

CUDA CHRONICLE

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

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It has been a challenging but productive year for our Cudas!

Throughout the year, our students have joined organizations, played sports, found courses they liked, and have overcome many obstacles.

Our graduating class of 2023 is an amazing group of students. I am grateful that I was given a front row seat to witness their courage and resolve. We know they are ready, willing, and able to make a difference in the world and know that their future is a promising and bright one to come.

We celebrated them at Honors Night, and I would like to take a moment to recognize the Class of 2023 for all their hard work.

- 386 seniors are expected to graduate at the Ocean Center on June 3rd.
- 197 seniors completed 17,662 hours of community service over four years.
- 18 students earned their Associate of Arts degree from Daytona State College.
- 14 students and 2 Sports Team were inducted into the NSBHS Wall of Fame: Eden Anderson, Tillman Arieti, Jalynn Brown, Alize Cardot, Olivia Gardner, Ava Grimaldi, Raven Henry, Angel Methax, Madelyn Peterson, Markell Peterson, Finnegan Sherman, Kendall Traub, Ivan Traykov, Cajun Weisheimer, Beach Girls Volleyball Team 2022 and Indoor Girls Volleyball 2023.
- Honors Night was celebrated May 18th.
 - » 73 local community organizations awarded our students with scholarships
 - » \$469,000 from area and local scholarships
 - » \$1.26 million in Armed Forces enlistments including service academies and ROTC Programs
 - » Thank you so much to each of our local donors who every year dedicate time to reading student applications and then spending their evening with us on Honors Night to make the dreams of students come true. We are extremely grateful for your dedication to our students!
- Celebrated State Championships in both Indoor and Beach Volleyball.

Parents and guardians, during the summer, please note that the school will be open Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am– 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, closed from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm for lunch. Please call the main office for any information you may need or check our website www.nsbhigh.com for details on the beginning of the new school year.

Have a wonderful summer,

Timothy R. 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 CUDAS



SCHOLARS AND ATHLETES OF THE MONTH MARCH



Scholar of
the Month
Ella Rogers



Citizen of
the Month
Cole Lovett



Athlete of
the Month
Ivan Traykov



Athlete of
the Month
Olivia Bond



Scholar of
the Month
Emily Gomez



Athlete of
the Month
Ryan Geary



Athlete of
the Month
Ava Eppe

Criminal Justice Academy

It's been a very busy school year for the NSBHS Criminal Justice Academy. From bringing in a new CJ Teacher (Mrs. Diffin, retired NSB PD Officer) to the many CJ activities pictured below. We are very proud of our academy students and their accomplishments. We are looking forward to our continued collaboration with our local law enforcement and criminal justice professional partners here in NSB.



SGA's Food Festival

SGA sponsored a Food Festival where Clubs made food from around the world. Students enjoyed tasting food from different cultures.



CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

The
Baseball Team
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Legacy Walk

On May 16, 2023 our Seniors did their Legacy Walk through the courtyard while everyone cheered for them while they made their way to the Cafeteria for their breakfast, signing of the yearbook and their Department Awards. Congratulations Seniors!

PAES Comes to NSBHS



The 2022-2023 school year saw the initiation of the PAES (Practical Assessment Exploration System) Transition Lab. Students from MOD-VE, Multi and Transition classes have been using the lab since January to assess aptitude and interest in various job fields. The lab consists of 5 categories (Business, Computer, Processing & Production, Construction and Consumer Services). Senior Josh Swingle has completed all 6 levels in Pipe Assembly and Electrical Wiring, sparking his interest in pursuing a career in one of those fields. Other students are progressing through skills, such as machine sewing, food measurement, and money handling. All students have demonstrated progress and gained interest in the variety of activities PAES offers.

VCEC Banquet

Congratulations Heidi Broksas for being recognized as the VCEC Inclusion Teacher of the Year!



We had a wonderful night at the VCEC Banquet! Congratulations and thank you to all that make a difference in students' lives!

Agriscience Academy

The Agriscience Academy dual track of Animal Science and Aquaculture just wrapped up a school supply drive for the students in the Bahamas. We were able to engage and include the faculty and staff at New Smyrna Beach High School, our community, and Chisholm Elementary in the collecting of supplies. The supplies will be flown to the Bahamas out of Palm Beach by the two US Flying Ambassadors for the Bahamas.



