



NFA MAIN CAMPUS NEWS LETTER

May 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

As we enter the fourth quarter of the school year, we want to take a moment to encourage all of our students—and families—to stay focused and committed as we head into the home stretch. This is an exciting time, filled with opportunities for students to demonstrate everything they've learned and to finish the year strong. While the months ahead can feel busy, they also offer a chance for students to show perseverance, responsibility, and pride in their accomplishments.

We know that sustaining motivation can sometimes be challenging, especially as the weather warms up and summer begins to feel close. However, consistent effort now will make a meaningful difference in your child's progress. Continued attendance, completing assignments, preparing for assessments, and staying engaged in class discussions all help reinforce the strong foundation students have built throughout the year.

We encourage you to talk with your child about setting goals for this final quarter—whether academic, organizational, or personal. Small, steady steps can lead to big successes. Our teachers and staff are here to support every student, and we truly believe in their ability to rise to the occasion.

Thank you for your partnership and for inspiring your children to persevere, stay focused, and give their best effort as we move into the last stretch of the school year. Together, we can help them finish with confidence and pride.

Warmest regards,

Susan Valentino and the NFA Main Administrative Team

UPCOMING EVENTS

NATIONAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION/SPORTS WEEK

MAY 3-8

NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

MAY 4-8

NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY

MAY 6

NFA SOLO RECITAL

6 PM

MAY 5

NFA SPRING CONCERT I

6 PM

MAY 7

NATIONAL SECURITY MONITOR WEEK

MAY 10-15

NFA MAIN SPRING CONCERT II

6 PM

MAY 14

BOE BUDGET VOTE ½ DAY FOR STUDENTS

MAY 19

NFA SENIOR SHOWCASE

6PM

MAY 20

SEAL OF BILITERACY CEREMONY

5:30 PM

MAY 21

MEMORIAL DAY - NO SCHOOL

MAY 25

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

6 PM

MAY 18



NFA MAIN SPOTLIGHTS

NFA students building solar cars



Culinary Arts Level 1 celebrating National Meatball Day!



AP Exams

The official 2026 Advanced Placement (AP) exams are scheduled to take place over two weeks from **May 4 to May 8** and **May 11 to May 15**. Students taking morning exams will be called down to their testing locations at 7:30am while afternoon sessions will begin calling students down promptly at 11:30. Any parents or students with questions can contact Mr. Spellman directly

| Week 1 | Morning 8 a.m. Local Time | Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time | Week 2 | Morning 8 a.m. Local Time | Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time |
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| Monday, May 4, 2026 | Biology | European History Microeconomics | Monday, May 11, 2026 | Calculus AB Calculus BC | |
| Tuesday, May 5, 2026 | Human Geography | United States Government and Politics | Tuesday, May 12, 2026 | | Psychology |
| Wednesday, May 6, 2026 | English Literature and Composition | | Wednesday, May 13, 2026 | English Language and Composition German Language and Culture | Physics C: Mechanics Spanish Literature and Culture |
| Thursday, May 7, 2026 | World History: Modern | | Thursday, May 14, 2026 | Spanish Language and Culture | Computer Science Principles |
| Friday, May 8, 2026 | Culture United States History | Macroeconomics | Friday, May 15, 2026 | Environmental Science | |

IN APRIL WE CELEBRATED...



We celebrated National Librarian Day in April! Thank you to Ms. O'Neill and Mr. Baez for all that you do!



On Wednesday, April 22nd we celebrated the incredible individuals who keep our high school running smoothly every single day. Our administrative assistants are the heart of our building—welcoming families, supporting staff, organizing countless details, and ensuring that our students have what they need to succeed. Their professionalism, dedication, and kindness make a tremendous difference, and we are truly grateful for all they do for our school community.



NFA MAIN SPOTLIGHTS WE CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS

NFA STUDENTS ATTENDING FEARLESS-HUDSON VALLEY'S "LOVE SHOULDN'T HURT" TEEN SUMMIT.



DR. CARROLL'S ROCK HISTORY CLASSES AND MS. ANTONEILL-GUIDO'S GUITAR CLASSES VISITED BETHEL WOODS. STUDENTS LEARNED ABOUT THE MUSIC, CULTURE, POLITICS AND IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE 1960'S THAT LED TO THE 1969 WOODSTOCK MUSIC AND ART FESTIVAL. THEY ALSO TOURED THE MUSEUM, WALKED THE GROUNDS, AND PARTICIPATED IN AN ARTS RELATED ACTIVITY.

