



NEWS LETTER

NFA MAIN CAMPUS

February 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

AS WE BEGIN THE SECOND SEMESTER, WE ENCOURAGE ALL STUDENTS TO START STRONG BY STAYING ORGANIZED, SETTING CLEAR GOALS AND STAYING ENGAGED IN THEIR LEARNING. THIS IS A GREAT TIME FOR STUDENTS TO REFLECT ON THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR AND MAKE ANY ADJUSTMENTS THAT WILL HELP THEM GROW ACADEMICALLY AND PERSONALLY.

YOUR PARTNERSHIP AT HOME—THROUGH CONSISTENT ATTENDANCE, POSITIVE ROUTINES AND OPEN COMMUNICATION—CONTINUES TO MAKE A TREMENDOUS DIFFERENCE. TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP OUR STUDENTS BUILD MOMENTUM AND FINISH THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH CONFIDENCE AND SUCCESS.

WARMEST REGARDS,

UPCOMING EVENTS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
FEBRUARY

REPORT CARDS - 2ND QUARTER
FEBRUARY 4

PLEASE CHECK THE PARENT PORTAL

NFA MAIN BLOOD DRIVE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5
8 AM TO 12 PM

PRESIDENTS' DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



LUNAR NEW YEAR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY
FEBRUARY 18
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



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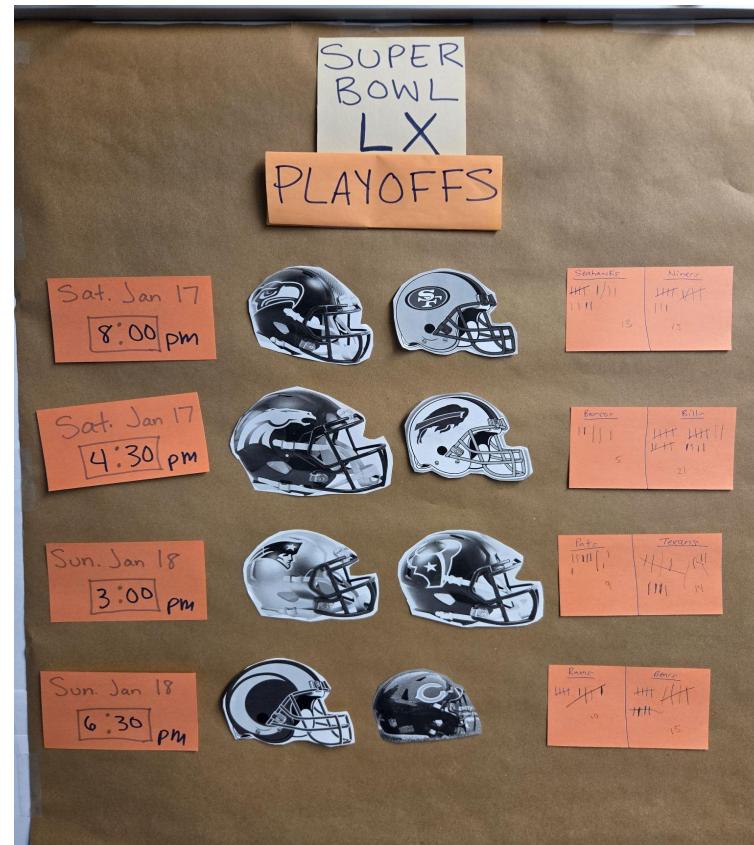
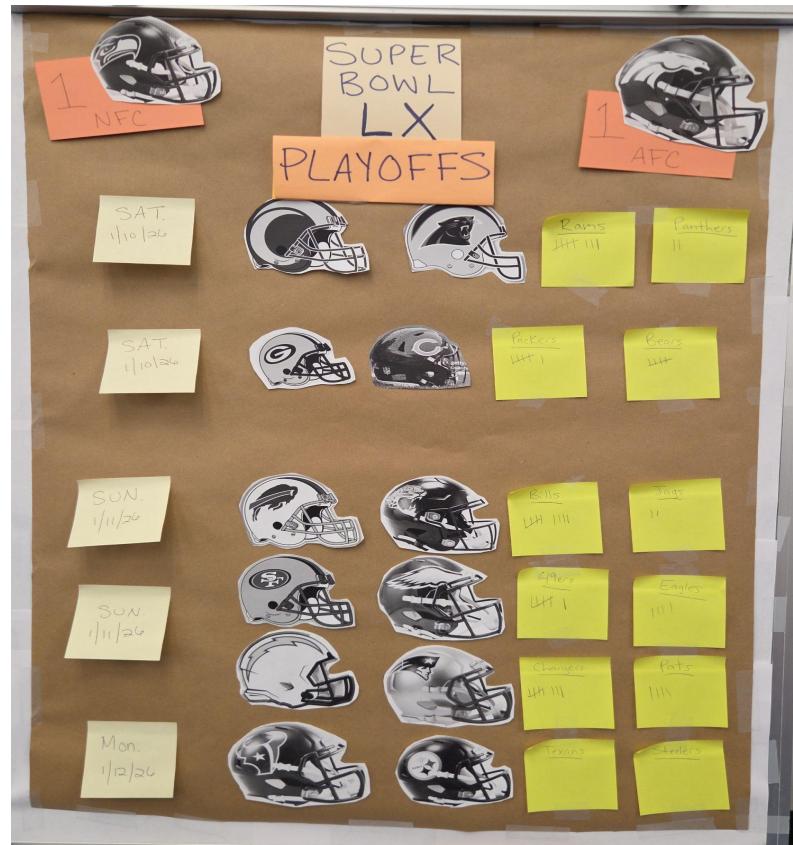
"School Counseling is a Work of Heart "

