



CUDA CHRONICLE

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 and or logged into their classes on Volusia Live, as attendance is one of the greatest indicators of student success.

At NSBHS, we provide office hours before the school day from 8:05 a.m.- 8:29 a.m. Students that are struggling in class should attend their teacher's office hours for additional help. Please email your student's teacher if you have any questions.

The registration process for the 2021-2022 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.

Despite the challenges resulting from the pandemic, our teachers and staff are working tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of students. 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 watch them be successful. #BarracudaStrong.

If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of your son's/daughter'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.

Testing

The second half of the school year is always busy, and testing is no exception. The testing page on the school's website is the best place to go for current information. Go to NSBHIGH.com, then Academics at the top of the page and choose Standardized testing. You will find testing alerts regarding upcoming testing and any changes made to the testing schedule. If you have any questions regarding testing, please contact Mrs. Croak at dlcroak@volusia.k12.fl.us or 424-2555 ext. 38585. Any test registration would go through Mrs. Croak.

THE FOLLOWING TESTS WILL OCCUR DURING THE 2ND SEMESTER:

- 1/26: PSAT (10th and 11th only, 11th must pay. (May not take again if taken in October) **MUST REGISTER**
- 2/8: PERT (Dual Enrollment) **MUST REGISTER**
- 2/22-2/26: FSA ELA and Alg. 1 retakes- **no sign up necessary**
- 3/2-3/4: ACT NCR (Free for seniors, **juniors must sign up and pay \$35**)
Scores not reportable to colleges
- 4/5-4/6: FSA ELA writing for all 9th & 10th grade students – **no sign up necessary**
- 4/13: SAT for juniors (**no sign-up**) and any senior (**must sign up**) who missed it in October. May NOT take again if taken in October. **Only seniors MUST register to take.**
- 4/22: PERT – **MUST REGISTER**
- 5/3-5/7: FSA ELA Reading (2 sessions) for all 9th and 10th grade students – **no sign up necessary**
- 5/10-5/11: Alg. 1 EOC– no sign up necessary
- 5/12-5/13: Geometry EOC– **no sign up necessary**
- 5/14: US History EOC– **no sign up necessary**
- 5/17: Biology EOC– **no sign up necessary**

PARENTS:

The testing window in May is very short. It's extremely important that students attend their specified testing dates. Many tests have more than one session and students will not receive a score unless they complete all parts of the test. PLEASE encourage your students to attend each day and be on time.



"RACKED"

Mrs. Outlaw's students are working on a post school adult living activity and are working on being "RACKED" during the holidays, "Random Act of Cuda Kindness" by doing something every day. Coop made snickerdoodles for the fire station (*photo 1*) and CJ made dog treats for the humane society (*photo 2*).

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Athlete of the Month

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Emma Schlageter

November 2020

Scholar of the Month

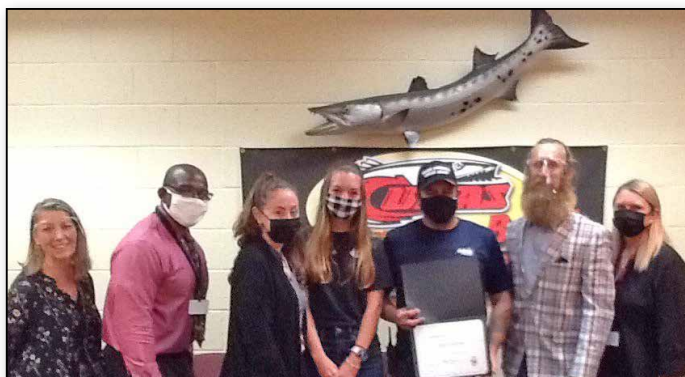
Crandall Akins

December 2020

Scholar of the Month

Ryan Weeks

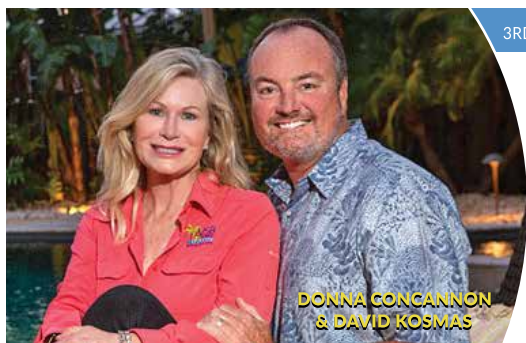
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Wrestling

#ClashTitans: Shannon, Dittmer Titles Propel NSB

Post date December 6, 2020

ORANGE CITY — New Smyrna Beach was the top area team in contention Saturday at area rival University (Orange City)'s annual fixture for the first weekend of December, the Clash of the Titans.

The Barracudas were third out of 15 teams in the event, finishing with 181 points. Only the state 1A title favorite, Palm Bay (288) and longtime central Florida power Winter Springs (209.5) had more.

New Smyrna Beach had nine wrestlers place in the one-day IBT, with two of them taking bracket titles.

THE NOTES:

Team scores (top 5 & locals): 1. Palm Bay 288. 2. Winter Springs 209.5. 3. New Smyrna Beach 181. 5. Hagerty 166. 5. Freedom 134. 7. DeLand 73.5. 9. University (Orange City) 67.5. 11. Ponte Vedra 51. 13. Deltona 25. 14. Mainland 16. 15. Atlantic 15.

Championship matches:

106: Martinez (Freedom) p. Simjay Engberg (NSB), 4:33.

126: Baxter (Palm Bay) d. Jamey Bruner (NSB), 6-4, SV.

132: Theilacker (Palm Bay) d. Jace Engberg (NSB), 4-0.

ACES OF THE DAY:

New Smyrna Beach: Junior **Michael Shannon** (138) had one of the more-marquee title wins at the tournament Saturday, but before that he had pins over DeLand and Hagerty to reach the semis, where he decisioned Winter Springs by a 9-6 count. In the final, Shannon — who was 3rd in 2A at 126 in 2020 — took down Hagerty super sophomore **Kamdon Harrison** (4th in 3A at 126 last year), 3-1, for the title.

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Tomorrow's Leaders Induction for School Year 20-21

Pictured (L-R) Assistant Principal Jennifer Stach, Shaley Brown and Isabella Weisheimer

Tomorrow's Leaders Graduation for 2020

Pictured (L-R) Assistant Principal Jennifer Stach, Matthew Duguay, Lilly Harvey, Kasey Lane, Jaydah Smith and Ja'Nyah Smith



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This year, because of Covid, Athletes and their families can't be in the stores or on the sidewalk to help promote the P & G \$10 coupon savings. Donations can be made at every Publix cash register during this campaign.

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