

Newsome High School PTSA E-Newsletter December 2015

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From Newsome High School PTSA

To Cyndi Cisneros

Reply-To Newsome High School PTSA

Hi, just a reminder that you're receiving this email because you have expressed an interest in Newsome High School PTSA. Don't forget to add secretary@newsomehighschoolptsa.org to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox! If you have moved, graduated or your student is no longer attending Newsome High School, please let us know so we can take your e-mail off our distribution list. Bleed Blue!

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Donna Rayburn, President
Cyndi Cisneros, Editor

NEWSOME NEWS

President's Message

Dear Newsome PTSA Members,

For those of you that attended Shelli Bauer's presentation, "Why is My Teen So Moody?", I'm sure you will agree that it was worth your time to learn about normal/abnormal signs and strategies for helping out teens during this difficult transition in their lives.

We still have a few Newsome logo tote bags that make perfect teacher's gifts for \$20! Contact [LaLania Sellers](#) while supplies last.

Our next program for parents will be in January, mostly for Junior and Senior parents who will be filling out the FAFSA forms for their child's college applications. This is a cumbersome form but a necessary part of the college application process.



The members of the Newsome PTSA board would like to wish you a joyful and restful Winter Break and a happy and healthy 2016.

We would also like to take this time to thank all our members and sponsors. Without your support, we would not be able to provide the many PTSA programs that help our students and teachers.

Many thanks go out to all our fabulous volunteers who make our PTSA events and activities possible.

Donna Rayburn



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Tue Dec 1

6pm
Soccer vs. Plant

Wed Dec 2

CLUB DAY
6pm
Basketball vs. Middleton

6:30pm
Cheer Competition

Newsome PTSA President
president@newsomehighschoolpta.org

Letter from our Principal

Dear parents and students,

It is hard to believe that we have another Winter Break upon us ! I hope that each of you get to spend some quality time with your family and friends. Some of us will be traveling and others will be staying at home, but what ever you choose may it be restful and relaxing.

Happy Holidays from the Newsome Administration,

Carla Bruning
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Preparing Students for Life



Newsome Tote

LaLania Sellers, Totes Chairperson

Your Newsome PTSA is selling Newsome logo tote bags - the perfect Christmas gift! This royal blue multi-pocket/multi-purpose tote bag will be available for \$20 while supplies last.

If you are interested in purchasing one or many, download the order form [here](#), send it in with cash or check in an envelope marked "PTSA TOTE" and turn it in to the main office.

Arrangements will be made for delivery/pick-up.

DECEMBER SPIRIT DAY

Carolann Tompkins, Fundraising and Restaurant Sponsors Chairperson



We are looking forward to another Spirit Day at Little Greek on Monday, December 7.

If you haven't dined at Little Greek yet you are in for a wonderful surprise, and if you are a weekly visitor you know you can purchase a wonderful meal without breaking the bank.

Check out the [whole menu](#) but we regularly enjoy the Light Meal Chicken Skewers served over a Greek Salad with rice on the side. And we particularly enjoy the baklava as a special dessert. It truly is "Fresh, Flavorful, Fabulous Greek Food."

Please mention Newsome PTSA so that your receipt goes in our jar and we will receive a 10% donation.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Spirit Day last month! The PTSA is so grateful for the generous donation from Jake's Wayback Burgers.

Go Wolves!

Student Representative

Sam Talbot, SGA Secretary

Hi everyone!

As most of you may already know, there is not much planning going on around this time of the year in SGA. However, one event we are super excited for is our winter pep rally Thursday the 17th of December!

