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Newsome PTSA Newsletter
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Donna Rayburn, President
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NEWSOME NEWS

President's Message

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

We hope you have a fun and safe Spring Break. Things really move quickly once we return to school - final exams will be here before you know it so enjoy the time off!

We are also in the process of electing our new PTSA board for next school year. This is open to all PTSA members and we welcome you to attend our General Meeting on Wednesday, April 27th at 6:00 pm in the Auditorium.

We invite you to come out and meet those being nominated and cast your vote. There are still a few open board positions available, so if you are interested in joining this wonderful organization, please contact our Nominating Committee Chairperson, [Melanie Bentley-Montanaro](#).

Sincerely,

Donna Rayburn
Newsome PTSA President
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March Events

Tue Mar 1
Club Day

7pm
Baseball vs. Wharton

7pm
Softball vs. Wharton

Wed Mar 2
7:30am
SAT School Day for Juniors

5pm
Girls LAX vs. BDale

Letter from our Principal



I want to congratulate our Newsome students, teachers and staff for achieving an A grade from the State of Florida!

It is also my pleasure to announce that the Class of 2016 Valedictorian is Annie Tate and Salutatorian is Cooper Curry. Congratulations to you both on a job well done!

With school construction progressing as planned, I would like to remind all that our campus will be closed

over the summer.

Spring Break is March 14th through March 18th, and I hope that you have a great one. Get some well deserved rest and come back on March 21st, ready to finish strong!

Sincerely,
Carla Bruning
Principal
Newsome High School
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Preparing Students for Life

Dual Enrollment

The Dual Enrollment Program is an opportunity to take challenging college courses earning both high school and college credit. Students who successfully complete dual enrollment courses will save time toward their college degree and save money with free tuition and, if a public school student, free textbooks.



Did you know that dual enrollment class grades are submitted to colleges with your student's high school transcript? Did you also know that your student's overall high school GPA includes the dual enrollment class grade?

Our guidance department has noticed an increase in low dual enrollment grades from Newsome High School students, mostly seniors. Some of the failing grades are in graduation requirement classes. HCC is not supposed to re-enroll your student if his/her grade is less than a 2.0 but they don't always notify the student. Newsome's guidance department doesn't receive notification of the students' grades until after the semester is over.

Seniors can be at risk to be revoked from college acceptance if their dual enrollment grades bring their GPA down. More importantly, what message are we sending about our school? "Seniors don't have to stay in school all day, they can enroll for dual enrollment but don't attend those classes hoping nobody will find out?" Guess what, those F's for attendance violations are sent with their transcripts so colleges may wonder about our school culture and why seniors don't want to be at our school. Also, starting their college career in academic probation is not a great way to transition to the next phase of life.

If your student is considering dual enrollment, you will want to make sure they truly take the same care in those grades as the high school grades because they are all sent to colleges.

[HCC Dual Enrollment Website](#)
[HCC Important Deadlines](#)

Deputy's Corner

Deputy Alonso, Newsome School Resource Officer



Just one time can kill. That's the message presented to juniors and freshmen this year during presentations by the Narcotics Overdose Prevention and Education Task Force (N.O.P.E.). I'm a member of the Task Force. These presentations detailed the dangers of overdose deaths by ingesting prescription medicines.

Young people today have relatively easy access to a variety of prescription medications. They, of course, have access to their own medicines, but also access to medications stored by their parents. Young people don't realize the dangers they are facing when using medications not prescribed to them in addition to combining these medications with alcohol.

This message is close to Newsome. Recently three students have been arrested for possession of Adderall without a prescription. Two of them were freshmen. Take necessary precautions with medications in your homes. Secure meds away from your

7pm
Boys LAX vs. Bdale

Thu Mar 3

3pm
Boys Tennis @ Lennard

3pm
Girls Tennis vs. Lennard

5:30pm
Wrestling States
@ Silver Spurs Arena,
Kissimmee

7pm
Baseball vs. Alonso

7pm
Softball vs. Alonso

Fri Mar 4

10am
Wrestling States
@ Silver Spurs Arena,
Kissimmee

3pm
JROTC
Cadet of the Month Board

5pm
Girls LAX vs. Sickles

6pm
Band
Mardi Gras Auction/Dinner
@ The Regent, Riverview

7pm
Boys LAX @ Jesuit

Sat Mar 5

WinterGuard
FFCC @ Seminole

8am
Track Nash Higgins
Relay Meet @ Leto

9:30am Wrestling States
@ Silver Spurs Arena,
Kissimmee

Mon Mar 7

3pm
Boys Tennis vs. Robinson

3pm
Girls Tennis @ Robinson



Tue Mar 8

children. Watch your child take their own prescription medications.

