



CUDA CHRONICLE

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For the parents, staff, students, and community of
New Smyrna Beach High School

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Greetings Cuda Families,

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful winter break. As we move into the second semester, we will be completing the instruction necessary for students to take their standardized assessments. Please encourage your student to be in school every day. Attendance is one of the greatest indicators of student success.

At NSBHS, we provide office hours before lunch from 12:03 p.m. – 12:18 p.m. Students that are struggling in class should attend their teacher’s office hours or tutoring for additional help. Please email your student’s teacher if you have any questions.

The registration process for the 2025-2026 school year’s classes will begin in February for rising 10th-12th graders. Information will be sent home through Focus Communication messages, on our website under the Counseling tab, as well as through daily announcements.

Seniors should be completing their scholarship applications at this time. Scholarship information may be found on our website under the Counseling tab.

Teachers and staff are working tirelessly to ensure students are college and career ready. We are fortunate to be in a profession that we can positively impact and shape young people’s lives. Our students are worth all our efforts to help them be successful. #1Team1Mission.

If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of your child’s progress, feel free to contact the school, counselors, or schedule a conference as needed.

Finally, as we move through the second semester, please monitor our website and listen to Focus Communication messages for important information.

Sincerely,
Timothy R. Merrick
Principal



NSBHS Mission Statement:

Working together with parents, school personnel and community members, New Smyrna Beach High School students will graduate with the knowledge, skills and values necessary to be positive contributors to society.

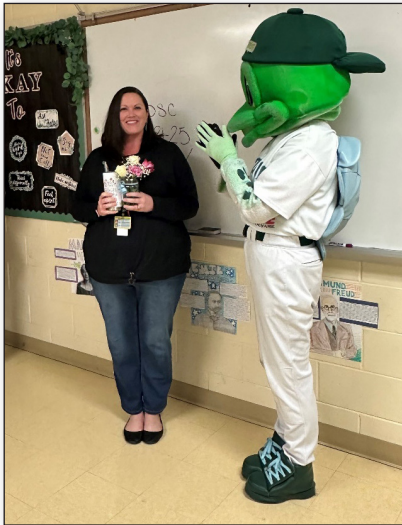


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Congratulations Mrs. Markland

Congratulations
Mrs. Markland
CTE Teacher of the Year Nominee



Scholar and Citizenship of the Month

OCTOBER 2024

NOVEMBER 2024



Emily Dowdell
*Scholar of
the Month*



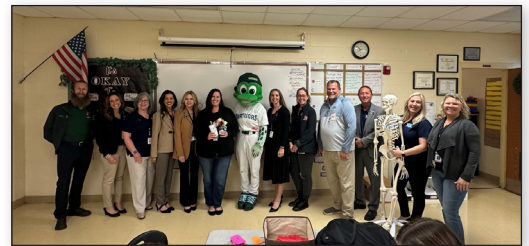
Samathia Jones
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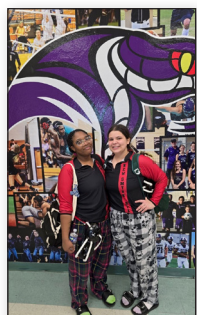
Wrestling Athletes

Congratulations to our Wrestling Athletes
 2nd in District Duals
 Isis Bernard – 4th Place
 Malia Osteen – 6th Place



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Teacher of the Year Banquet
 Congratulations Erica Nagedly



Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to our students for Perfect Attendance Quarter 1

(Picture on the left- L-R)
 Madilyn Bunnell, Piper Amato
 and Gabriel Munoz

(Picture on the right- L-R)
 Mr. Merrick, Matthew Simmons,
 Caela Higgins and Mr. Eschen



Crystal Apple Award

Congratulations to Kelley Markland and Rachelle Lilly for being nominated for the Crystal Apple Award



