

Knight Allies: Using Technology to Support Your Student

Join us for one of two sessions focused on how families can engage with students about how they are learning using technology. These sessions will detail laptop use in classrooms and at home, best practices for student success, and research strategies students and families can use.

- Tuesday, 9/26 4-5 PM in our library
- Wednesday, 9/27 9-10 AM in our library

Daily Bulletin Highlights

Invitations to student clubs and activities this week included the Hunger Project, Robotics Group, Science Club, National Honors Society, Friday Night Live, and One America Appeal. Be sure your student connects to their passions through an outside-of-class program. [Click here for the Daily Bulletin](#) where you can track many of the possibilities here at Newport.

Click Reply: Our Digital Door is Always Open

Did you know that you can simply Reply to this email to send a message, a comment, or feedback straight to my Inbox? We value our partners at home in helping every student succeed. We look forward to hearing from you.

You also can reach classroom teachers and other staff through email. [Use the roster and email addresses on our website](#). You can sort the list by department or teacher name as you search for the right resource. Or call our office to inquire about the contact you need.

Consider Yourself a Partner

Families matter in student success. I know that from formal research and my years as an educator. Looking around and speaking to many of you at Curriculum Night, I was struck by the richness of that support here at Newport. We value families as the essential third partner in the student-teacher-family triad of school success. It's clear you value that role as well.

Knowing how much you value education, I want to ask you to partner with us in new ways this year. Our staff has set out to develop more purposeful, dynamic interactions with families. As a group, they worked to adapt Curriculum Night along the lines of family feedback. Many provided specific suggestions for supporting your student in individual courses. Help us by implementing and experimenting with those suggestions. Let us know how they work for your family.

We posted the grade-level presentations from Curriculum Night on our website. [Click here to find them on the Counseling Presentations page](#). These presentations (tailored to each grade) highlight important milestones and challenges for the year ahead. They feature resource information, calendars, deadlines, and more.

Senior Guidance Posted

Did your Senior miss the college application presentations in their English class? Check out the Fall 2017-18 [Senior Guidance Presentation on the Newport website](#).

Newport Teacher Joins National Panel

Newport teacher Helene Tate recently joined 271 of the most accomplished teachers from across the country to define best teaching practices in 25 certificate areas. Ms. Tate collaborated with other National Board Certified teachers in groups according to their National Board specialty to help set the performance standards for accomplished teaching.

About the experience, Tate said, "Working with teachers from across the nation to set these Standards for National Boards was not only enjoyable, but one of the most valuable professional development experiences I have had."

National Board Certification is the teaching profession's mark of accomplished practice. The more than 112,000 teachers who have achieved Board certification demonstrate their ability to teach to the profession's highest standards. For more information, visit the [National Board for Professional Teaching Standards](#).

Super Wednesday: College Prep at Newport

Coming up on Wednesday, 10/11, all our students will spend the day preparing for college admission.

- Freshman: Take the PSAT9
- Sophomores: Take the PreACT
- Juniors: Take the PSAT
- Seniors: Work with Newport English teachers in a College Application Workshop

Look for more details as the dates approach, including families' roles in helping students make the most of this opportunity.

Be sure your student does not miss school on Super Wednesday. Also note that we made schedule changes throughout that week to accommodate this extraordinary day.

Colleges Coming to Newport

Send your student to the library next week to meet admissions representatives from the following schools:

- Monday, 9/25:
 - Williams College – 11:20 AM
 - University of Washington – 3:30 PM
- Tuesday, 9/26:
 - Pacific Lutheran University – 12:15 PM
 - Haverford College – 3:30 PM
- Thursday, 9/28:
 - Azusa Pacific University – 11:45 AM & 1:20 PM
- Friday, 9/29:
 - Indiana University at Bloomington – 11:20 AM

Check out [Naviance](#) for a complete list of all colleges visiting Newport. Please remember that these events are intended for students only.

Also visiting our city is Oregon State University on Tuesday, 10/3, at 6:30 PM in the Bellevue Art Museum.

The National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC) will bring hundreds of colleges together in Seattle later this month. The school will share admission information and details of the experiences and programs they offer. [Visit the website](#) for details and registration. The association also sponsors performing and visual arts fairs and STEM events.

Nano-Tech Opportunities

One of your Science teachers, Melissa Baker, proudly shared an achievement of one of her former students with me this week. Shrey Aeron (now a sophomore at Newport) had a short piece published in Penn State's NANOWIRE Newsletter. It's the bottom article under "Student Impact" in the [attached](#) PDF.

It made me realize how lucky we are to have a nano-tech course. Your PTSA contributions make that course even more special. Teacher grants made through Classroom Bucks help these science students visit labs where researchers show them how the technology works.

Classroom Bucks Drive Continues

Your generous gifts on Curriculum Night to the PTSA's Classroom Bucks drive will help fund \$40,000 in direct grants to our teachers. On their behalf, I want to thank all our generous donors.

These grants fund classroom innovations along with proven tools to enrich our students' experience. The opportunities the grants open will help prepare our students to succeed through college and beyond.