One reported event advised a parent allowed his child to keep the medication in their room. What the parent didn't know was the child was abusing the medications. Talk to your child about the dangers of drug abuse. I encourage each of you to visit N.O.P.E.'s website (www.nopetaskforce.org) for additional information and resources.

Newsome JROTC

Cadet SFC Laura Miller

The Newsome JROTC Wolfpack Battalion has had another month of success, demonstrating just how hard they're willing to work to achieve their goals:



Raiders: The Mixed Raider Team travelled to Lake Wales Florida and competed at States, earning a 4th Place trophy in the Fitness Challenge, a 5th place trophy in the Team Run, and ultimately finishing 7th Overall in the State. Currently, four of our elite Raiders are training for the prestigious title of "Best Raider" where, on 29 & 30 April, they will compete against some of the best Raiders in the State in a series of strenuous physical and mental tasks.

Rifle: The Rifle Team travelled to Fort Benning, Georgia where they placed 1st in the State of Florida and 5th Overall in the Nation in the U.S. Army National Junior Air Rifle Championships. Cadet Katelyn Wojtiuk, Captain of the Rifle Team, was the number one shooter in the County in the prone position. The team competed in it's final County match of the season retaining their undefeated status for the 5th year in a row. On 02 April 2016 they will compete at Districts, located at Alonzo High School, in hopes of earning a spot at States.

Drill & Color Guard: The Drill Team, after going through the season without a single trophy, surprised everyone in back-to-back competitions where the Regulation Unarmed Mixed Squad, commanded by Cadet Christine Torsone, earned the team's first trophy placing 1st Place at the Zephyrhills Drill Meet. The very next weekend, at the District competition hosted by East Bay High School, the cadets performed admirably with several teams and individuals moving on to States on 16 April at George Jenkins High School. Co-Captains Raymond LeDuc and Nicholas Velez placed 2nd and cadets Nicholas Metheny and Clayton Radford placed 3rd in Male Dual Exhibition; Cadet Laura Miller placed 3rd in Female Individual Exhibition; Cadet Mallory Hirn placed 4th in Individual Unarmed Knockout; Cadet Kristybell Flores commanded the "New Cadet Squad" earning a 2nd place trophy; the Mixed Exhibition Squad, commanded by Cadet Raymond LeDuc, earned the Drill Team's second 1st place trophy of the season; for the first time in Newsome JROTC history both our Female and Male/Mixed Color Guard Teams are going to States, placing 2nd & 3rd respectively at Districts.

JLAB: Unfortunately our JLAB Teams were not selected to participate in Phase III of competition held in Washington D.C. The teams will continue to work hard in hopes of achieving that level next year.

On 24 February, ten JROTC Cadets were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society: Thomas Broccoli, Savannah Cagle, Zachary Cisneros, Stockton Harmer, Kai Johnston, Sarah Miller, Destini Rainey, William Sikes, Christine Torsone and Mia Wilson.

Cadet Major Katelyn Wojtiuk won the Army JROTC Cadet of the Year Board for Hillsborough County. Katelyn and two other Army Cadets will compete in the Multi-Service Hillsborough County JROTC Cadet of the Year Board on 21 & 22 March 2016.

The Wolfpack Battalion is undergoing it's Annual JROTC Program for Accreditation (JPA) Inspection on Tuesday, 08 March where members of the Sixth Brigade Staff and District Level Instructors will take a close look at our program. Cadets have been working hard to prepare and look forward to demonstrating their JROTC knowledge and sharing how they have improved the communications between the Battalion Staff, the Companies and the JROTC Teams.

To learn more about Newsome JROTC or to follow the exploits of this year's cadets, log onto their homepage at: <http://nhs.jrotc.info> or click on the JROTC link found under "programs" on the Newsome High School homepage.

