serve as an interim Assistant Principal through April 5, 2024. David Milardo will serve as interim Assistant Principal from April 15, 2024 through the remainder of the school year.

* Michael Gaydos, currently the Principal of John Paterson, will be returning to Newington High School as an Assistant Principal on July 1, 2024.

* Wendy Crouse, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction will be retiring in July after 35 years of exceptional service to Newington Public Schools.

* Kristen Freeman, Director of Curriculum and Instruction will be assuming the role of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction in July.

* Ruth Chaffee Principal, Beverly Lawrence, will become the Director of Curriculum and Instruction effective July 1, 2024.

* Elizabeth Green Principal, Jim Marciano, will be assuming the principalship at Ruth Chaffee effective July 1, 2024.

* The new principals of Elizabeth Green and John Paterson will be announced before the end of the school year.

Thank you for reading! For more information about the district please visit the NPS website at the link below, or our Facebook page [here](#).