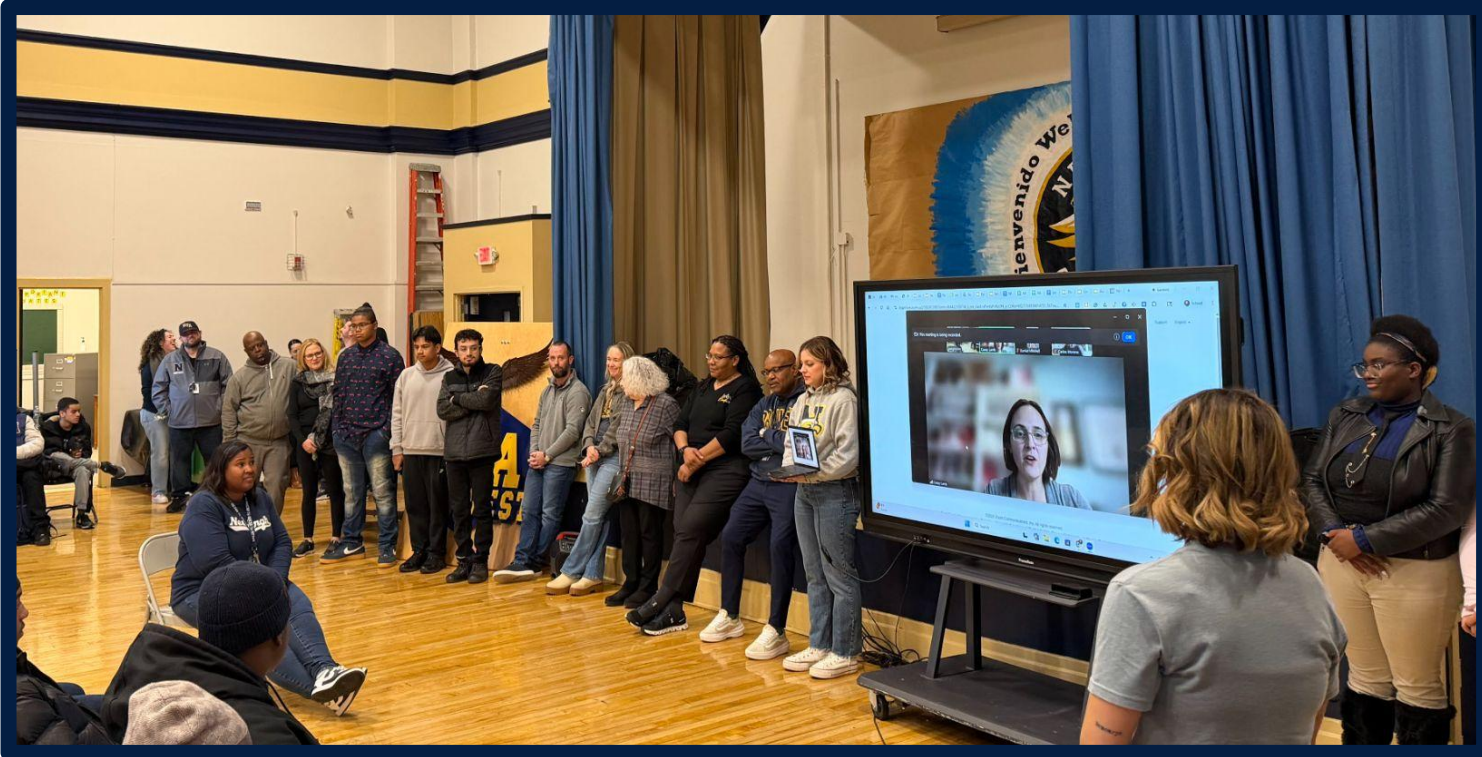




# NEWBURGH FREE ACADEMY WEST CAMPUS NEWS LETTER

DECEMBER 2025



## DECEMBER UPDATE

### Big Picture Leadership Award

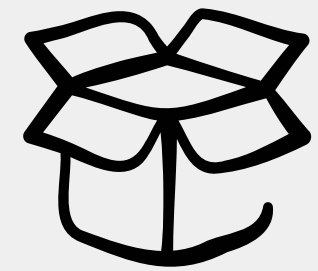
Our fearless leader, Ms. Ebony Clark, is being recognized as the Big Picture School Leader of the Year! We surprised her in Morning Meeting with the announcement that she is to receive the award this year. Family, co-workers, mentors, and alum came out to celebrate with us. Ms. Ebony will officially be named Big Picture Leader of the Year at the Leadership Conference held in January in New York City.