STEAM STUDENTS HAVE BEEN STUDYING DIFFERENT POLYMERS AND HOW SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS USE DIFFERENT CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS BASED ON THE POLYMER APPLICATION. FOR EXAMPLE, WATER BOTTLES ARE SYNTHETIC, SEMI-CRYSTALLINE, ELASTIC, HETEROPOLYMERIC THERMOPLASTICS. STUDENTS LEARNED HOW IN THE U.S. ONLY 5-9% OF PLASTICS ARE CURRENTLY RECYCLED, SO SOME ARTISTS ARE CREATING ART FROM USED PLASTICS TO REUSE THE SINGLE USE BOTTLE AND REDUCE THE NEED TO BUY NEW ART SUPPLIES (WHICH COULD CREATE MORE PLASTIC AND ENERGY WASTE). STEAM'S PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE ART DISPLAY FOLLOWS THESE PRINCIPLES AND CELEBRATES OUR UPCOMING EARTH DAY.



THE NFAM MUSIC DEPARTMENT RECENTLY PERFORMED IN ALBANY IN CELEBRATION FOR MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH. HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS FROM THE NFA MAIN ROBERT D. WILLIAMS TENOR BASS CHORUS, SELECT CHAMBER STRINGS, PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE, CONCERT BAND, WIND ENSEMBLE AND SCHOOL OF ROCK TRAVELED TO ALBANY, NY TO PERFORM AT THE EMPIRE STATE PLAZA IN CELEBRATION OF MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH. THIS EVENT WAS SPONSORED BY NYSSMA. THIS TRIP HAS BEEN A YEARLY TRADITION FOR THE NFA MAIN MUSIC DEPARTMENT AND THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS LOOK FORWARD TO IT EVERY YEAR.

STUDENT MAXWELL VEGLIANDO HAS BEEN ACCEPTED TO ATTEND *GRAMMY CAMP NEW YORK*, A PRESTIGIOUS SEVEN-DAY, NON-RESIDENTIAL IMMERSIVE MUSIC INDUSTRY PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DEMONSTRATED MUSICAL SKILL AND A STRONG INTEREST IN PURSUING CAREERS IN THE FIELD. MAXWELL WAS SELECTED BASED ON THEIR EXCELLENCE IN SONGWRITING.

STUDENTS MAXWELL VEGLIANDO AND EMMA SCHUPNER HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN *THE ROGER REES AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT PERFORMANCE* AND HAVE ADVANCED TO THE NEXT STEP, THE *NOMINEE SELECTION PHASE*, FOR *THE OUTSTANDING PERFORMER IN A MUSICAL AWARD*. THEIR SELECTION WAS BASED ON ADJUDICATION OF THIS YEAR'S MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS - EMMA FOR HER ROLE AS ROXIE HART IN *CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION* AND MAXWELL FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE AS TRUNGBULL IN *ROALD DAHL'S MATILDA THE MUSICAL*.

STUDENT ABBIE D'AGOSTINO WAS CHOSEN TO BE HONORED AT THE ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES HUMANITIES HONOREE BREAKFAST. ABBIE WAS NOMINATED FOR THIS HONOR IN RECOGNITION OF HER DISTINGUISHED ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES.

THE NFA DANCE ENSEMBLE PERFORMED AT *WALT DISNEY WORLD* AS PART OF DISNEY'S *IMAGINATION CAMPUS*. DURING THEIR TRIP, APRIL 23-27, STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTED A 20-MINUTE PERFORMANCE AT THE DISNEY SPRINGS WATERSIDE STAGE.



NFA MAIN SPOTLIGHTS

WE CELEBRATE OUR TEACHERS

AS WE CELEBRATE TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK, WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO OUR INCREDIBLE TEACHERS FOR ALL THEY DO EACH AND EVERY DAY. THEIR DEDICATION, CREATIVITY, AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT HELP OUR STUDENTS GROW, THRIVE, AND FEEL SUPPORTED. WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL FOR THE COUNTLESS WAYS THEY INSPIRE LEARNING AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN. THANK YOU FOR THE PASSION YOU BRING TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

