

CUDA CHRONICLE

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

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Greetings Cuda Families,

As we enter the fourth quarter, we will be regularly updating information about school events, particularly those for our seniors. Daily announcements are made to the students at 09:24 am and emailed to the teachers if students have questions later. Our website and school phone messages are the primary avenues for families to find information. Our Activities Director, Heather Roberts, can provide details on these events if you have questions. She can be reached at 386-424-2555, extension 38510 or harobert@volusia.k12.fl.us.

Parents and families, please continue to monitor your students' grades and attendance through Parent Portal. We are in the home stretch and it's important for everyone to continue to stay diligent in the classroom working on assignments as well as follow the safety guidelines on campus and at various events. Regular student attendance is paramount for success. All teachers provide office hours from 12:03 p.m. to 12:18 p.m. for students to receive additional assistance. Our teachers' email addresses are on our website. Please contact the teacher if you have questions or concerns about your student's progress.

We are looking forward to a fast-paced fourth quarter full of state assessments, final performances, sporting events, and many other events. Plans for various senior events are in the process of being finalized to close out the school year. Once these plans are completed, we will be sharing that information along with graduation information. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Timothy Merrick, Principal
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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 C U D A S

2023 Outstanding Seniors



Front Row- Raven Henry, Rylee Beard,
Cydney Hesselton, Rebekah Overley,
Annabel Gifford and Olivia Gardner

2nd Row- Taniya Jackson, Ta'Mori Brodus,
Kendall Traub, Alize Cardot,
Eden Anderson and Jalyynn Brown

3rd Row- Angel Methax, Madelyn Schneider,
Raj Patel, Ivan Traykov, Ava Grimaldi,
Hannah Zona and Madelyn Peterson

Back-Markell Peterson,
Olivia Mease-Washington, Finnegan Sherman,
Tillman Arieti and Cajun Weisheimer

Character Counts Kindness

Character Counts for the Month of February 2023. The word of the Month was Kindness. Daisy Guruvadoo (Staff) and Raven Henry (Student) were selected for their kindness.



Employee of the Month



October 2022,
Gillian Sayyah



November 2022,
Rachel Ursini



December 2022,
Rachael Pearson



January 2023,
Felicia Mitchell

Scholars and Athletes of the Month January 2023



Scholar of the Month
Jasmine Merrick



Citizen of the Month
Autumn Fenner-Cross



Athletes of the Month
Corrin Austell and Lukas Parschauer



February 2023

Citizen of the Month
Lewis Partridge
(Not Pictured)



Scholar of the Month
David Livesay



Athlete of the Month
Asha Mari-Manzueta and Sawyer Sprague



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**Black History Month
Door Decorating Contest**
*Teresa Tyson and Mary Zihal
tied for 1st place!*



L. Johnson



Desko



Woodard



Tyson



Chappell



McDonald



Zihal



NSBHS Special Olympics Basketball Team

We are excited to announce that the New Smyrna Beach High School Barracudas Special Olympics Unified Basketball team was ranked number two in the state! They will be advancing to the regional tournament in February to compete. Congratulations! We wish them best of luck!!!



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Band Highlights & How to Join!

Our NSB Barracuda Band has had some amazing accomplishments and performances this year! You have seen them at Football games, Pep Rallies, Literacy Events, Parades, Concerts, and plenty of other places. Below is a short list of what they have been up to as well as some events to look forward to!

If you are interested in joining the Barracuda Band, please speak to Mr. Hottel in the Band room, put it on your schedule for next year, and/or email ahhottel@volusia.k12.fl.us.

Marching Band had numerous great performances:

- **Excellent Overall** rating at **Marching MPA** in October. **Color Guard** received **Straight Superiors!** (the highest rating you can get)
- **DSC Veterans Day Ceremony** in November.
- **NSB & Edgewater Parades.** Our Band (along w/the MS Band) received the "**Youth Service Award**" for this year's parade.
- **Annual Golf Tournament** in January (was rescheduled from November due to storms).
- **Annual Band 5K** in February.

Jazz Band:

- Performed at **McKennas** and at the **Sugar Mill Country Club** in the same week.
- Will perform at **Lakeside Jazz Festival** on April 15

Jazz Combo:

Jazz Combo performed for **5 Elementary Schools**. We had a group of our Jazz Band/Band Leadership students that went with myself and Mr. Brodie (MS Band Director) to 5 of our feeder elementary schools to perform for the 5th graders and show them what Band is about.