6:30pm
Football Banquet
@ Barnwell Barn

7pm
Band
Macy's Launch Meeting

8:30pm
JV Ice Hockey
@ Ellenton Ice

Thu Dec 3
Club Picture Day

6:30pm
Chorus Madrigal Dinner

Fri Dec 4
3:15pm
JROTC
Cadet of the Month Board

4pm
Wrestling - 10 Way
@ Chamberlain

6pm
Basketball
vs. Riverview-Sarasota

6pm
Soccer
@ Strawberry Crest

6:30pm
Chorus Madrigal Dinner

9pm
JV Ice Hockey
@ Ellenton Ice

Sat Dec 5
JROTC Raiders District Meet

7am
SAT Testing

9am
Boys JV Basketball
vs. King and Gaither

9am
Girls JV Basketball
@ East Bay

1030am
Wrestling - 10 Way
@ Chamberlain

Dec 7 - Dec 11
BATTLE OF THE BELTS

Mon Dec 7
11am - 9pm
PTSA Spirit Day the Greek Way
Little Greek Restaurant
3474 Lithia Pinecrest Road
Valrico, Florida 33596
For Take-Out: 813-685-0819

Unlike the usual pep rallies that occur on Fridays we decided to switch this one up. With the pep rally scheduled the week before winter break we wanted to make sure that we accommodated those taking an early break and get the most student attendance as possible! We hope to see all of our students there because we've got a lot of fun stuff planned!



The other event going on the week of the 7th is the battle of the belts. Every year we compete in a competition revolving around safe driving and campaigning about the importance of wearing seat belts. There will be more information out in a couple of days and I'll be updating you as soon as I get it! Thank you!

A Quick Review of Programming at Newsome High School

By Chris Perez, School Guidance Counselor and Department Chair



Well, it's that time again: The weather is cooling off, holiday decorations are appearing and...it's time to choose classes for the 2016-17 school year?! Yes, every year programming begins earlier and earlier, and this year is no exception. So let this article remind you of the reasons to make good choices.

What is Programming?

Students choose classes for the following school year and Newsome uses those choices to decide what classes to offer and what teachers to hire. When classes get too few students, we drop them, and sometimes we lose the teachers that teach them. So it is important for students to carefully consider their choices because, as we grow, it will be more difficult for students to change their mind.

Newsome has historically been very accommodating to students requesting schedule changes. But as Newsome grows, that luxury gets harder to offer. We anticipate over 2700 students in the 2016-17 year. So the choices students and parents make now have real ramifications.

Why don't we program in April or May?

The school board has elected to start next school year almost three weeks earlier than previous years, so this summer will be unusually short. We normally use summertime to make corrections to schedules, so this year, we lose those weeks. And we make teacher hiring decisions in April, so to give students the most input in their schedule requires us to ask for their choices early.

Two categories - Academics and Electives

Academics are classes needed for graduation (English, math, science, and social studies). Students in a regular version of an academic class generally continue to take the regular version in that subject. The same holds true for honors and AP. Changes to that pattern should only be made if they are academically appropriate. Your counselor will help with those academic placement decisions, and unless you are considering a change that does not make sense, you won't need special permission.

Electives are any class not directly required for graduation. This is where student input is vital. We want students to explore their interests and take the elective classes that they want. Can that be an extra science class? Of course! More PE? Sure! We cannot stress this enough: Students, please choose electives you actually want to take!

What electives do colleges want to see?

The real answer is that they don't mind what students take. Colleges are looking for students who have a thirst for learning and will perform well in class. Taking electives in high school allows students to explore their interests and arrive at college with better ideas of what majors to pursue. (Or at least those they do not want!) There is no such thing as the "best" electives: Students should follow their passion and curiosity.

So please, to all Newsome families: Students need to choose academics that are appropriate and to choose electives they actually want to take. Help us build the best schedule we can.

[2016-2017 Navigator](#) - Newsome Course Selection Guide

Tue Dec 8

6pm
Basketball @ Riverview

6:30pm
Cheer @ Armwood

Wed Dec 9

5pm
JV Wrestling 6 way
@ Brandon

5:30pm
Ice Hockey vs. Palm Harbor
@ Amalie Arena

6pm
Soccer @ Riverview

6pm
Latin Honor Society Induction

7pm
Wrestling Dual
vs. Tampa Bay Tech
SENIOR NIGHT

Fri Dec 11

SENIORS -
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4pm
Wrestling - Cougar Invitational
@ Strawberry Fest Grounds