The drive continues through the month. If you have not contributed already, please join us in funding the creative ideas of our talented staff. On the [PTSA website](#), you will find everything you need to give online or through the mail.

Learn more about the critical support that the PTSA provides to our Parents, Teachers and Students through this valuable Association. Visit the PTSA site often for news and opportunities.

Enjoy a Yummy Good Deed

Stop by the Factoria Chipotle on Wednesday, 9/27, between 4 PM and 8 PM for an easy dinner. Mention "Newport Wrestling" and 50% of the proceeds will go to our Knight wrestlers. See you there!

Navigating the Sea of Information at Newport

I wish I could tell you there was a single resource for all the information families need at Newport. The next best thing is the following guide to information for families.

- Our **website** contains most of the information you will need or a link to it:
 - Use the [Knights](#) tab for athletics and activities,
 - Use the [Counseling](#) tab for registration, career, and college information and support, and
 - Use the [Resources](#) tab for bulletins, calendars, bell schedules, forms, lunch, fees and more.
 - Link to the [Newport online calendar](#) to follow daily events and college visit schedules.
 - Use [Naviance](#) for all things college prep. Your student has an ID and password that is intended for families as well. Share the access information and explore together.

- **Ask your students.** I know they can resist, but as a parent and an educator, I highly recommend persisting. Your interest will help them as much as the information will help you.
- **Ask other parents**, especially those with older students. Use the upcoming Ski Swap as an informal opportunity to meet your parent community. These unofficial yet priceless resources can help you with both information and the wisdom of experience. These discussions help parents understand just how unique each student's experience can be and how flexible we (our school and your family) must be to help them thrive in their individual way.
- **OneNote** functions primarily as a student-teacher resource. It can give you insight into the curriculum and course work, but it's mainly a teaching tool that helps prepare students for the digital world that awaits them in college and career.
- **Synergy** gives parents access to course progress, assignment completion, and other confidential and student-specific information.
- I strongly suggest that you subscribe to the **Daily Bulletin** and skim through it once or twice each week. It carries up-to-date announcements and reminders. In particular the Daily Bulletin follows clubs and activities more closely than any other resource. (RSS subscription address: <http://www.bsd405.org/nhs/category/daily-bulletin/feed/>) or click here to access the Bulletin online.
- **Find Newport Television (NTV)** on the web for in depth stories and features produced by students. You'll catch a glimpse into student life as well as gather useful information.
- The [PTSA website](#) provides resources as well. Be sure you subscribe to the PTSA's Class Liaison emails, which alert you to news important to your grade. You'll find subscription information at the very end of this newsletter.

Go "All in for Kids"

Bellevue Schools Foundation's All in for Kids fall campaign aims to ensure that parents know how to help their child get the best education possible, right here in Bellevue. The [Foundation's curriculum night video](#) highlights the role of the Foundation.

This year, the Foundation has committed \$1 million to support District programs—enrichment opportunities guided by teachers, cutting edge integrated and elective coursework in STEM, computer science, problem-based learning, and so much more. Read the [All in for Kids 2018.pdf](#) to learn more.

Holiday Wreaths, Poinsettias

Beautiful Squak Mountain holiday wreaths and poinsettias will arrive Wednesday, 11/30, just in time for the holiday. But only those who order by Friday, 10/27, will get in on this great bargain for truly

beautiful holiday greenery. Find more information and the [order form online](#) and order now to support the Class of 2018 graduation activities.

Free Opportunities at Newport Way Library

- **Newport Way Library Teen Volunteer Council** – 2nd Wednesday of the month, 2:30-4:00 PM. Get volunteer credit by helping out at the library. Work with the Teen Services Librarian on special library related projects. New members are always welcome to drop in. Bring a friend!
- Homework help:
- Study Zone, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 PM
- Need homework help? Get free tutoring at the library.
- Life After High School series:
 - **Preparing for the SAT: How to be successful on test day**, Thursday, 9/21, 7 PM
 - **The Scoop on Financial Aid – Don't Pay Full Price** -- Wednesday, 9/20, 7 PM; featuring Peg Keogh, Way to the Quad
 - **Worry Less, Plan More: College Planning Essentials** – Wednesday 10/4, 7 PM; featuring Debbie Schatzman, OnRamp College Counseling
 - **Stuck on your College Essay?** – Sunday, 10/8, 2 PM; presented by Michelle Leonatti and/or Beth Silverstein, The Accepted Life
 - **Practice ACT Test** – Sunday, 10/15, 1:30-5:00 PM; Required Registration starts Sunday, 10/1, 2 PM
 - **Preparing for the ACT: How To Be Successful on Test Day** – Thursday, 10/19, 7 PM;

Scholars Programs, Internships and More

Career Specialist Julie Worden offers students many opportunities for experiences that will guide career and college choices and build resumes. To tap her valuable expertise and resources, students need only to stop by the Career Center and discuss their interests and plans with Ms. Worden.