All-County Band

4 Band students auditioned and were selected for the **All-County Band** in November.

- **Logan Corley** - 10th gd - Flute
- **Lauren Bigelow** - 11th gd - Bassoon
- **Jordon Ferguson** - 9th gd - Horn
- **Evan Dirlam** - 12th gd - Euphonium

All-State Honor Band:

Marley Wilson (9th gd Bass Clarinet) was selected for the **All-State Honor Band!!!** This means she was selected as **one of only 4 Bass Clarinets in the STATE**. She attended the All-State Conference in January and performed in an **INCREDIBLE** concert.

Winter Guard:

Winter Guard (the color guard competition group) has been competing hard and earned **1st Place** in their most recent competition!



Solo & Ensemble:

Solo & Ensemble went very well! We had 1 Good, 5 Excellent, and 5 Superior Ratings! The students/groups earning Superiors were:

- **Hyrum Collins** – Trumpet Solo
- **Zinnia Zaragoza** – Clarinet Solo
- **Logan Corley** – Flute Solo
- **Majorette Ensemble** – Hannah Collins, Shelby Douglas, Skyler Haedrich, Haley LaConte, Caitlin McFarland, Leyawna Walker.
- **Winter Guard** - Hannah Collins, Shelby Douglas, Skyler Haedrich, Haley LaConte, Caitlin McFarland, Leyawna Walker.
- ***Zinnia, Logan, & the 2 Guard groups are going on to perform at the STATE level during Spring Break.

Upcoming Events:

- 3/23 **FFCC Championships (Daytona)** – Winter Guard
- 4/15 **Lakeside Jazz Festival** – Jazz Band
- 5/11-12 **PRISM Concerts** (Band spring concert) – various Band, Guard, & Chorus ensembles
- 5/16 **Drumline auditions**
- 5/23 **Guard auditions**



Air Force Band

The U.S. Air Force band - Max Impact gave us a preview of their scheduled performance at the Daytona 500. Teachers and students enjoyed the lunchtime treat.



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Environmental Science Competition

On January 19, NSBHS students competed for the top spot in the state Environmental Science Competition. For the competition, the students created a plan to present to a panel of judges. The plan promotes the use of Wildlife Corridors throughout the State of Florida. Wildlife Corridors protect a continuation of habitat for species to travel, breed, and increase their populations without continued loss of habitat and habitat fragmentation. They also protect soils, improve water quality, promote erosion stabilization, and sequester carbon. This plan, if enacted by the state, would become a model for the entire country.



L-R Jalynn Brown, Zach Caldwell, Kyla Kavanaugh and Timothy Oliphant



L-R Timothy Oliphant, Jalynn Brown, Zack Caldwell and Kyla Kavanaugh

Teacher of the Year

*Futures
First Year
Teacher of
the Year,
Vincent Thomas*



FFA

Yesterday was our FFA District Leadership Development Event Contest. All who participated placed, and I am so proud of all their hard work and determination that they have put in.

Tim Oliphant came in Third place for discussion meet.

Telek Kozlowski came in Second place for Safe Tractor Operation.

Andrea Blaha is our District Champion who will be moving on to compete at the FFA State Convention.

Congratulations to everyone who competed, and I am so proud of these students!



Tim Oliphant



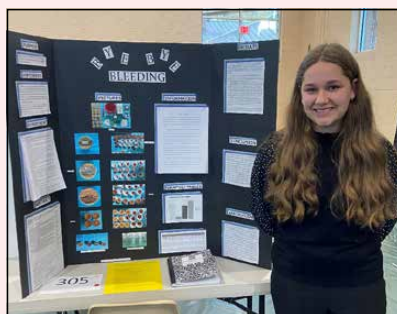
Telek Kozlowski



Andrea Blaha

Tomoka Regional Science & Engineering Fair

The 56th Tomoka Regional Science & Engineering Fair took place January 28th at Stetson University in Deland. The science department is very proud of Isabella Petkaitis for participated in the Fair where she took 1st place in the Biomedical and Health Science division. Isabella also received 1st place for a special award from the Heart of Volusia, Inc. and a check for \$200.00.



