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Donna Rayburn, President
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NEWSOME NEWS

President's Message

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

Happy Spring! We hope you had a wonderful Spring Break and are ready to buckle down to finish the school year strong! Our general meeting to approve the 2016-2017 Newsome PTSA board members will be Thursday, April 28 at 6pm in the Media Center. We have been brainstorming some improvements on our programs and fundraising for next year so I hope you will join us to hear about them.



We will also be hosting Deputy Alonso to present a program for parents on "Our Students and Prescription Drugs on Campus." I hope you can find time in your schedule to attend this presentation. It will last 45 minutes but it will be a very informative use of your time - shocking probably.

The PTSA is spending the remaining two months of the school year draining our bank account to the teachers who applied for the Spring mini-grant program and for the Senior Scholarship program. The seniors who have been awarded a scholarship will be notified at the Awards Program on April 12.

Please remember to send in your "blue letter" for your graduating senior if you haven't already. The due date for that is May 2. We will continue to update our website and our facebook page to keep you up to date with the latest news at Newsome High School.

Thank you for your membership so that we can do all these activities for you and your students.

Sincerely,

Donna Rayburn
Newsome PTSA President
president@newsomehighschoolpta.org

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Fri Apr 1
End of 3rd Grading Period

3pm
Athletic Booster Club
Scholarship Applications due!

Sat Apr 2
JROTC District Rifle
Competition @ Alonso

Varsity WinterGuard FFCC
State Championships @



Deputy's Corner

Deputy Alonso, Newsome School Resource Officer

In recent months and weeks acts of terrorism have been a focus of news reports. With this in mind, I'd like to remind you of the importance of being observant and vigilant.

Shortly after 9/11 citizens were very alert to what was going on in their communities and were reporting suspicious activities to law enforcement. I was working patrol during the days following those attacks and responded to citizen reports. None were taken lightly.

Time can bring about complacency. We move on with our everyday lives and take for granted the dangers out there. We can never keep the attitude, "It will never happen here."

If you see or hear something suspicious, report it to law enforcement. I've attached a flier that can be printed or saved with contact information. Together we make our communities safer. As always, if you have any questions feel free to give me a call at 740-4600 ext. 230.



FBLA

Lori Eichelberger, FBLA Advisor

What a fantastic year Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) has had. The year started off with a bang by an increase in membership to 151 students. These students are in business classes or were already a member of FBLA at some level including Middle School.

FBLA then moved on to our District competition which took place in December. Newsome had amazing success and out of 130 members that competed, FBLA took home 65 winners that were all eligible for State Competition in March.

FBLA State competition is a huge event with over 4000 students coming together in Orlando to compete in business events. Competition is steep. Newsome had 30 students participate over spring break in the state competition, with 3 students placing 4th at the State Level. Kaleb Lucas placed for 3-D Animation, Anthony Caligiuri and Roberto Betttaglio placed for Marketing.

We are already looking forward to next year.



State Championships @ Daytona

2pm
Boys LAX @ Berkeley

9:44pm
Indoor Percussion State Championships @ Daytona

Sun Apr 3
1:31pm
Varsity WinterGuard FFCC State Championships @ Daytona

Mon Apr 4
6:15pm
JV Flag Football @ Plant City

7:30pm
V Flag Football @ Plant City

Tue Apr 5
3pm
Girls Tennis Regionals vs. Wiregrass (@ Riverhills)

4pm
Boys Tennis Regionals @ Lakeland

6pm
Track @ Newsome

7pm
Baseball @ Chamberlain

7pm
Softball @ Chamberlain

Wed Apr 6
Last Club Day of the Year!

6pm
Girls LAX Districts vs. All Saints @ Durant

8pm
Boys LAX Districts vs. B'Dale @ Newsome

Thu Apr 7
6:15pm
JV Flag Football @ Strawberry Crest

7pm
Baseball @ Durant

7pm
Softball @ Durant

7:30pm
V Flag Football @ Strawberry Crest

Fri Apr 8
7pm

Newsome JROTC
Cadet Master Sergeant Laura Miller

The Newsome Wolfpack Battalion once again exceeded expectations during the month of March. The Battalion's primary focus was the annual JROTC Program Accreditation (JPA) inspection. Members from Sixth Brigade and the Hillsborough and Lee County District JROTC Offices conducted the inspection to determine if Newsome JROTC would retain their status as a Honor Unit with Distinction.