JROTC Battalion JPA

5pm
Girls LAX vs. Tampa Catholic

6:30pm
Wrestling Banquet in Cafeteria

6:30pm
LAX Senior Night
Field Ceremony

7pm
Baseball @ Sarasota Riverview

7pm
Boys LAX vs. Tampa Catholic

7pm
Softball @ Sarasota Riverview

Wed Mar 9

8:30am
PTSA Monthly Board Meeting

5pm
Boys LAX
@ All Saints Academy

6pm
Track Meet vs. Plant City

7pm
Girls LAX
@ All Saints Academy

Thu Mar 10

6:15pm
JV Flag Football vs. Durant

7pm
Baseball vs. BDale

7pm
Softball vs. Bdale

7:30pm
Flag Football vs. Durant

Fri Mar 11

3pm
JROTC
NCO of the Month Board

Mar 14- Mar 18



Sat Mar 19

WinterGuard WGI Orlando
Championship Semi-finals

8am
Track Meet @ USF



1st Place at District: Mixed Exhibition Squad, commanded by Cadet Raymond LeDuc

"Paving Your Way In Life"

Melanie Bentley-Montanaro, Courtyard Tiles Chairperson

Thank you to everyone who participated in our courtyard tile fundraiser! All tiles have been installed on the wall of the planter in the courtyard by the flag pole. Please stop by and see them when you have a chance.

We will be doing this fundraiser again next school year if you missed out this year. Orders will be due near the end of October so make sure to order one in the beginning of the year.



Senior Scholarships

Jill Rintoul, Senior Scholarships Chairperson

Good News! The Newsome PTSA scholarship applications have been picked up and sent to the judges! Thank you to all the students who applied and Good Luck!!



Blue Letter Envelopes

Monica Weaver and Liz Hallman, Co-Chairs

Do you have a graduating senior? Have you heard of the Blue Letter Envelope program? On the morning of the Senior Breakfast, Seniors are given an envelope filled with notes from friends, family, teachers, etc.

It's up to YOU as a parent to make this happen for your child and most parents choose to make this a surprise for their graduating students.

Every student LOVES being handed a large envelope filled with notes of congratulations and good wishes. Newsome is one of few schools to offer this amazing experience to our students!



Sun Mar 20

WinterGuard WGI Orlando
Championship Finals

Mon Mar 21

3pm
Boys Tennis vs. Steinbrenner

3pm
Girls Tennis @ Steinbrenner

Tue Mar 22

Graduation Announcements
Delivered @ Gym Lobby
during all Lunch Periods

3pm
Boys Tennis @ Middleton

3pm
Girls Tennis vs. Middleton

5pm
Girls LAX @ Durant

5pm
Boys LAX @ Sickles

6:15pm
JV Flag Football @ Riverview

7pm
Baseball @ Plant City

7pm
Softball @ Plant City

7:30pm
Flag Football @ Riverview

Wed Mar 23

1pm
Track Meet @ Spoto

Thu Mar 24

Prom Ticket Sales during all
Lunches in Cafeteria
\$70 Cash Only/No Refunds

HCC PTSA Awards Due
(Last day to turn in is Mar
30th)

6:15pm
JV Flag Football
vs. Tampa Bay Tech

7pm
Baseball @ Riverview

7pm
Softball @ Riverview

7:30pm
Flag Football
vs. Tampa Bay Tech

Fri Mar 25

Letters and cards can be mailed to Newsome or dropped off at the Newsome front office. Remember, all cards and letters must arrive at Newsome High School by Monday, May 2nd, 2016. We cannot take anything after this date.

If you have questions, please contact your PTSA Blue Letter Envelope team:
Monica Weaver & Liz Hallman at blueletterenvelopes@newsomehighschoolptsa.org

Restaurant Spirit Days

[Carolann Tompkins, Fundraising Chairperson](#)

Join us at Cherry's Bar and Grill in Park Square on **Thursday, March 31** to support the PTSA. Cherry's is a great local restaurant to enjoy lunch or dinner.



A special thank you to **Beef 'O' Brady's Fishhawk** for their very generous donation raised from our last Spirit Day.

We are so fortunate to have so many local businesses supporting our high school students and teachers.

Thank you!

Volunteer!

Ginny Harrell, Volunteer Chairperson
LaLania Sellers, SERVE Chairperson
Melanie Bentley-Montanaro, Nominating Committee Chairperson



If you would like to volunteer to be on any of our committees, please contact Volunteers Coordinator, [Ginny Harrell](#).

All volunteers must have a SERVE application on file at the office before logging hours at school. For SERVE questions, please contact our SERVE Coordinator, [LaLania Sellers](#).

Join the PTSA so you can be a part of your student's high school experience. You can check out the variety of PTSA committees on our website under our [Programs](#) page.