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El Rincón de Enriquecimiento Cultural

The little corner in Mrs. Rosado's classroom has been created as part of a reading project to help students achieve the necessary reading skills (basic & advanced) in the target language. Not only will students practice their Spanish, but they will also improve their vocabulary, fluency and reading comprehension that will help them progress in their ELA course. The Spanish corner is not only used for curriculum lessons, but also to provide a safe place for students who seek some downtime during lunch to read or listen to music. Mrs. Rosado was awarded a mini grant from the Futures Foundation of Volusia County to fund her creative project. Congratulations Mrs. Rosado!

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World Languages News

Volusia County World Languages Festival

On Saturday, February 25th the 43rd Annual VCS World Languages Festival was held for the first time at Seabreeze Highschool. The theme was Intercultural Cooperation and Peace. The Keynote Speaker was Maya Schall, International Exchange Student, from Germany. There were more than 600 entries in the festival. New Smyrna Beach High School Students from Mrs. Rosado's and Mr. Gellermann's Spanish classes participated in the festival with over 50 entries. Below are the first and second place winners.

Student Name	Language	Lvl	Events due 2/1	Week/Day of Festival 2/25	Award
Ledden, Kathryn	Spanish	HS 1	Art Gallery		1st
Lollick, Cali	Spanish	HS 1	Cookbook		1st
Toman, Natalie	Spanish	HS 1	Cultural Bookmark		1st
Fisher Carne, Brynn	Spanish	HS 1	Music Video		1st
Fisher Carne, Brynn	Spanish	HS 1	Photography		1st
Maresca, Payton	Spanish	HS 1	Vocabulary Poster		1st
Nicoll, Alyssa	Spanish	HS 1	Vocabulary Poster		1st
Smith, Jasmine	Spanish	HS 1	Vocabulary Poster		1st
Klopp, James	Spanish	HS 1		Online quiz	1st
Lowe, Braden	Spanish	HS 1		Online quiz	1st
LaBounty, TJ	Spanish	HS 3	Cultural Comparison		1st
Hernandez Rodriguez, Damian	Spanish		Cultural Meme		1st
Shaughnessy, Colin	Spanish		Infographic		1st
Gomez, Emily	Spanish	HS 3		Traditional Dress	1st
Volkman, Hannah	Spanish	HS 1	Art Gallery		2nd
Martineau, Ghavan	Spanish	HS 1	Cookbook		2nd
Grewell, John	Spanish	HS 1	Cultural Bookmark		2nd
Jefferys, Traver	Spanish	HS 1	Cultural Bookmark		2nd
Lafountain, Aliyah	Spanish	HS 1	Cultural Bookmark		2nd
Midgette, Samantha	Spanish	HS 1	Cultural Comparison		2nd
Hamilton, David	Spanish	HS 1	Cultural Meme		2nd
Kraljic, Quinn	Spanish	HS 1	Cultural Meme		2nd
Turek, Julie	Spanish	HS 1	Photography		2nd
Ascherl, Evan	Spanish	HS 1	Vocabulary Poster		2nd
Harlowe, Peyton	Spanish	HS 1	Vocabulary Poster		2nd
McLain, Landon	Spanish	HS 1	Vocabulary Poster		2nd
Wall, Nicole	Spanish	HS 1	Vocabulary Poster		2nd
Mccartha, Elliott	Spanish	HS 1		Krazy for Karaoke	2nd
Wright, Onz	Spanish	HS 1		Krazy for Karaoke	2nd
Murray, Logan	Spanish	HS 1		Online quiz	2nd
Turek, Julie	Spanish	HS 1		Online quiz	2nd
Daniels, Israel	Spanish		Cultural Meme		2nd
Toledo, Nazia	Spanish		Cultural Meme		2nd
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NEW SMYRNA BEACH GYNECOLOGY & OBSTETRICS

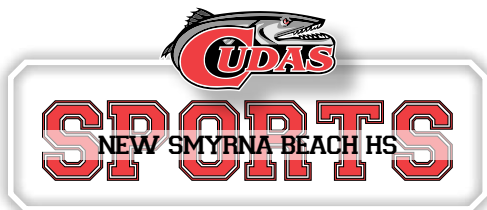
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Boys Wrestling Team State Bound



