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NEWSOME NEWS

BACK-TO-SCHOOL EDITION

President's Message

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year, Wolves!

My name is Donna Rayburn and I am the incoming president of the Newsome PTSA.

If you are new to Newsome High School, we welcome you to our family! As always, our PTSA members have access to the most up to date, accurate information about our school events and happenings. That alone is one of the greatest benefits of being a member of the PTSA. You will surely find that your \$10 membership dues is well



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worth the investment as we help you navigate the correct forms, deadlines, and Hillsborough County school directives during your child's time at Newsome High School.

Everyone can join the Newsome PTSA - parents, teachers, students, family and friends in the Community! Members have access to information on our website, our facebook group page, our twitter feed and our monthly newsletters. Our board members meet monthly and we plan to host at least three general membership meetings this year for all members to attend. Our board members are listed in this newsletter. Be sure to visit our award winning [website](#) to contact board members via email and to find other pertinent information regarding Newsome, the PTSA and our programs.

Please feel free to contact any of us if you have questions about the PTSA or Newsome High School. If you have a question, most likely, other parents, teachers or students have the same question, so please let us help you find the information you need to make your experience at Newsome exceptional!

Sincerely,

Donna Rayburn
Newsome PTSA President
president@newsomehighschoolptsa.org

Principal of the Year

Our wonderful principal, Ms. Carla Bruning, received the Florida PTA Outstanding Principal of The Year Award that is annually given at the Florida PTA Leadership Convention in July.

This award is given to a principal who promotes the purpose and mission of the Florida PTA and who encourages the use of National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement.

Ms. Bruning is a supportive, dedicated, and an active member of our Newsome PTSA, and we couldn't be more proud!

August 20th

3:00 - 4:00 pm
for Freshmen and
NEW Students only!

All Newsome High School incoming Freshmen and new students are invited to attend a campus tour by our SGA, Student Government Association, representatives. Students will receive their schedules and then split into smaller groups for a walking tour.

Although students will not have access to classrooms during the tour, they will have the opportunity to explore the campus before Open House and to ask their SGA tour guide any questions they may have about Newsome.

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
for ALL Students!

Classrooms are now open for all Newsome students and parents to Meet and Greet teachers. Many teachers will have their class syllabus available as well as the class supplies list. Bring your smartphone to take photos as many teachers write info on the whiteboard.

PTSA MEMBERSHIP

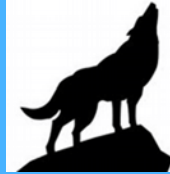
Make sure to stop by the Newsome PTSA Membership tables around campus and get information on volunteer opportunities, our programs, Senior Scholarships, and Corporate Sponsorships.



Superintendent Jeff Eakins, along with County School Board Members Melissa Snively and Sally Harris pose with Carla Bruning who received the Florida PTA Outstanding Principal of the Year Award

Newsome Communication

Visit the [Newsome High School Website](#) to stay on top of what's happening all year long. There you can find links to the Band, Athletic Booster Club, JROTC and our PTSA webpages. You can also find our school calendar and the contact information for our administration, teachers and guidance counselors. It also contains information on registration, testing, Senior news and lunch menus.



Newsome uses two mass communication systems to keep you informed of current information: Parent Link (BlackBoard) and EDSBY. Parent Link, newly named BlackBoard, is a phone messaging system that uses the number that is listed on your student's emergency card. If you have not received a call yet, contact the school at 813-740-4600 and provide them with a good number so you don't miss out on the regular Parent Link (BlackBoard) calls.



EDSBY is a modern cloud-based gradebook and social learning platform which enables our school district, school administration, teachers, students and parents to communicate with each other. HCPS (Hillsborough County Public Schools) streamlines all communication with MySpot, My Student Parent Online Toolkit. If you were enrolled in [EDSBY](#) last year, your login remains the same. Students new to the county will set-up a new [MySpot](#) account.

HCPS has taken another step to engage students, parents, teachers and school counselors in ensuring student success. Guidmii (pronounced Guide Me) is a web-based academic planning tool available our students. The [Guidmii](#) platform enables students and parents to develop a roadmap



Beat the crowds! Complete the [electronic membership form](#) on your computer, email to our [1st VP](#), pay for dues via [PayPal](#) by August 17th and we'll have your membership forms and car decal ready and waiting for you at Open House!

Bell Schedule

Newsome's First day of school is Tuesday, August 25th.



Students report to homerooms when school begins at 7:33 am. Dismissal bell rings at 3:00 pm.

Mondays are early release days with shortened classes and the dismissal bell rings at 2:00 pm. Find all the [Bell Schedules](#) [here](#).

The school is not open to students prior to 7:00 am. Students are not to remain at school after hours unless they are in a supervised activity or under the direction of a staff member.

Newsome is a "closed" campus; therefore, you can only leave campus by signing out in the Student Affairs office.

AUGUST EVENTS

August 3-6
8:30 am - 12:30 pm



to college and career readiness by enabling parents to view their student's academic options. Logon to myspot and click on your student's profile and select Guidmii under the student information tab. Once logged on to Guidmii, the student's profile and academic planning options will be visible. School counselors will work with students to discuss their academic plan, review options, and develop a pathway to success.



