

Newsome High School PTSA E-Newsletter January 2016

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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@newsomehighschoolpta.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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Newsome PTSA Newsletter
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Donna Rayburn, President
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NEWSOME NEWS

President's Message

Dear Newsome PTSA Members,

Welcome to 2016! Newsome High School PTSA hopes that you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and we wish all of you a healthy and prosperous new year!

January isn't a very exciting month at Newsome but it is eventful with mid-term exams mid-month. However, we continue to support our faculty with birthday gifts and monthly treats as well as our support of our outstanding PTSA student members who will be recognized in January.



I also want to mention that Newsome will be hosting a FAFSA introduction program on February 10th at 6pm in the auditorium for all Seniors, Juniors and parents. All students attending college next year should fill out these forms - most colleges recommend it and after the presentation, the media center will be open for parents to start the form with representatives from Hillsborough County assisting this process.

We still have a few Newsome High School TOTE bags available. If you didn't receive one for the holidays, please contact [LaLania Sellers](#).

Thank you for your support,

Donna Rayburn
Newsome PTSA President
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@ Anclote

JROTC Rifle
@ Berkeley Prep

Mid Term Exam Schedule

Tuesday, January 12th Pd. 1 then Pd.2 exams (11:45 Dismissal)

Wednesday, January 13th Pd. 3 then Pd. 4 (11:45 Dismissal)
Thursday, January 14th Pd. 7 then Pd. 5 exams (11:45 Dismissal)
Friday, January 15th Pd. 8 then Pd. 6 exams (11:45 Dismissal)

Exam Bell Schedule

7:33 - 9:33 Exam
9:33 - 9:45 Break (Sack lunches will be available before school)
9:45 - 11:45 Exam
11:45 Dismissal

Students do not need to sign in or out at the Student Affairs office if they do not have an exam for the scheduled period of the exam day. They may leave early or arrive late, but must go to cafeteria during the exam time.

Exam Make-Up Schedule

Wed. January 20- Science rm. 629/ World Lang. rm. 603
Thurs. January 21-Math rm. 528/ Career Tech. rm. 503 & 605
Fri. January 22-Social Studies rm. 322
Mon. January 25- English/Reading rm. 921/ Dr. Ed/PE rm. 711/ Fine Arts rm. 205
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All make-up exams will be administered from 3:05pm - 5:05pm except for Mondays exam which will begin at 2:05pm.

All make-up exams must be pre-approved through Student Affairs.

Guidance Office

Ms. Hacker, College and Careers Counselor

Two upcoming Financial Aid Nights:

1) Feb. 10th at Newsome High School, 6:00 PM in the Newsome auditorium, Stephanie Rosh from the Department of Education will give an overview of the FAFSA form. Topics include: Florida Prepaid, FAFSA, PELL Grants, Student Loans and Bright Futures. All families welcome! 9-12 grade.

Then, we will move to the Library and help parents and students to complete the FAFSA form for Seniors only.

Make sure you bring the following items:

Your Social Security Card
Your driver's license (if any)
Your 2015 W-2 forms
Your 2015 Federal Income Tax Return
Your 2015 untaxed income records
Your current bank statements
Your parents' Federal Income Tax Return
Your parents' 2015 W-2 forms
Your parents' bank statements
Your parents' untaxed income records
Your parents' current business and investment records



The First Step is the
FAFSA

Don't worry. We are here to help.

Remember to go to FAFSA.gov!!!! It is a free application.

2.) The District Financial Aid Night is being held at Riverview High School on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 6pm in the Riverview High School Auditorium.

The University of South Florida financial aid team representatives will be presenting the following topics.

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) process
Review on how colleges and universities compile financial aid packages, and will discuss available federal aid. Topics include: Florida Prepaid, FAFSA, PELL Grants, Student Loans and Bright Futures.

Seniors, this would be a great opportunity to get all your questions answered about how to pay for college.

Linda Hacker
College and Career Counselor



10:30am
Wrestling - 9 way
@ Leto

Sun Jan 10

Hillsborough Education
Foundation Scholarships
Deadline

Jan 12-Jan 15

Mid-Term Exams -
Dismissal 11:45am

Jan 12

11:45am
JROTC Staff Meeting

3pm

Girls Soccer -
Districts vs. Strawberry Crest
@ East Bay

6:30pm

Relay for Life Meeting
@ Bevis Elementary

Wed Jan 13

8:30am
PTSA Board Meeting

11am

PTSA Spirit Day
@ Beef O'Bradys-Fishhawk

Fri Jan 15

End of 2nd Grading Period

6pm

Basketball @ Manatee

6:30pm

JV Ice Hockey
@ Ellenton Ice

7pm

Boys Soccer
vs. Tampa Bay Tech

7pm

Girls Soccer District Finals
@ East Bay

9am

Boys JV Basketball
@ Lennard

10:30am

Girls JA Basketball @ Plant

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"We Deliver Excellence" "Preparing Students for Life"

JANUARY SPIRIT DAY

Carolann Tompkins, Fundraising and Restaurant Sponsors Chairperson



We are so excited that our next Spirit Day will be held at Beef 'O' Brady's (Fishhawk location) on Wednesday, January 13th, beginning at 11:00 am. Go on in anytime from 11:00 am to close and mention that you are there in support of Newsome High School PTSA. This is a perfect opportunity for our students, staff and administration to support our sponsor after the midterm exams.