The JPA is an important component to JROTC as Cadet Command strives to ensure that JROTC programs remain relevant and contribute to our High Schools and Communities. The JPA consisted of the Staff's Continuous Improvement Plan brief, a Service Learning Project brief, a review of random Cadet and Instructor portfolios, Cadet interviews, Platoon Drill and Color Guard performances, and an In-Ranks inspection of all members of the battalion. The Wolfpack Battalion did not disappoint as each inspector was impressed with every aspect of the program and awarded the battalion with a 98% overall score.

The month of April will be extremely busy as our JROTC teams make a final push to close out their seasons at District and State level Competitions. Upcoming competitions / events include:

31 March - Hillsborough County Cadet of the Year Ceremony at Armwood High School
02 April - District Rifle Competition at Alonso High School, Tampa Florida
09 April - State VFW Rifle Competition in Lakeland, Florida
09 & 10 April - Relay for Life at Newsome High School
12 April - NHS Awards Ceremony at Newsome High School
16 April - State Drill & Color Guard Competition at George Jenkins High School, Lakeland, Florida
23 April - State Rifle Competition at Island Coast High School, Cape Coral, Florida
26 April - NHS JROTC Award Ceremony at Newsome High School
29 & 30 April - Best Raider Competition in Myakka, Florida
30 April - Junior Olympics Rifle Competition at Sarasota Military Academy, Sarasota, Florida

Cadets and parents are all looking forward to the upcoming JROTC Award Ceremony on April 26th where students that have made notable contributions to the program will be recognized and presented with medals and ribbons for their uniform.

To learn more about Newsome JROTC or to follow the exploits of the cadets, log onto their homepage at: www.newsomejrotc.com (new website) or click on the JROTC link found under "programs" on the Newsome High School homepage.



**Do you know who's been
in your
Medicine Cabinet?!?**

Girls LAX District Finals
@ Durant

8pm
Boys LAX District Finals
@ Newsome

Sat Apr 9
JROTC State VFW Rifle
Competition in Lakeland

7am
ACT Testing @ Newsome

Relay for Life
@ Newsome (until 4/10)

Mon Apr 11
7pm
Baseball vs. Tampa Bay Tech

Tue Apr 12
6pm
Newsome Senior
Awards Ceremony

Softball Districts (until 4/16)

Wed Apr 13
8:30am
PTSA Board Meeting

Thu Apr 14
6:15pm
JV Flag Football vs. Brandon
7:30pm
V Flag Football vs. Brandon

Fri Apr 15
7pm
Baseball vs. Robinson

Sat Apr 16
JROTC State Drill & Color
Guard Competition
@ George Jenkins

6:30am
Class of 2018 Annual Yard Sale
in front of Newsome

7am
March to Macy's Yard Sale
@ Bevis

Tue Apr 19
12pm
Track @ Spoto

6:30pm
Band Booster Meeting
Baseball Districts (until 4/21)

Thu Apr 21
Report Cards Go Home

- A PTSA Program including:**
- * Prescription drug use/misuse by teens
 - * Substance abuse and overdose death in our county
 - * Parenting strategies to combat these issues

**Thursday, April 28th
6:00 pm**

Newsome Media Center
(Immediately following PTSA Officer Elections)

**Presented by:
Deputy Mike Alonso
Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
School Resource Deputy, Newsome High School**

Open to all community members

Senior Scholarships

Jill Rintoul, Senior Scholarship Chairperson

We had 55 entries for our 2016 PTSA Senior Scholarships. All applications are now with the 5 judges that are at wits end trying to pick the winners!

Just a reminder that the judges are all outside community representatives and all names have been stricken from the applications. We will announce the winners at the Newsome Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, April 12th.

The PTSA appreciates all the seniors that took the time to complete the application. Everyone of you are so deserving and we wish you the best of luck in the future!



Blue Letter Envelopes

Monica Weaver and Liz Hallman, Co-Chairpersons

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!