Newsome coaches, class sponsors and club coordinators utilize a text messaging system called REMIND to inform our students and parents of activities and events. To join, enter the code that is given to you by your coach or club coordinator.

For Senior Class of 2016 REMIND sign-up, please text 81010 and type in subject @newsome16 for class news from Mr. Govreau and @n2016 for college and careers news from Ms. Hacker.

Calling All Teachers and Staff!

Welcome Back Teachers
Breakfast
August 17
Media Center
7:30 am



We want to appreciate the "T" in PTSA!

Who knows what our Newsome students need more than anyone else? Our teachers do! We NEED our awesome teachers to help us advocate for students. How about some teacher & staff perks?

PTSA teacher members can apply for Teacher Mini-Grants that are offered twice during the school year in October and January. The PTSA provides dinner for members in the teacher's lounge during conference nights. Members have exclusive access to our Newsome High official PTSA Facebook group page where the most up-to-date and accurate "News about Newsome" can be found. Members will receive Monthly E-Newsletters when their personal emails are on the membership applications (.edu emails do not work with our e-mail system). Members also save money on everyday purchases thanks to National PTA's Member Benefits Provider Program

Plus, teachers and staff have a chance to win prizes at the Welcome Back Teachers Breakfast just for becoming a PTSA member or

GAP CAMP

August 3-6 and
August 10-13
9 am
Band Camp

August 10-13
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Freshman Orientation Camp

August 10
5:30 pm
Football Parents Meeting
Room 605

August 17
7:30 am
Welcome Back
Teacher Breakfast/
PTSA General Meeting-
Approval of Budget

August 20
3-4 pm
Only Freshmen/New Students
Campus Tour by SGA

August 20
4-6 pm
All Students
OPEN HOUSE-
Teacher Meet and Greet

August 21
7:30 pm
Varsity Football vs. Spoto
Newsome Stadium

August 25
7:30 am
First Day of School

August 25
7 pm
Volleyball @ Plant City

August 28
7:30 pm
Varsity Football @ B'Dale

renewing membership. while enjoying an amazing breakfast in their honor! So, come find out what Newsome PTSA can do for Newsome Teachers & Staff this year.

Teachers, here is the link to the [E-Vite](#).

August 31
7:30 pm
Volleyball @ Strawberry Crest

Your Contact Info

EMERGENCY CARDS

Emergency Information Cards will be distributed to students during homeroom. Please protect your child by filling out the card, in full, with current information. Newsome must have the name and correct telephone number of an emergency contact person in case a parent or guardian cannot be reached. The signature of a parent/guardian is required.

ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

It is essential that Newsome has current information regarding your family's address and phone numbers. All address and phone number changes must be submitted in writing with a parent's signature. All address changes must include a proof of address such as an electric bill, lease agreement or driver's license with the new address. Student demographic forms are available at the school office.

Attendance

Students are required to attend all scheduled classes, including homeroom, unless otherwise excused by proper school authorities.



Student Absent Verification Procedure:

When a student is absent for any reason, the parent or guardian must call ON or BEFORE the day(s) of the absence. The attendance line for Newsome is 813-740-4600 (press 1).

Please include the following information when calling to report an absence for your student:

- Student's complete name
- Date(s) of absence
- Reason for absence
- Caller's name and relation to student
- Telephone number where caller can be reached for verification

If no phone calls to excuse the absence are received within 24 hours after the student returns to school, the absence will be recorded as UNEXCUSED. Excessive absences may require medical and/or legal documentation in order to be excused.

Please also note that an automated call will be sent to the phone number(s) on the emergency card to verify that you are aware of your child's absence. If you have already called the attendance line, no other action is required. Please do not call the office to reconfirm the absence as the Student Affairs office has no control over the automated phone system.

Lockers

Lockers will be rented during third period in the first week of school. The locker rental fee is \$2.00 and all rentals must be paid in cash.



Students may not bring locks from home to

Guidance

The Guidance office is headed up by Mr. Tyvan Lindbeck, Asst. Principal for Curriculum and Mr. Christopher Perez, Department Head. Their goal is to schedule and support

secure their lockers. All lockers are school property, and subject to search at any time.

Students should be prepared to carry all materials with them during the first week of school.

Bus Transportation

The Transportation Department has many ways you can access bus information for your student before school starts. Bus stop location, times and bus numbers will be available when updated on the SDHC [Transportation](#) page.



It is very important for students and parents to know their bus stop, bus number and the bus driver's name.

Students are advised to be at their bus stop at least 10 minutes prior to the predicted pick up time. Proper bus conduct is mandatory as it ensures the safety of your child and other students

being transported.

If you have an ESE child receiving specialized bus services, your bus driver will be contacting you with specific bus stop locations, times and bus numbers.

Student Drop-off and Pick-up

Students may be dropped off at the front of Newsome after 7 am by turning at the traffic light at Randall MS and Fishhawk Blvd. and then turning right to access Newsome's front parking lot loop. For the safety of the students, please stop in the inside lane to allow your student to depart the vehicle safely.



