



CUDAS CHRONICLE

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

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our Motto this year is, "Together we are Stronger as a Team." Our students, staff, parents, and community are what make our school a great place to learn and work.

My focus this year has been on building trust behaviors as identified by Stephen Covey. Relationship trust is based on consistent behavior. People judge us on our heart and not our intent. People cannot see our heart, but they see our behavior. It is important for relationship trust to be evident between teachers and students, teachers and parents, teachers and administration, parents and administration, and students and administration. As students, parents, teachers, and administration, we must be willing to embrace the implementation of new programs, policies, and procedures during this unprecedented time. Working on multiple platforms, including Traditional, Volusia Live, Volusia Online Learning, and mask wear have provided change.

During the first grading period, students have adjusted well to the safe reopening plan created for NSBHS. Operating in person, has provided a sense of normalcy with students participating in face to face instruction, sports, and clubs. Despite the state moving into phase 3 of the governor's order, NSBHS is still following the school district mask mandate and CDC distancing guidelines of 6 feet or to the greatest extent when social distancing is not possible.

Despite the challenges in place due to Covid, we continue to set high standards and even higher goals. We begin the year with district subject area and state assessment (VLT, SMT, Diagnostic, PSAT, and EOC Retakes) testing. Teachers have high expectations for academic achievement and conduct. We expect our students to succeed and graduate in 4 years. In order to make this happen, students must strive to do their best every day.

In closing, I would like to impart you with our School Improvement Goal: If NSBHS implements social and academic supports for equitable standards-based learning through collective efficacy, student's at-risk factors will decrease, and academic achievement will increase.

Respectfully,

Timothy 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.

Students of the Month: September 2020



*Athlete of the Month
Griffin Cooney*



*Athlete of the Month
Jaylynn Brown*



*Scholar of the Month
Timia Merrick*

Student Acts of Kindness: October 2020

Students Giovanni Carbone, Justin Domanico and Thomas Hathaway were honored for their recent act of kindness.

While driving home from work one evening the student's saw a woman laying in her driveway. They stopped to assist her. Unbeknown to them, she had been laying there for about three hours and had broken her hip. They contacted 911 and alerted her family in the nearby home of her fall. A family member commented, "I can't tell them how much I appreciate them because if they didn't stop, who knows what would have happened."

All three students are true heroes!



*Kudos to students Giovanni Carbone, Justin
Domanico and Thomas Hathaway!*



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Pictured Jennifer Lux (left) and Timothy Merrick, Principal.

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