### 21st Century After- School Academy

All scholars are encouraged to sign up for the 21st Century After-School program. We offer Social Skills Through Literacy, E-Sports and an Academic Tutorial program. It is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:20-3:50 pm at the West campus. Scan the QR code to sign up.

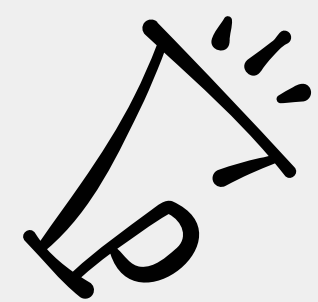


## UPCOMING EVENTS



### DONATE TO OUR ZERO BELOW STORE

Each year, Mr.Dennis' advisory hosts a store where students can "shop" for holiday gifts for their families. We are currently collecting donations of gently used toys and clothing to add to our store.



### SHOUT-OUTS!

#### MS. EBONY WOULD LIKE TO SHOUT OUT...

Our Class of 2027 advisor team, Ms. Jill and Ms. Kylie, for taking over the job of Marketing and Communications this year!



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### The Ascent Program at NFA West

The 2024–2025 school year marks an exciting milestone for NFA West with the launch of **The Ascent Program**, the school’s first self-contained special education program. The class currently serves **eight students** and is supported by **one special education teacher and three teaching assistants**, allowing for highly individualized instruction and meaningful daily support.

The Ascent Program is designed to help students build the skills they need to increase independence, confidence, and real-world readiness. Instruction focuses on the **fundamentals of reading and math**, taught through the lens of **functional, real-life application**. Students practice essential life skills such as money management, community awareness, and following daily routines. Throughout the school day, the team also integrates **adaptive and social-skills instruction**, helping students strengthen communication, self-advocacy, problem-solving, and emotional regulation.

Students in the program have quickly begun to thrive at West. They enjoy being active members of the school community, and their presence has fostered meaningful opportunities for inclusion. West students are learning how to engage, collaborate, and build positive relationships with peers on the autism spectrum, creating a more empathetic and connected school culture.

The Ascent Program reflects NFA West’s commitment to ensuring that every student is valued, supported, and provided with pathways to success—both in school and beyond.

### DISTRICT NEWS

## MAKE THE MOST OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS!

Click the menu to see it enlarged.

DECEMBER 2025	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Chicken Tenders Bacon Mac & Cheese Over Baked French Fries Choice of Milk	2 Cafeteria Chicken Turkey Soup Baked Potato Choice of Milk	3 Chicken Wings Cafeteria Bread Baked Potato Choice of Milk	4 Meatloaf & Macaroni Over Baked French Fries Baked Potato Choice of Milk	5 Pasta Casserole Shredded Chicken Choice of Milk
	8 Bacon Mac & Cheese Over Baked French Fries Baked Potato Choice of Milk	9 Hot Ham & Cheese on White Bread Baked Potato Choice of Milk	10 Beef & Cheese Sandwich Baked Potato Choice of Milk	11 Chicken Parmesan on White Bread Over Baked French Fries Baked Potato Choice of Milk	12 Pasta Bar Shredded Chicken Choice of Milk
	15 Buffalo Chicken Wings Over Baked French Fries Baked Potato Choice of Milk	16 Meatloaf & Macaroni Over Baked French Fries Baked Potato Choice of Milk	17 Chicken Wings Cafeteria Bread Baked Potato Choice of Milk	18 Burger Bar Over Baked French Fries Cafeteria Bread Choice of Milk	19 Meatloaf & Macaroni Over Baked French Fries Baked Potato Choice of Milk
	22 Cafeteria Bread Over Baked French Fries Baked Potato Choice of Milk	23 1/2 Day for Students	24 District Closed - Winter Recess	25 District Closed - Winter Recess	26 District Closed - Winter Recess
	29 District Closed - Winter Recess	30 District Closed - Winter Recess	31 District Closed - Winter Recess		
	NFA WEST (9-12) LUNCH				

## DECEMBER DATES TO NOTE:

**Tues, Dec. 23rd:**  
½ day

**Dec 24 - Jan. 2:**  
No school

**Mon, Jan. 5th:**  
School reopens