6pm
Basketball vs. Manatee

6pm
Ice Hockey vs. Wharton
@ Ice Sports Forum

8pm
JV Ice Hockey
@ Ellenton Ice

Sat Dec 12

ACT Testing
JROTC Rifle
9am JV Boys Basketball
vs. Riverview and East Bay
9am JV Girls Basketball @
Brandon
10:30am Wrestling - Cougar
Invitational @ Strawberry Fest
Grounds

Mon Dec 14

5pm
JV Wrestling 5 Way
@ Riverview

6pm
Basketball vs. Plant City

7pm
Boys Soccer vs. Gaither

Tue Dec 15

DEPUTY'S CORNER

Deputy Alonso, Newsome School Resource Officer

'Tis the Season for giving. However, there are those in it for the taking. With that in mind I'd like to remind you of a few Holiday tips.

While out shopping be sure to secure your valuables and gifts. Placing them in the trunk is a great theft deterrent. Thieves look inside vehicles for easy targets. Be sure to lock your vehicles even when parked in your driveway. While walking in the parking lots be mindful of your surroundings. Criminals watch for those not paying attention. Think of it as the lion hunting its prey. They're the lion and you're the prey.

During this shopping season be mindful of credit card/identity theft. Keep receipts to match bank/credit card statements. Check your statements for any unusual transactions, especially for small amounts you may not normally notice. Know where your bank cards are. If you lose them or they are stolen, report them to the police immediately. Also, don't forget to contact your bank.

If you use debit cards and are asked debit or credit? Choose credit. You have greater protection with credit transactions rather than debit.

Finally, after the presents are all opened, don't place the boxes by the curb for the garbage collectors. This is an advertisement you got that big screen TV. Instead, break the boxes down and place them in the cans for pickup.

This, by no means, is an all-inclusive list. These are just a few things that may make your Holidays merry and bright. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and have a safe Winter break.



6pm
Basketball vs. Alonso

6pm Soccer vs. Plant City

6:30pm Band Booster Meeting

Wed Dec 16

6:30pm
Cheer @ Plant

Thu Dec 17

PEP RALLY

6pm
Basketball @ Robinson
6pm

Soccer vs. Wharton
6:30pm

Orchestra Concert

Fri Dec 18

JROTC Field Day

6pm
Ice Hockey vs. Jesuit
Ice Sports Forum

6:30pm
Newsome/Randall Band Concert

Sat Dec 19

9am
JV Boys Basketball
@ Est Bay

9am
JV Girls Basketball
vs. King and Gaither

Dec 21 - Jan 1

Winter Break

Student Spotlight



Alex Burke Class of 2016

Newsome Activities: Cross Country, Track and Field, Newsome's Top 99 Runners, FCA, Seeds of Hope, Green Club, Relay for Life



Leadership:
Captain of Cross Country Team

Hobbies: Running, soccer, Emerge youth group, car shows

College: University of South Florida

Future: Physical Therapist/ Sports Medicine

Senior Scholarships

Jill Rintoul, Senior Scholarships Chairperson



Seniors, Graduation is closer than you think! Many of you are awaiting decisions from your favorite Colleges and Universities and some of you already know. The PTSA has been there with you throughout all your high school years and we are here now. Each year the PTSA offers the opportunity to receive a scholarship that will provide funds for books, tuition, boarding or simply to provide you with the supplies you may need for your next step in academia.

This year the PTSA will be awarding scholarships to students who will be studying



specifically at (click the category to download the application):

- [Two-Year Colleges](#)
- [Four-Year Colleges](#), or
- Those who will major in the [Performing or Fine Arts](#)

Be sure to fill out the correct scholarship application. In 2016, we will award eight to ten \$500 scholarships. To be considered you must apply. The deadline is February 19, 2016, and you must be a PTSA student member by January 29, 2016.

- Download an application (click the above categories) or get a copy from Mrs. Linda Hacker.
- Fill out the application (include all documentation required).
- Return your application to Mrs. Linda Hacker, Newsome College and Career Counselor, no later than 3:30 February 19, 2016 (late submissions will not be accepted).