We have several board position openings for next year. For more information on being part of next year's Newsome PTSA Board, please contact our Nominating Committee Chairperson, [Melanie Bentley-Montanaro](#).

Tennis-for-Fun Fishhawk

[Jacob Fullerton, Class of 2016](#)

Smiles are my addiction. It all began two years ago when I volunteered at a tennis clinic for special needs children and adults in Brandon and something sparked within me. I immediately knew I had to expand this program to other communities, specifically Fishhawk.



Driven by my thirst for those giggles, grins, and smiling faces, I became a certified Special Olympics coach along with completing behavioral and safety training. After getting approval from the Fishhawk CDD board I quickly began marketing the program to our community schools and special needs groups, I successfully recruited several athletes who enjoyed the program more than I ever could have imagined. Yes, there it was, the sound that I'd been longing for...laughter.

Since the launch of "Tennis-for-Fun Fishhawk" in January 2014, the program has received overwhelming support from our local residents, including Facebook posts, newspaper articles, and awards. Even Channel 10 News came out and filmed one of our clinics for their On the Road series.

But I have to say, my most satisfying occasion, and one that I'll remember as my

Good Friday - No School

7pm
Tri-M Music Honor Society
Concert @ Park Square

Sat Mar 26

8am
Track Griffin Relays @ King

Mon Mar 28

Tennis Districts (3/28 - 4/2)
6:15pm
JV Flag Football @ East Bay

7:30pm
Flag Football @ East Bay

Tue Mar 29

WinterGuard Friends & Family
Night Performance at
Newsome

1pm
Track Vernon Corn
Championships @ Jefferson

7pm
Baseball @ Plant

7pm
Softball @ Plant

Wed Mar 30

JROTC Best Raider
Competition @ Sarasota
Military Academy

5pm
Girls LAX @ Plant

7pm
Boys LAX @ Plant

Thu Mar 31

6:15pm
JV Flag Football vs. BDale

7pm
Baseball vs. Palm Harbor U

7:30pm
Flag Football vs. BDale

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But I have to say, my most satisfying occasion, and one that I'll remember as my first "overdose", came when we participated in a regional Special Olympics competition last year. It was awe inspiring to see how happy these children were playing a sport they loved and being able to compete with confidence. Two of my athletes even placed first in their divisions. Cloud nine is my new address.

My name is Jacob Fullerton and I am a senior this year. Community Service has changed me. Not only have I grown personally, but I've discovered a new passion and a place in my heart for all these kids that I have had the pleasure of coaching over the last two years. They have impacted my life more than they will ever know.

If you are an athlete or volunteer, or know of one, that would like to become involved, please contact me at fullertonj44@gmail.com. We hold one hour clinics every Sunday at 4pm in Fishhawk Trails. Come on out and have some fun, it's addicting!

And in case you were wondering...I am leaving my program to the trusted and competent hands of my younger brother Alex, who will be a freshman next year.

Jacob Fullerton, Class of 2016



Jacob Fullerton with Athletes at the Hillsborough County Special Olympics on February 27th.



Legislative News

Tami Schaller, Legislative Chairperson



URGENT CALL TO ACTION - PER PUPIL SPENDING

Contact the Senate and House Leadership - Tell them that a 1% increase in per pupil spending is unacceptable!

On Sunday, February 28, the Senate accepted the House budget offer of a 1% increase in per pupil spending. The per pupil spending will increase by \$71.00 to \$7178.00 per student for the 2016-2017 school year. This is far below the amount that was proposed and approved by both chambers in their pre-conference proposals. The House had approved a per pupil increase of \$124.00 for an average of \$7,231.00 per student and the Senate had approved a per pupil increase of \$142.00 for an average of \$7,249.00 per student. Governor Scott had proposed a \$114.00 increase in per pupil spending in his budget for an average funding of \$7221.00 per student.

This is unacceptable. The Governor and Legislators made a promise to increase per pupil funding by record levels this year and they are breaking their promise. Florida PTA urges you to call or email the Senate and House Appropriations Chairs and leadership to tell them: Our children deserve more than a 1% increase in per pupil spending.

For each Legislator listed, an e-mail has already been created for you to send. It's easier than ever to advocate for our children! Just sign your name to the composed e-mail and click send. Or, feel free to compose your own e-mail. We need our voices heard!

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850-497-5024

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6 Things You Better Not Say To A High School Senior

In March, College decisions are rolling out and you may need to tiptoe around the eggshells.