Congratulations to our students for Perfect Attendance Quarter 2



L-R, Ms. Comardo, Titan Neisler, Matthew Yarbrough, Piper Amato, Paige Evans, Cameron Lenkiewicz, Mr. Eschen, Alecia Wagenbaugh *Not Pictured* Aiden Cruz and Laila Parnell

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Criminal Justice Academy

The NSBHS Criminal Justice Academy is incredibly grateful for the generous monetary donations from the Edgewater Police Volunteers, Edgewater Police Department, New Smyrna Beach Police Department, and Volusia Sheriff's Office. Our students were buzzing with excitement to meet Sheriff Chitwood, NSBPD Chief Feldman, and EPD Chief Mahoney. We feel very fortunate for the continued involvement of these fine agencies in our academy, from opportunities to job shadow, guest speaking in our classrooms, and donating snacks for our always hungry teens!! We truly are blessed to live in this community! Our hats are off to you @nsbpolice @volusia.sheriff @Edgewaterpolicedepartment @Edgewaterpolicevolunteers @vcscte @nsbhsbarracudas @VCS.



The Criminal Justice Academy Club

The Criminal Justice Academy Club's *Cram the Cruiser* and *Laws & Paws* donation drives was a huge success. The outpouring from the community, the staff, NSBHS Girls Soccer, Key Club, and all the students who contributed was also incredible! The Criminal Justice Academy Club couldn't have achieved this without all of us banding together for our less fortunate children and animal shelters. We also thank NSBPD and EPD for choosing to partner up with the Crim Justice Club to support the needs of the *SE Humane Society* and the *Edgewater Animal Shelter*. The Criminal Justice Academy Club couldn't have achieved this without all of us banding together for our less fortunate children and animals.



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Exhibitors FFA

The following students exhibited and placed at the Volusia County Fair:



- Faith Fisher** – 4th in class – Breeding Ewe
- Paige Conlan** – 1st in Class, 5th Overall- Breeding Ewe
- Channing Giles** – 1st in Class, 1st in Class - Light Weight Division, 2nd Overall, 5th Overall- Breeding Gilt
- Avery Wheeler** – 3rd in Class - Market Swine
- Lillian Benson** – 4th in Class - Market Swine
- Isabelle Fidler** – Grand Champion – Cow/Calf, Senior Showmanship – Cow / Calf
- Hailey Patten** – 2nd in Class - Breeding Heifer, Reserve Champion - Breeding Heifer, 3rd Overall – Breeding Heifer, Reserve Champion, Senior Showmanship – Breeding Heifer
3rd in Class – Market Steer, 6th Overall Senior Showmanship – Market Steer.
- Aubrey McNutt** - Grand Champion Light Weight – Breeding Heifer, Grand Champion Showman – Breeding Heifer
Grand Champion – Market Steer, Reserve Champion Showman – Market Steer
3rd in class – Prospect Steer, Grand Champion Senior Showmanship
- Isabelle Fidler** – 3rd in Class – Breeding Heifer, 6th Overall – Breeding Heifer
4th in class – Market Steer
2nd in class – Prospect Steer.
- Payton Maresca** – 2nd in Class - Market Steer
- Ellie Thornberry** - 2nd in Class - Market Steer
- Andrew Franz** – 3rd in Class - Market Steer
3rd in class - Prospect Steer
- Brian Johnson** – 4th in Class – Market Steer
4th in Class – Prospect Steer
- Ryder Williams** - 6th in Class – Market Steer
2nd in Class – Prospect Steer
- Kendra Rohrbach** – 2nd in Class – Market Steer
- Nicole Wall** – 3rd in Class – Market Steer
- Jacob Young** – 4th in Class – Prospect Steer
- Jameson McCadden** – Best Exotic Chicken



Principal For A Day



Eveline Kraljic, from Council on Aging, participated in Principal for a day, shadowing Mr. Merrick in the morning before attending a luncheon at the Sanborn Center in Deland.

During the luncheon, Dr. Balgobin led the group in a debrief activity which will provide some encouragement, feedback and strengthen partnerships with the community.