School Counselor Week is February 2 - 6, 2026 School counseling is truly a work of "heart" rooted in compassion, understanding and an unwavering commitment to student success. Our school counselors guide, support, and uplift students every day—helping them navigate challenges, celebrate achievements and assist in planning their futures. This week, we honor their dedication and the powerful impact they make through every conversation, every connection, and every act of caring.



Pictured: Christina Savage, Bertha Hurtado-Kuhn, Pamela Bonsu, Catherine O'Mara-Cherubin, Heather Kraus and Juana Stamo Missing: Julissa Wilson, Tom Hill and Eric Katz

The 12:1:2 Alternately Assessed Class has been tracking the NFL teams down to the playoffs. Ms. Bollen has incorporated into the math class learning about how to count and make tally marks, adding up all the results, then graphing the data while learning and making predictions with current sports news that is relative to the students. The class has enjoyed asking other teachers, students, and security guards to come in and vote on our board- which has strengthened their social skills.



NEW NEWS

The National English Honor Society had a "Reading Hour" field trip to New Windsor Elementary School on January 29th, to encourage and promote literacy skills to our younger students in the district.

The Freshman Student Council will be hosting a "Crush" sale throughout February 9th through 14th as our February fundraiser; students are selling Crush orange soda with a valentine attached to raise money for the Class of 2029. Valentines will be sold for \$2 - \$3 each.



On January 8th, the Black History Club partnered with alumni to present a panel discussion that centered on bringing awareness to students on how to navigate life once they cross Academy Field.

NFA Main will host the Annual Black History Month Assembly in the auditorium on February 25th at 6 PM. This event is open to community members.



NFA Presents: Matilda the Musical
Entertaining for all ages! Based on the award-winning stage production (with music by Tim Minchin) and the original Roald Dahl novel, Matilda the Musical is a darkly comedic story about an extraordinary girl who uses her intelligence and imagination to change her destiny.