Please do not let students out in the outside lane for any reason. The outside lane is for moving traffic only. Have your student ready to exit the vehicle when you stop as any prolonged idle time will delay other vehicles from exiting and cause unnecessary backups.

For afternoon pickup, park your car in the inside lane only. The outside lane must be left open for visitors and emergency traffic only. Please be courteous to other drivers at all times.



students so they achieve success at school and prepare for their academic and professional futures.

Your counselors are available to assist in academic planning, career exploration, social or personal issues and post-secondary plans that include technical training or college admission.

The names of all Guidance Counselors can be found on Newsome's [website](#).

School Meds Policy

Students are not permitted to bring medications to school unless approved by a medical doctor. The school clinic does not provide any medications or treatments without a doctor's note, and a signed authorization form. This includes medications like benadryl, tylenol, motrin, neosporin and cortisone cream.

Parents are permitted to bring their student's medication to school, and administer the medication as needed. If a student has a chronic condition that requires medication at school, the parent can bring the medication to the clinic with a doctor's note, or Rx with instructions for administration. This includes over-the-counter meds.

Please see Angelina Mills, RN, our school nurse, for any medication issues at school.



When exiting Newsome property, all traffic must turn right in the Randall parking lot and then continue straight toward the Randall cafeteria. Vehicles will then proceed into the proper turning lanes for the Fishhawk Blvd. traffic light.

NO PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC signs are located at the entrance and exit of the Newsome car line from the Randall parking lot. These signs will be strictly enforced and citations will be issued to violators. Citations will also be issued to those who do not stop at the stop signs entering and leaving Newsome property.



Student Handbook

Every student will be issued a Student Handbook during homeroom. County policies will be reviewed and explained at this time.

Students are required to present their copy of the handbook to their parents so they can read the rules, policies and procedures that govern student behavior in all Hillsborough County Public Schools.

NOTE: Parents are required to sign the card found in the handbook and return it by way of your child to his/her homeroom teacher.

You can view the Hillsborough County Student Handbook (when updated) online at the [SDHC Website](#)

Dress Code

The dress and grooming of students shall be that which contributes to the health and safety of the individual, promotes a positive educational environment and good school spirit, and which is non-disruptive of the educational activities and processes of the school.



A. Shoes shall be worn. Skate tennis shoes and bedroom slippers are unacceptable.

B. Clothing that exposes the entire shoulder, tube tops, spaghetti straps, or similar type of clothing may only be worn with a blouse or shirt. Clothing exposing the torso or the midriff, either front, back, or sides shall not be worn. Underwear shall not be visible. Clothing shall not expose mid-chest area.

C. Clothing not properly fastened or with tears that are indecent shall not be worn. Clothing traditionally designed as undergarments or sleepwear shall not be worn as outer garments. All pants and shorts shall be secured at the waist.

D. Boys' shirts shall have sleeves.

E. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed.

F. Head coverings shall not be worn in the building unless required for religious observance or health related reasons.

G. Mini skirts, mini dresses, and short shorts shall not be permitted. Hemlines shall be no shorter than fingertip length.

H. Garments and/or jewelry which display or suggest sexual, vulgar, drug, gang, weapons, or alcohol-related wording or graphics, or which

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provoke or may tend to provoke violence or disruption in the school, shall not be worn. Wallet chains shall not be worn.

NEWSOME PTSA

We hope you and your student have a wonderful year here at Newsome. As your PTSA, it is our goal to provide our families with relevant, timely information to help you navigate the year safely and be informed.



Please consider joining the PTSA. Membership is only \$10.00 per person. Membership is available to everyone: students, parents, teachers, grandparents, friends and family. Seniors must be a member by January 31, 2015 to be eligible for a Senior Scholarship.



If you would like a business membership, or to be one of our corporate sponsors, please let us know by emailing our Corporate Sponsorship Chairperson, Pam McAuley at

sponsorships@newsomehighschoolptsa.org. Businesses and sponsors receive recognition on our website as well as in our monthly e-newsletters.

We need your support to help us achieve our goals each year. Your dollars help us provide student appreciation, teacher appreciation breakfasts and lunches and dinners, teacher mini-grants, guest speakers for our families and senior scholarships. Each year we have distributed \$6,000.00 in scholarships to our students thanks to our donors and sponsors. Your donations and support are appreciated.



In addition to financial support, we can use your time and talents as well. If you would like to volunteer to be on any of our committees, please email our volunteer coordinator, Ginny Harrell at volunteers@newsomehighschoolptsa.org.

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.

For the latest Newsome information and "News You Can Use", access our PTSA members only facebook page by searching for us at [Newsome High OFFICIAL PTSA](#) and follow us on Twitter @NewsomePTSA!

Check out [Newsome Athletic Booster Club](#), a non-profit organization dedicated to raise funds for Newsome athletes and student programs.

Want to know the schedule for any of Newsome's athletic teams? Check out schedules online at [c2schools](#) or [maxpreps](#).

Need directions to an away game? Just click on the name of the school on the schedule and Mapquest directions will instantly pop up for you! It's that easy!

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

-Rudyard Kipling

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