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Chisholm & FFA

On 4/17/2023 NSBHS FFA collaborated with NSBMS FFA, UF Master Gardner's, and Chisholm Elementary to host an Agricultural Advocacy / Literacy day with the entire 5th grade from Chisholm. Students from NSBHS FFA and NSBMS FFA put together lessons to teach the 5th graders all about agriculture with a true hands-on approach! I want to thank Jessie Thompson, School Board Member District 3, Volusia County Schools for joining us for most of the day and being a huge advocate of our Academy and agriculture in general. I also want to thank Timothy R. Merrick for his amazing support! We plan on this being an annual event for #volusiacountyschools students as it was an Amazing day!



Congratulations to our FFA State OH teams!

Timothy Oliphant and
Nicole Wall placed
9th in Artistic Arrangement!

Andrea Blaha placed 10th
in Landscape!
So proud of all of you!

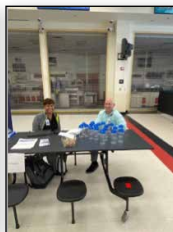


Career & Job Fair

There was a Career & Job Fair held at New Smyrna Beach High School on May 10, 2023. It was presented by Southeast Volusia Manufacturing & Technology Coalition (SEVMTC) in Partnership with CareerSource Flagler Volusia, City of New Smyrna Beach, City of Edgewater & City of Oak Hill. Parents & Students were encouraged to come and discover career pathways.



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YCTF News

The Youth Council Task Force wrapped up this year's efforts on May 9th at the City Commission meeting at the New Smyrna Beach City Hill. This year the Youth Task Force selected 5 artists for the last phase of the New Smyrna Shark Statue project. They also selected the location and 5 of the 18 artists to permanently decorate fire hydrants across the city. Lastly, the Task Force was approved to begin writing a T-Mobile grant to have 2 permanent concrete cornhole game boards and 4 permanent concrete Chess boards installed at local playgrounds. This year the Task force will lose four valuable seniors Tillman Arieti, Alize Cardot, Ava Grimaldi, and Carson Stepp. If you would like to complete an application to join, please Contact liaison Mr. Woodard (pzwoodard@volusia.k12.fl.us) for the application. Next year, the Youth Council Task Force will expand from 5 to 7 members; appointments will be made in October. If selected to be in the Task Force students will gain firsthand experience working alongside elected local officials as well as comply by sunshine laws, as this organization is an official branch of local govt.



YCTF getting to keep their name tags and a memento for their service.

Member Tillman Arieti working next to City Commissioners Perrine and Martin.



Travel the World!

NEW SMYRNA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THREE UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO TRAVEL ABROAD.

Summer 2024-Italy and Greece with Mr. Parker: 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 2024-Iceland with Coach Berry: Experience stunning fjords and breathtaking waterfalls, then travel to a red mountain where mud boils and steam flows out of the earth. Journey through the lava formations, which some believe are trolls exposed to the sun, then walk along the gap separating two tectonic plates. This adventurous trip is not for the faint-of-heart or weak-of-limb; it will keep you moving, climbing, and hiking—and constantly questioning how your surroundings can possibly be real.

Summer 2025-Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii with Ms. Everidge: 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 Coach Berry's classroom (6-226), Mr. Parker's room (5-121), or Mrs. Everidge's office (1-107) for more information. Parents can email eaeverid@volusia.k12.fl.us.

This is not a school-sponsored activity



Interact Club Pop Tops

The Interact service club of NSBHS has collected over 100 pounds of pop tops. This pop top program is good for Ronald McDonald house families and for the environment. Continue to save everyone! Perhaps next year we can collect 200 pounds. **Way to go interactors!**

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NSB Barracuda BAND

WE WANT YOU IN BAND! Whether you have never been in music, never played an instrument, or maybe you do have some previous experience; **JOIN BAND!** We have an amazing Band Staff and student leaders that will teach you everything you need to know. You get to:

- Learn an instrument
- Go to football games for free
- Travel to new places
- Meet new friends
- Visit colleges
- Work with guest artists (We had the Air Force Rock Band & the iPad Ensemble from USF come to our school this year)
- Perform various styles of music
- Learn more than 1 instrument (Join a 2nd band class – beginning band, jazz band, etc)
- Earn Music Scholarships for college



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.