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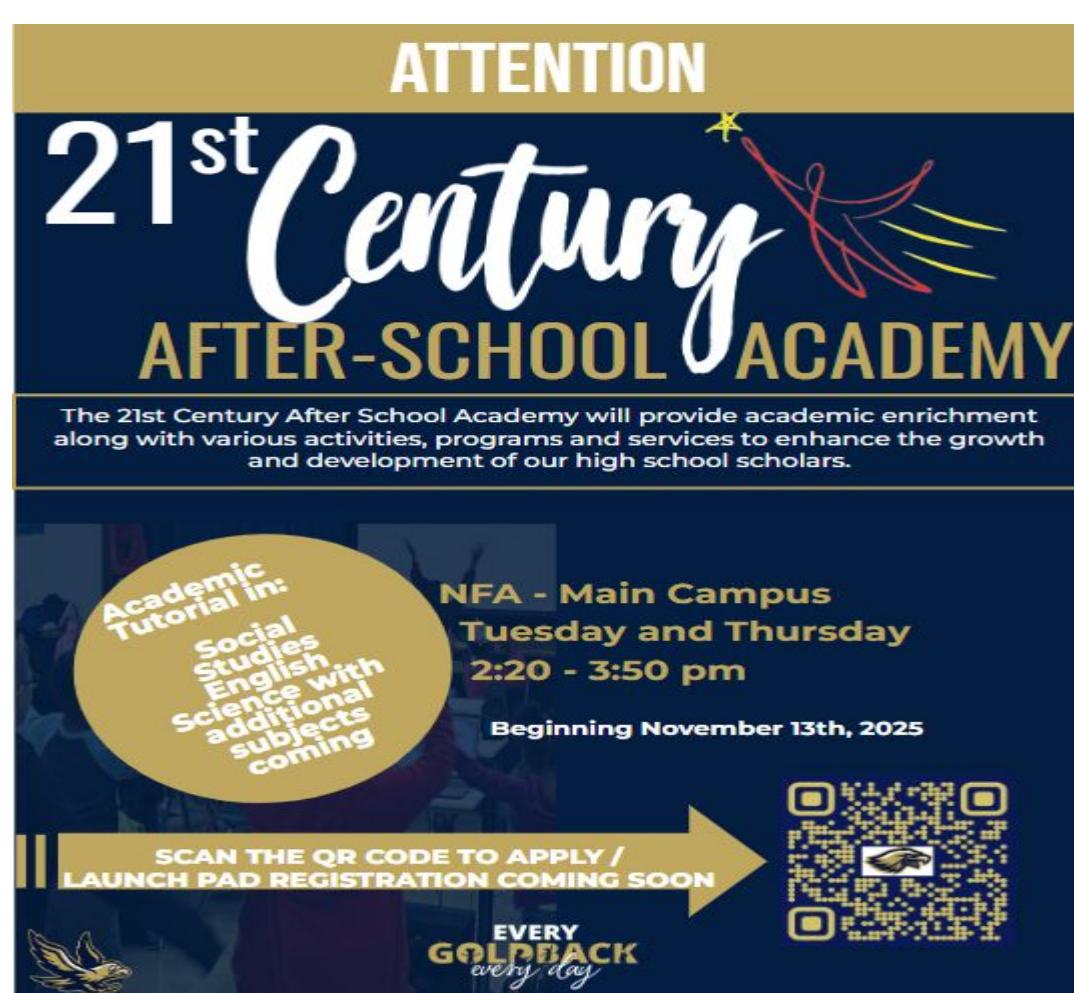
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National Art Honor Society will be selling handmade pins of NFA student's artwork for their first ever fundraiser. Plastic protected pins will be \$3 and paper pins will be 2 for \$3. Please see image attached for the upcoming designs. **Additional Optional Info:** Pins are limited stock - first come first serve! Please see Ms. Baker (sbaker@necsd.net) or Miss Carbone (gcarbone@necsd.net) to buy them.

In addition, the NFA National Art Honor Society will be selling Student-Made Valentine's Day Cards. Cards will be \$2 each or \$3 for 2. Cards are versatile for crushes, friends, teachers, family and more. **Additional Optional Info:** Please see Ms. Baker (sbaker@necsd.net) or Miss Carbone (gcarbone@necsd.net) to buy them. See below for designs.



The 21st Century and Empire after school programs are academic support programs for our students offered in all content areas on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students have access to the late bus when the program has ended. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Schuyler (rschuyler@necsd.net) or Mr. Cameron (acameron@necsd.net).



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NFA MAIN HAS BEEN BUSY

Guest Speaker Spotlight: Clean Beauty & Business Education

Our cosmetology program recently welcomed guest speaker Blaire Patterson, an esthetics educator-in-training and business owner based in New Windsor, who specializes in clean beauty and skincare. Ms. Patterson shared her expertise on the importance of clean, natural ingredients in skincare and advocated for making informed, health-conscious choices in the beauty industry.

In addition to discussing her journey as a business owner and certified eyelash technician, she engaged our junior and senior cosmetology students in meaningful conversations about entrepreneurship, branding, and career pathways in esthetics. Students had the opportunity to ask business-oriented questions and gain real-world insight into running a successful beauty business.

Ms. Patterson also conducted a live facial demonstration, providing students with hands-on learning and practical techniques aligned with industry standards. Her visit added tremendous value to our program and inspired students to think critically about both the technical and business sides of the beauty industry.

We look forward to continuing to welcome guest speakers in the upcoming months as we provide students with exposure to professionals across the beauty and wellness industry.

LOOK WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

8th Grade Selection Tour

On January 7th, many of our students proudly volunteered to showcase their programs to our incoming 9th grade students and their families.



The art gallery exhibit "Art Meets Science" showed off art work from both STEAM: A Material Study and General Chemistry. Works included, a class Sierpinski triangle fractal, metal repoussé, wire art, oxidized metallic paintings, ceramic tiles, fused glass, Japanese marbled paper, and states of matter pointillism. In addition, there were interactive exhibits where students could learn about Newton's cradle, domino toppling, laser light shows, kaleidoscopes and diffraction glasses.