Sawyer Vanrider, Jonathan Bruner, Aidan Sutton, Dylon York and Derek King

Girls Basketball

The members of the girls' basketball program did some amazing things this season. Two athletes were invited and participated in the Women Select 50 in Pensicola, Florida. Jackie Langrell made the top 10 on the Homecoming Court. The team traveled to Tarpon Springs where they claimed a victory and then they ventured out to Busch Gardens. Senior night was a hit. The team received VIP treatment at the Orlando Magic versus the Detroit Pistons basketball game. Corrin Austell was named the Florida Athletic Coaches Association, District 9, Class 6A Player of the Year for the second year in a row and Coach Fuhr was named the Florida Athletic Coaches Association, District 9, Class 6A Coach of the Year. The team finished 16-6 overall.



Boys Varsity Soccer Team The boys varsity soccer team had a historic season!

Winning both our 6A district as well as winning The Five Star Tournament; these boys worked hard to secure an amazing season! Our record stands at 18-1-1 with our only loss for the season against Viera in the Regional finals.

Regional Runner-Up as well as beating our rival three times (and on our senior night too!) made for a great season! Our defenders kept 15 clean sheets this season!

Our junior goalkeeper, Dylan Dongilli, was selected for the state team—representing us well!

Our seven seniors made us proud this year with 4/7 seniors earning a GPA of 4.0 or higher! This year's seniors have been district champs twice in their four years.

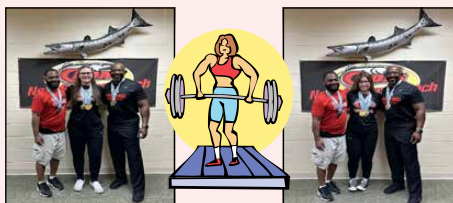
Our overall team GPA is 3.9 (JV & varsity) so these boys are amazing student-athletes!

We have two college commits as well; Tillman Arieti will be attending Rollins College & Will Desoto to Daytona State.

Overall, the varsity boys soccer team made this a season to remember!



Girls Weightlifting Team



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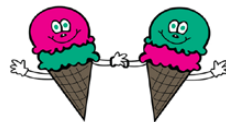
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New Smyrna Beach Highs 8th Annual Chili Competition

We had 13 different Chili's entered into the contest.

Mrs. Luff's White Chicken Chili - this is the recipe to beat. She won the last Chili Contest with this recipe.

Mrs. Luff's Danny's Famous Fire Roasted Southwest Chili - A new recipe from our champ.

Mr. Merrick's Oakhill Possum Chili - Mr. Merrick won with this recipe before and came into 2nd place with the last competition.

Mrs. Croak's - Chili Chili Bang Bang- this recipe is truly amazing and Mrs. Croak came into 2nd place once before with this recipe.

Mr. Desko's More Precious than Gold Aztec Chili - This recipe brought me 3rd place 2x in a row. It is new and improved with my wife's secret Aztec spices. It is not that secret; it will be in the list of ingredients on Chili day.

Mr. Gellerman's Enchanted Chili Verde - Mr. Gellerman has made some excellent chili in the past. He has made Verde Chili, Nebraska Chili, and wonderful vegan chili. He is bringing back his old school Verde chili, with a new and improved taste. I am looking forward to it.

Ms. McCaddon's - Chipotle Chili - She said this chili is so delicious and she is excited to have everyone try it. I love the smoky flavor of Chipotle.

Mrs. Corr's - Old School BEEFIN Chili - This name is just cool. I am looking forward to trying this chili.

Mrs. Guevara's Portuguese Style Elk Neck Chili - It sounds rustic and yummy.

Mr. Tidman's Not Your Mami Umami Chili - Sounds interesting and I am sure it will be tasty.

Ms. Duke's Curried Alligator Chili - This is the one to try. It is actually Gator.

Mr. Prather's Cincinnati Skyline Chili - his chili recipe is famous throughout Cincinnati, and he plans to make it famous at NSB.

Mr. Sayyah's Texas Red Chili con Carne - with Big, Bold, Texas flavors: Dried ancho, guajillo, and arbol chiles; chipotle; beef chuck

First Place....Mr. Merrick's Oakhill Possum Chili

Second place...Ms. Duke's Curried Alligator Chili

Third Place... Chef Luff's White Chicken Chili

Mr. Merrick 1st Place

Most importantly \$267 dollars was raised for donation to UNCF.



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