Beef 'O' Brady's is a particularly generous sponsor of many programs at Newsome High School, and we are grateful for their support.

Newsome PTSA

Upcoming Programs

FAFSA Workshop

A workshop will be given for parents to guide them through completing the FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid. FAFSA is now a requirement for students who wish to use Bright Futures grants.

Date: February 10th, 6:00 pm



Drug prevention is a community issue. Each year, new studies indicate the vastness of drug use in our schools. This program by NOPE will inform participants about the reality our community faces regarding substance abuse and overdose death, along with suggestions and parenting strategies to combat the issues.

Date: February 23, 6:30 pm

7:30pm
Ice Hockey Vs. B'Dale
@ Ice Sports Forum

Sat Jan 16

10:30am
Wrestling - 6 way
@ Blake

Mon Jan 18

MLK Jr Day
No School

Tue Jan 19

Non-Student Day
No School

1pm
Boys Soccer - Districts
@ Riverview

Wed Jan 20

Community Roundtable
Scholarship Deadline

6:30pm
Girls Basketball
vs. B'Dale

6:30 pm
Boys Soccer Districts
@ Riverview

6:30pm
Basketball vs. B' Dale

8pm
Ice Hockey vs. Steinbrenner
@ TBSA

Thu Jan 21

District Financial Aid Night
@ Riverview Auditorium

Fri Jan 22

JROTC
Raider - States

JROTC
NcoM Board

7:30am
ASVAB

4pm
Wrestling - Divisionals
@ B'Dale

6:30pm

Student Recognition

[Lisa MacLaren, Student Recognition Chairperson](#)



Congratulations to the winners of the Second Quarter PTSA Student Recognition Program. They are: Serena Mitchell-Sapp, Ashley Ullom, Emily Ruza, Kennedy Young, Garrett Ferguson, Eric Meucci, Danielle Jackson and Nick Stuck.

These students were randomly selected and will receive a \$25 in gift certificates just for being a student member of the PTSA.

If you haven't done so already, please stop by the Main Office and see Mrs. Podd to receive your gift.

Senior Scholarships

[Jill Rintoul, Senior Scholarships Chairperson](#)



Calling all seniors.....If you plan on applying for a PTSA Senior Scholarship, please remember that all seniors must be members of the Newsome PTSA by January 29th to be eligible. PTSA membership applications are in the front office or can be found on the PTSA website. The cost is \$10. The actual scholarship application is due on February 19th to Ms. Hacker by 3pm. Please consider applying as the scholarships are \$500 and between eight and ten will be

given out to our deserving seniors!

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](#)

Email SeniorScholarships@newsomehighschoolptsa.org with any questions.



Newsome Tote

[LaLania Sellers, Totes Chairperson](#)

Your Newsome PTSA is selling Newsome logo tote bags, which 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.

Sponsor Spotlight

[Rent King](#)

Established in 1996, RENT KING has quickly grown to become Florida's most popular choice for new furniture, appliances, computers, game systems, and consumer electronics.

Based in Tampa, Florida, RENT KING is a private, locally owned and operated business. We employ more than 130 friendly, highly trained associates who are committed to delivering to YOU the best shopping experience possible! Our stores offer a selection of more than 10,000 name-brand products through our flexible "LEASE OWNERSHIP PLAN."

Basketball vs. East Bay

7pm
Boys District Finals
@ Riverview

6:30pm
Ice Hockey vs. Sarasota
@ Ellenton Ice

9pm
JV Ice Hockey
@ Ellenton Ice

Sat Jan 23
SAT Testing

Winter Guard Premier

JROTC Drill/Color Guard
@ Brandon

9am
Boys JV Basketball
@ Brandon

9am
Girls JV Basketball
vs. Riverview and East Bay

10:30am
Wrestling - Divisionals
@ B'Dale

Mon Jan 25

5pm
JV Wrestling 5 Way
@ Durant

7pm
Girls Basketball Districts

Mon Jan 26

6pm
College Info Nights
for Juniors and Parents
@ Auditorium

Tue Jan 27

7pm
Boys Basketball
@ Spoto

7pm
Girls Basketball
Semi Finals

Thu Jan 28

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Newsome JROTC

By: Cadet Sergeant First Class Laura Miller

The Newsome JROTC Wolfpack Battalion closed out 2015 with a myriad of successful activities and events, several of which are new Battalion records. The following are highlights from First Semester of the 2015-2016 School Year:



Our Mixed (comprised of males and females) Raider Team triumphed at the District Competition, winning first place trophies in every event, the first time ever in the battalion's history. They will be representing Area Nine at the State Raider Competition on 23 January 2016 at Camp Flaming Arrow in Lake Wales, Florida. The Male Raider Team, comprised of all first year participants, placed third overall and while we are extremely proud of that feat, they will unfortunately not be joining the Mixed Team at States.