We want you to succeed! Scholarship recipients will be announced during the Newsome Awards Ceremony in May.

Email SeniorScholarships@newsomehighschoolptsa.org with any questions.

Sponsor Spotlight

Pinch A Penny - Lithia/Fishhawk

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Jim, Kathy & Larry



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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GOLD SPONSOR

Newsome JROTC

By Cadet Captain Kai Johnston

The Newsome High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Wolfpack Battalion has continued success into the second quarter. The cadets have decorated the classroom for the holiday season and look forward to the many upcoming events in the month of December.

The Wolfpack Battalion cadets were successful in their endeavor to raise funds for the program through "Wolf-A-Thon" bringing in almost \$31,00.00 in donations. This money will be spent throughout the year on new equipment (such as a new camera for the Public Affairs section, uniforms, awards and special team equipment). It will also cover the costs of the many competitions and activities the cadets participate in. Similarly, cadets met with success in their community service project "Operation Patriot", in which cadets donate items to the Lopez Veterans Home, where resident Veterans receive only \$35 per month to buy personal items such as shampoo and shaving cream. The Battalion collected 2,389 items and \$615.00 in quarters (to be used for bingo). The six cadets chosen to participate in the Honor Platoon in France for the anniversary of D-Day have begun their first fundraiser with Trees For Troops. The six cadets seek donations of \$50 or more to the organization, which provides free Christmas trees to military families.

In the month of December, the Wolfpack Battalion will participate in numerous activities. On December 4th, select cadets with a rank of Private First Class or below, will compete to win the Cadet of the Month Board. On December 5th, the Raider team will compete at Alonso High School and strive to win the district competition. On December 11th, senior members of JROTC will meet after school for their monthly staff meeting, reviewing plans for a successful year and checking on the status of each company. The Rifle team is preparing for competitions on the 11th (Army match at Sarasota Military Academy) and 12th (Hillsborough County match at Sickles High School) of December. On the 18th of December, the entire Battalion will spend the day at the Newsome Stadium for the annual Wolfpack Battalion Field Day, with each company competing to win various sporting and drill competitions.

The Wolfpack Battalion continues its mission to "Motivate young people to be better citizens" and improve every cadet's chance at being successful after graduation. While JROTC is not a recruiting effort for the United States military, it provides leadership opportunities, team-building skills, and prepares students for life after high school. Students enrolled in JROTC are expected to live up to the "Cadet Creed" and the seven "Army Values" of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honesty, integrity and personal courage.

To learn more about Newsome JROTC or to follow the achievements of this year's cadets, log onto the [NHS JROTC](#) homepage or click on the JROTC link found under "programs" on the [Newsome High School](#) homepage.



Legislation

[Tami Schaller, Legislative Chair](#)

Here are two Bills that passed in the past year and a half that pertain to students.

Accelerated Learning / SB 850 Passed Requires school districts and state colleges to create a program for high school students to earn a year of college credits by graduation.

Biometric Collection / SB 188 Passed Prohibits schools from collecting the biometric data of students or parents.



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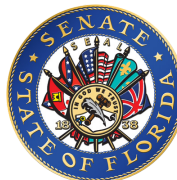


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Monica Weaver and Liz Hallman, Co-Chairs



As Blue Letter Envelope committee chairs, it's our desire to share information with you that will keep you prepared and ready when that time arrives! So, mark your spring calendars now and be ready to reach out to family and friends and request that they send a letter or card to your student for that day. **We cannot begin to express how much this means to the graduates!!**

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, you may want to begin letting friends and family know what Blue Letter Envelope is all about. Click [here for instructions](#) and [here for a sample letter](#).

Beginning in late January 2016, letters and cards can be mailed to or dropped off at NHS. 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

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When you become a corporate sponsor of the Newsome PTSA, you help a student achieve their potential. Your sponsorship dollars enable us to provide scholarships to students and also go a long way in helping us support the students, the parents, and the teachers of Newsome.



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Thanks for your support!



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

-Rudyard Kipling

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