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@newsomehighschoolpta.org

Restaurant Spirit Days

Carolann Tompkins, Spirit Days Chairperson

7pm
V Flag Football vs. Leto

Sat Apr 23
JROTC State Rifle Competition
at Island Coast, Cape Coral

8pm
Senior Prom
@ TPeplins Hospitality Center

Mon Apr 25
4:30pm
Color Guard Auditions
(until 4/28)

Flag Football Districts
@ East Bay

Tue Apr 26
Newsome JROTC
Awards Ceremony

Wed Apr 27
3pm
Teachers and Staff
Appreciation Dinner

3:30pm - 6pm
Conferences

6pm
National Honor Society
Induction Ceremony
in Auditorium

Thu Apr 28
Lunches
Caps and Gowns Delivered
@ Gym Lobby

6 pm
PTSA General Meeting and
NOPE Parent Presentation in
Media Center

Fri Apr 29
JROTC
Best Raider Competition in
Myakka (until 4/30)

Grad Bash (until 4/30)

Sat Apr 30
JROTC Junior Olympics
Rifle Competition
@ Sarasota Military Academy

11am
Track @ Kissimmee

**Head's Up:
May 2**
Blue Letter Envelope Deadline

Carrollton

Thank you to Cherry's Bar and Grill in Park Square for hosting our Newsome PTSA Spirit Day last month. They also gave our student recognition drawing winners \$5 coupons!



Cherry's is a great local restaurant to enjoy lunch or dinner. We are so fortunate to have so many local businesses supporting our high school students and teachers.

Thank you!

Faculty Recognition

Dawn Ullom, Faculty Recognition Chairperson

The PTSA is hoping your Prescription of M&Ms last month did not run out as there are no refills. However, we have great news.

We have a special "Tampa Flavor" dinner planned for next month at the upcoming Parent Teacher Conference Night on April 27th.

You'll think you stepped into the heart of Ybor when you are treated to salad, chicken, and rice from Cheddars Restaurant in Brandon. We are grateful for their support and look forward to showing our teachers how much we appreciate them.



Student Recognition

Wendi Westrate, Student Recognition Chairperson



Congratulations to the following Newsome PTSA Student Members who won the third grading period Student Recognition drawing.

Alec Titmus
Matthew Leslie
Madeline Tomich
Hayes Ubillos
Joshua Amato
Jennifer Morgan
Kate Sankey

The student members received a \$20 gift card to Cherry's, a \$5 coupon to Cherry's, and a \$5 gift card to Art Monkey.

Teacher Mini-Grants

Kathi Hayes, Mini-Grant Committee Chairperson

Congratulations to our teachers who have been awarded our Teacher Mini-Grants:

Barbara Kirby STEM
Vernessa Neu English -Answer Buzzers
Christine Thorneburg Math- Document/Video Camera
Valerie Walker - Archaeology - 4 Metal Detectors
Valerie Walker - ART History Books
Tasha Lohman - Media -Million Word Reader

Total Mini-Grants given this semester is \$869.20.



Legislative News

Tami Schaller, Legislative Chairperson

The 2016 Legislative priorities for kids: Healthy Children and Healthy Futures.



Corporate Sponsorships

Renee Rasmussen, 2nd VP

If you would like a business membership, or to be one of our corporate sponsors, please contact Renee Rasmussen our 2nd VP Ways and Means.

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Florida PTA recommends that the Florida Department of Education and the state:

- Allow for proper field-testing and test development in areas with similar demographics to Florida's diverse demographics;
- Suspend the issuance of school letter grades until performance data has been deemed reliable;
- Allow additional testing and calculation flexibility to students with disabilities and students who speak limited English;
- Consider using multiple years of a new exam as a baseline for generating school grades and teacher evaluations.

Florida PTA urges the Legislature to fully fund strategies and programs that ensure the health, safety, and education of the children of Florida.

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We offer the best in name brand musical instruments and top quality education in our Brandon music store. We carry band and orchestral instruments, keyboards, guitars/amps, drums, accessories, sheet music/books, karaoke rental/CD's, and more.

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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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The Newsome High School PTSO E-Newsletter is published on the first Monday of the month with a total of ten issues published each school year. We welcome submissions from parents, teachers and students. Articles are due to [Editor](#) by the 25th of the month.

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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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