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!

- **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.
- **Symphonic Band** received an Excellent at Concert MPA and performed an amazing 2 days of Prism concerts in May!
- **Jazz Band:**
 - » Performed at **McKennas** 2 times
 - » **Sugar Mill Country Club** holiday luncheon



- » **North Volusia Literacy Event**
- » **Lakeside Jazz Festival**
- » **NSB Jazz Festival**

- **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.
 - » **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!!! 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** (the color guard competition group) earned **2nd Place** in the **FFCC STATE FINALS!!!!**
- **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**
- » **Winter Guard**

State Solo & Ensemble

- » **Logan Corley** – Superior with Distinction (Flute solo)
- » **Winter Guard** – Superior
- » **Majorettes** – Excellent

Upcoming Events:

- » 5/23 – **Guard auditions**
- » **Band Camp**
 - ◇ July 17-20 Guard & Percussion Camp 7:45am – 5:30pm
 - ◇ July 24-25 Rookie Camp (New members) 7:45am – 5:30pm
 - ****If you are interested in being a part of the Band, please attend!!!
 - ◇ July 26-27, 31; Aug 1-3 Full Band Camp (everyone) 7:45am – 5:30pm
 - ◇ Aug 4 Marching Band Preview & Dinner; Rehearsal 7:45am – 12:00pm. Preview/Dinner 5:00pm – 8:30pm.

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World Languages

SENIOR WORLD LANGUAGES AWARDS AND FLORIDA STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY

On May 16th we bid farewell to our Seniors, the class of 2023. During seniors' breakfast, the World Languages department presented Ivan Traykov and Colin Shaughnessy with a plaque for their outstanding academic performance in Spanish class for 4 consecutive years. The department also honored Elijah Henley with a Spanish I Enthusiastic Learner Award, Hannah Zona with a Spanish II Excellence Award, and Tillman Arieti with a Valuable Contributor to the Spanish Classroom Award.

This year, NSBHS will recognize 5 Seniors with the Seal of Bilingualism cords: Olivia Mease-Washington (silver seal), Ivan Traykov (gold seal), Colin Shaughnessy (gold seal), Esme Schliske (gold seal), and Ignacio Ferreira (gold seal).

We are proud of our bilingual seniors!



Colin Shaughnessy, Mrs. Rosado
and Ivan Traykov

WORLD LANGUAGES NEWS

Tillman Arieti was awarded \$1,000 scholarship by the NSBH International Club for being a role model student and balancing his academic excellence with his extracurricular activities. He will be attending Rollins College in the fall. Wish him all the best as he continues his journey on fulfilling his dream.



Beach Volleyball

*2023 Beach Volleyball Team is 1st in the state
and 2nd in the Nation.*



Weightlifting

State champions in traditional are Isaiah McCloud and Ryan Geary, Aiden Strong 3rd place in Olympic and 4th in traditional, Chris Murphy 10th in traditional, Sam Larkin 7th in traditional, Lukas Gamble 6th place in traditional, Isaiah Cotton 4th in Olympic and Tyler Garry 9th in traditional. Overall, the team received 3rd place with 18 points and losing by only 1 point because 1st and second tied with 19 points. Avery close finish for the New Smyrna Boys Weightlifting Team. Next year we will be looking to possibly win it all.

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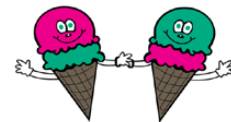
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Miami Dolphin R. Mostert's Business Summit

Miami Dolphin Raheem Mostert (NSBHS '11) hosted a business summit for 11th grade students through his Waves of Success Foundation! Mostert brought a panel of successful individuals, including a sports agent, suit designer, marketing consultant, accountant, attorney, and real estate agents to share their different paths to success including networking, mindset, challenges, work ethic and more.



USF Touch Ensemble

The USF Touch Ensemble (iPad/Electronic ensemble) met with our Band students. Our students also had the chance to speak to undergraduate students, graduate students, and the professor. The group is focused on student-led instruction and performed mostly original music that they created/wrote. Our Band & Chorus students also had the opportunity to write their own lyrics and perform alongside the group! The students were having lots of fun with the music!



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