Article from The Huffington Post by Ann Brenoff, Senior Write/Columnist

March is the month of decisions for college-bound high school seniors. It's when colleges let applicants know whether they've been deemed worthy of occupying a 6-by-6 dorm room shared with three others while their parents take out a second mortgage on their home to afford it.

Friends, March is fraught with eggshells if you live with a high school senior. It is the month of bitter rejections, of joyous acceptances, and of the big bucket of ice water dumped on your kid's head when she learns that you actually can't afford



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her first choice school and notes that you probably should have told her that six months ago. With that in mind, here are some things you probably shouldn't say in March:

1. "It was meant to be."

You know those people who proselytize about how there is some grand plan that is slowly revealing itself to us and this rejection just was heaven-sent to show us a different path? Yeah, don't be one of those people.

College selections occur for myriad reasons that sometimes have little to do with GPA, test scores and whether your son was senior class president. It depends on what a school needs. Lots of unacademic factors creep their way into the picture. Is a school hoping to racially, ethnically or geographically diversify its student body? Were there legacy admits who were given a spot instead of your student? Are different majors impacted differently? Was it something as simple as the math teacher got too busy and as a result, spent just five minutes writing a recommendation that came up short compared to others? Stuff happens.

Instead of bringing down the forces of divine power on your student's rejection, why not just acknowledge that randomness is a real factor in college acceptances and a great deal of this was outside his control?

2. "Where you start college really doesn't matter. It's where you graduate from that counts."

As one of my daughter's friends so succinctly put it: "So then why did I apply to 18 schools as a freshman?" The answer, of course, is that with the obscene costs of college and the uncertainty of financial aid, having choices can be a wonderful thing. It's the primary reason why we encourage our kids to spend time filling out double-digit numbers of applications.

But after they've done that, they really don't want to hear that it doesn't matter. Plus, of course it matters. If you get there and hate it and want to come home, it matters a lot. #whereyoustartcollegematters

3. "Who else got in?"

Well, color you green! Green with envy that is. You want to know how your student fared compared to others. And why is that exactly? This is the old "who got picked for AYSO All-Stars" thing all over again.

Comparing your student to others is one of those futile gestures that can only lead to trouble. If your student succeeded where that mean-girl-since-third-grade didn't, it's not like you are going to tag her on Facebook saying "isn't karma a bitch?" And if your student didn't get in and Mean Girl did, then what?

Going off to college is like starting not just a new chapter, but a whole new book. Send your student off with confidence and unburdened by old hurts. Wish everyone well and celebrate their accomplishments.

Your student has worked hard for the four years of high school, spent a substantial portion of her free time working on college applications. Focus on her accomplishments and stop comparing what she did with how somebody else fared.

4. "I can't believe you got into X but not Y school."

Well, believe it. And reread point 1. Seriously, there is something akin to a magic formula when it comes to who gets admitted and who doesn't. There may be ranges for grades and scores but colleges often look more subjectively at applicants too. Focus on celebrating the schools where your student was accepted and move on from the places that he was not.

5. "I can't believe Mike got into X but not Y school."

The only thing worse than talking about your own student's failure to be accepted at a particular college is to talk about someone else's. Teenagers don't like to hear their parents talk about other kids. And while you may be saying this in a perfectly supportive way -- like "He was the valedictorian, had a 5.0 GPA and a perfect SAT score and yet UCLA rejected him. That's unbelievable and we should call the press about it!"

Craig E. Gorman, D.D.S.

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Joe E. Newsome High School

Vision Statement:

Joe E. Newsome High School will be one of the top 3 high schools in the SDHC. Measured by: daily attendance rate, graduation rate, and FCAT scores.

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to provide a safe and supportive environment that will promote lifelong learning and prepare students to become productive members of society. Newsome High School will provide experiences and knowledge needed to succeed in a rapidly changing world.



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Life is filled with surprises and sometimes those surprises are disappointing. Mike's situation is not your problem to fix.

6. "Hello Harvard, this is Sam's mother and I'd like to ask ..."

The days of you being the one to call places to advocate for your student are over. There is no plausible reason for you to be calling any school's admissions office. You might still have some business involving the financial aid office, but admissions should be totally off-limits to you at this point in the process.

Colleges expect that your student will do his own advocating. News flash: They are also highly unlikely to remind your son to do his homework, nor will they make sure he eats enough protein and green vegetables.

Mom and Dad, it's time to let the baby birds fly.



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And the strength of the Wolf is the Pack.**

-Rudyard Kipling

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