Popular Loggia Sessions Return

Our own Rob Pruffer, social studies teacher, will again this year host Loggia events, which are conversations at Bellevue Art Museum or BAM. The 2017-18 series explores the meanings of the Pledge of Allegiance through art history, incorporating periods from the Italian Renaissance to recent

centuries of American experience. Each discussion ties to a different BAM exhibit and illuminates a unique highlight of art history.

This year's series of four gallery tours, lectures, and discussions begins with "The Republic for which It Stands" on Thursday evening, 9/28, 7-8:30 PM.

Families and students welcome. Find information [attached](#) about the entire series, which include entrance to the museum for a \$5 donation.

Student Photos Required

Photo retake day is coming up on Wednesday, 10/4, after school. If your student did not have a photo taken at Back-to-Business Day in August, one must be taken on retake day. We use these photos for various student identification resources. We need one for every student. You are NOT required to purchase photos.

Join Us for Financial Aid Details

Please join us for a free, informative session on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on Wednesday, 9/27, 6:30 PM in our Theater. All students who hope to earn a scholarship or any type of federal financial aid for college in 2018 will need to submit this form online beginning October 1, 2017. You will learn about the different types of aid and the components of the FAFSA form. Meisha Wangerin, Outreach Coordinator & Financial Aid Counselor, Seattle University will guide the presentation.

Dates to Remember:

- Photo Retake Day, Wednesday, 10/4, after school
- Homecoming Football Game, Friday, 10/6
- Homecoming Dance, Saturday, 10/7
- Super Wednesday, 10/11, Important day of college prep for all students (entrance exams, admissions essays, and more)
- No School, Friday, 10/13
- 2018 Senior Class Meeting/Photo: Wednesday, 11/1
- End of First Quarter: Friday, 11/3
- No School, Thursday and Friday, 11/9 and 11/10

- Semester Finals: 1/24/18 to 1/26/18
- End of First Semester: 1/26/18

News from Our PTSA

- Newport High School PTSA is enrolling all members on-line using PT-Avenue. No more forms to complete. [Please click here](#) to self register. Email Support@newportptsa.org if you have questions.
- Save the date today to attend the gigantic 31st annual Newport Ski Swap. Shop, chat, and connect to the school community with a volunteer short shift. The Swap opens Friday, 11/10, from 1 to 9 PM and runs through Saturday, 11/11, 9 AM to 5 PM. Additional opportunities to join in happen both Thursday, 11/9, and Sunday, 11/12. No special skills or knowledge necessary. Find more information about the gear and the fun on the Ski Swap site ([click here](#)).
- It's entirely a win-win event:
 - Students earn community service hours,
 - Your garage space frees up,
 - Families have fun together, and
 - You have new gear for the slopes.

News Sources for Newport Families

We are adding Twitter to our news distribution this year. We especially plan to highlight school activities and athletic programs when we supervise after school.

Follow these four members of our leadership team on Twitter:

- Dion Yahoudy: @MsY_NHS
- Myra Arnone: @Arnone_NHS
- Tom O'Connor: @MrOC_NHS
- Derrick Richardson: @MrRich_NHS

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Did you know that you can simply Reply to this email to send a message, a comment, or feedback straight to my Inbox? We value our partners at home in helping every student succeed. We look forward to hearing from you.

You also can reach classroom teachers and other staff through email. Use the [roster and email addresses on our website](#). You can sort the list by department or name as you search for the right resource. Or call our [office](#) to inquire about the contact you need.

Newsletter **Submissions** Welcome

We work to ensure that the news we share here is relevant for students and families, and we welcome news from families and the many individuals, clubs, teams, and organizations that support our school community. Please send such news directly to me in the principal's office (yahoudyd@bsd405.org).

Our Mission: To provide each and every student an exemplary educational foundation that inspires them to discover their individual passions, achieve their goals, and become capable, contributing members of society.

[Daily Bulletin](#) [Newport HS Website](#) [PTSA Website](#) [Bell Schedule](#) [Counseling Assignments](#)

Dates & Reminders

- [Link to the Newport online calendar.](#)
- Daily Bulletin RSS subscription address: <http://www.bsd405.org/nhs/category/daily-bulletin/feed/> or [click here to access online.](#)
- Find [Newport Television](#) (NTV) on the web.

College Prep & Career Center

- Link to [Naviance](#) for updated listings.
- Visit the [Counseling Center](#) webpage for resources and information.
- Click [Community Service](#) for volunteer listings.

Athletics, ASB Activities & Clubs

- Website Links: [Athletics](#), [ASB & Activities](#)
- Check out [ASB/Athletics Calendar](#) for daily updated information.
- For a complete list of NHS Clubs, visit the online [Club Directory](#)
- Newport Athletic Hotline at [425.456.7522](tel:425.456.7522) for daily updates

Sign Up to Receive Class-Specific Information

- Class of 2018 (2017-2018 Seniors): newporths2018@gmail.com
- Class of 2019 (2017-2018 Juniors): newportclass2019@gmail.com
- Class of 2020 (2017-2018 Sophomores): nhsclassof2020@gmail.com
- We still need a Freshman Class Liaison. Contact newporthighptsa@gmail.com