



NFA NORTH NEWS LETTER

November 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

END OF 1ST QUARTER FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

As we approach the end of the 1st quarter, your involvement helps our students shine! Please continue to:

- *Stay connected with teachers and check the Parent Portal.*
- *Encourage good habits, like regular study time and balance.*
- *Promote responsibility and celebrate effort and growth*
- *Keep communicating about school and goals.*

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

5-8 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

7:30-10:15 AM

THANKSGIVING BREAK

NOVEMBER 26-28

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Congratulations to ALL Fall Sports teams for their accomplishments both on and off the field - You continue to make us proud -Go Goldbacks!

Remember that 1st quarter ends on November 14th - Continue your focus as we begin the 2nd quarter on November 17th.

Financial Aid Night- November 6th: 6-8pm

NFA North Auditorium

Learn about FAFSA & Financial Aid with Mount St. Mary College -Financial Aid Night was great success with over 50 families attending.

Colleges visiting NFA North for information sessions and instant Admit:

Johnson Wales, Mt. St. Vincent, University of New Haven, Iona, SUNY Orange, UAlbany, Dutchess, Mt. St. Mary College, Dominican



SCHOOL NEWS

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NFA PTSG:

NFA will be starting our first PTSG - Parent, Teacher, Student Group. This group will help support our students, faculty and staff throughout the school year. Consider volunteering! Please use the link to sign up.

[NFA PTSG](#)

NFA P-TECH:

NFA P-TECH Students Summit Local Peaks, Gaining Perspective and Teamwork Skills

The Newburgh Free Academy P-TECH program recently took its ninth and tenth-grade students out of the classroom and onto the trails of the Hudson Valley for a crucial team-building exercise, successfully completing challenging hikes up both Mount Beacon and Storm King Mountain.

This outdoor experience was designed not only to build physical endurance but also to foster the essential teamwork and perspective required for success in the demanding, dual-enrollment P-TECH curriculum.

The highlight of the journey for the 10th graders was the ascent of Mount Beacon. From the summit, students looked down onto their city, gaining a powerful, new perspective of Newburgh. This physical act of rising above the familiar provided a potent lesson in changing viewpoints—a vital skill for the young engineers and leaders of the P-TECH program.

“The ability to look at a challenge from a different angle is exactly what we teach in our P-TECH classes, whether it’s solving a complex computer science problem or designing a business plan,” said Jackie Hall, P-TECH English Language Arts teacher. “Seeing our city from that altitude serves as a tangible reminder that we are all part of a larger community we are training to serve.”

The rigorous climb itself served as a metaphor for the P-TECH program’s curriculum, which allows students to earn their high school diploma and an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree from SUNY Orange simultaneously.

Successfully navigating the trails required peer-to-peer support, strategic planning, and collective responsibility—all of which are non-negotiable skills in a dual-enrollment program that heavily relies on project-based learning and collaboration. Students learned to rely on one another, strengthening the collaborative bonds that will sustain them through college-level courses like Scripting and Data Communications.

The experience underscores the program’s commitment to developing well-rounded students who are not only academically prepared but also possess the resilience and teamwork necessary to succeed in a professional environment. The NFA P-TECH program continues to empower students by integrating hands-on professional experiences with a challenging academic schedule, ensuring they are ready to rise and meet the demands of their future careers.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE CONTINUED

As we enter the second quarter, the challenge continues...

As Goldbacks, we all have a SUPERPOWER...

What is your SUPERPOWER?

Look for the Goldback SUPERPOWER Challenge coming soon in December...