The Rifle Team continues to excel retaining their title of "Undefeated in the County" with only one more County Match to go on 13 February at Brandon High School. The team qualified for and will compete at the Army National Air Rifle Championship to be held at Fort Benning, Georgia 28 January thru 01 February. They earned this honor by placing 16th in the Nation and 1st in the State of Florida. Just before the holiday break, the team participated in the first ever Hillsborough County Civilian Marksmanship Program "Multi-Service" Championship Match placing first overall and setting a new Battalion record.

In November, our JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl (JLAB) Teams successfully completed the Online Phase One Competition earning them a spot to compete in the Online Phase Two Competition in February where they hope to earn a spot to the finals to be held in Washington DC in June.

The Color Guard and/or Drill Team have performed in numerous events to include Home Football Games, and multiple Veteran's Day Ceremonies. Their first formal competition is on Saturday, 09 January at Anclote High School. They have several competitions scheduled during Second Semester.

The Wolfpack Battalion participated in several service learning projects that not only benefited the community but also educated the cadets in the process. This year's projects included: Operation Patriot where over 2,000 items were donated to the Baldomero-Lopez State Veteran's Home; Operation Forgotten Angel where over 240 gifts were donated to the Ministry of Hope Church for under privileged children; Operation Santa Veteran where over 50 gifts were donated to the James Haley Veteran's Hospital.

On the day before school let out for the holidays, the cadets participated in our Annual Battalion Field Day where they battled it out for first place in a variety of sporting and other activities. This year, the occasion was held in the Newsome gymnasium due to weather issues, but that didn't seem to dampen anyone's spirit. While Bravo Company came out on top, the whole event inspired spirit and brought the Battalion closer together in a true testament of teamwork.

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 homepage.

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JROTC Rifle Meet
Ft. Benning, GA
(Until Feb 1)

Fri Jan 29

Deadline to be a
PTSA member for Senior
Scholarship eligibility

4pm

Wrestling

George Jenkins Invitational
@ George Jenkins/Lakeland

6:30pm

Drama Showcase

7pm

Boys Basketball
@ Armwood

7pm Girls Basketball Finals

10:30pm

Ice Hockey vs. Freedom
@ Ice Sports Forum

Sat Jan 30

Band

Indoor Percussion Premier

10:30am

Wrestling

George Jenkins Invitational
@ George Jenkins/Lakeland



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

on the [Newsome High School](#) homepage.



become productive members of society. Newsome High School will provide experiences and knowledge needed to succeed in a rapidly changing world.



Corporate Sponsorship

Renee Rasmussen, 2nd VP

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!



Legislation

Tami Schaller, Legislative Chair



Recess, Testing, Guns on Campus...are you aware of these pressing issues facing our children and schools today? These topics are currently slated to be discussed at the 2016 Florida PTA Legislative Conference. If these issues are a concern to you, join parents, teachers, and students from around the state and make a difference by adding your voice to finding creative solutions to these concerns.

Register now to attend the 2016 Florida PTA Legislative Conference! The Legislative Conference will be held in Tallahassee, Florida on January 24-26, 2016. This year's conference promises to be informative as well as entertaining.

Florida PTA is excited to bring together a wide-ranging group of speakers and empower YOU with the tools needed to effectively advocate in our Capital.

Register TODAY to join other advocates from across our PTA Community.
Registration \$55.00
Registration for students: \$35.00 (enter access code STUDENTADV16)
Includes: Dinner Sunday and breakfast & lunch Monday.

[Click here](#) to start the Registration process.

Blue Letter Envelopes

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!!**



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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@newsomehighschoolpta.org



As many of you know, Florida was chosen as the host state for the National PTA Convention. We have the honor of welcoming our fellow advocate partners from around the United States and European Congresses. National PTA has requested 135 volunteers from our state and WE NEED YOU! Volunteers are processed on a first-come, first-served basis after completing the approval process.

Please note that volunteering = FREE registration for the entire convention. Volunteer duties include, but are not limited to: workshop helper, greeter, information table attendant, general meeting assignments as needed (including microphone duties), ticket taker, beverage server, registration area, volunteer lounge monitor, exhibit area, etc.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the National PTA Convention, or just learning more about being a volunteer, please see the [attached form](#). Simply viewing the form does NOT obligate you to volunteer.

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Martinez Florida PTA Host State Chair, at treasurer@floridapta.org.

Convention Information:
National PTA (NPTA) Convention
Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort
1500 Epcot Resorts Blvd
Lake Buena Vista, FL
June 30th to July 3rd

Registration fees are estimated to be: 1-2 registrants \$250.00 per person. Registering as a group can save your team money. A group is considered to be 3 or more registrants and is estimated to run \$190 per person in the group.

Hotel Rate: \$179 plus applicable taxes (it is not mandatory to stay at the Swan and Dolphin Resort). Parking: Daily rates will apply.



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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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We welcome submissions from parents, teachers and students. Articles are due to [Editor](#) by the 25th of the month.

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