Farm Visit

Dr. Balgobin Visiting the Farm



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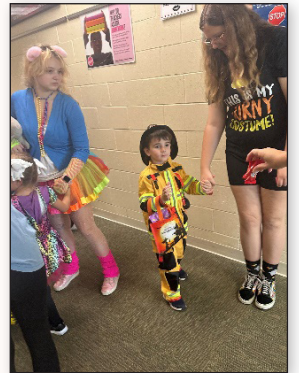
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National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 2024-2025



Weston Thomas Adams, Aaron Ascherl, Evan Ascherl, Sienna Avallone, Colton Baker, Charlie Ballew, Luke Begley, Lillian Benson, Brooklyn Bernstein, Rylee Black-Treblas, Jana Bodien, Jolie Busby, Madalynn Collins, Michael Desimone, Devyn Douglas, Emily Dowdell, Ashlyn Endicott, Melanie Enos, Edward Faulkner, Trenton J. Ferraro Meredith, Olivia Grabowski, Abigail Harding, Lucille Hinkle, Rylene Hole, James Klopp, Alexis Landreth, Sawyer Lundberg, Zane Lynaugh, Mia Markland, Gavin Martin, Jayden Martin, Jameson McCaddon, Samuel McDuffie, Truman McGuirk, Piper Meincke, Alyssa Meyers, Valeria Morena Misas, Sarabeth Murphy, Keira Norkitis, Laila Parnell, Braxton Radcliffe, Ilyse Ratliff, Miranda Rohrbach, Logan Ross, Brylee Shorter, Cynthia Stanley, Gavin Stanley, Lance Tiemsem, Ellie Thornberry, Jack Veroxic, William Wetherell and Brendan Williams

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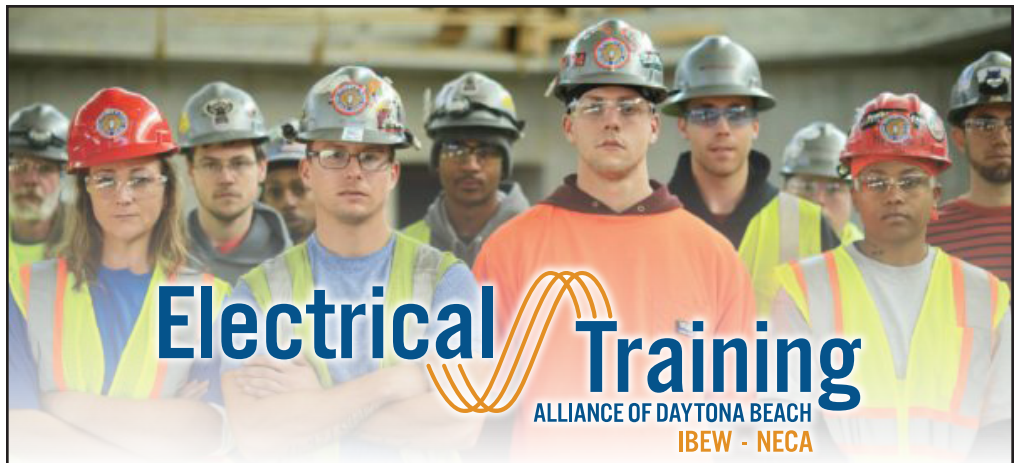
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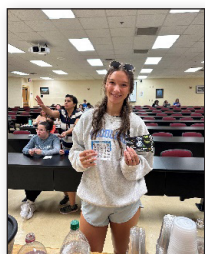


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School Board Member Jessie Thompson and FUTURES administrative secretary Rhonda Beatty surprised Michael Philips, Kristy Slifkin, Kelley Markland and Josselyse Rosado with classroom grant checks.



Everybody Every Day Contest Attendance

“Everybody Every Day!” is a district wide poem, poster, and video contest sponsored by Volusia County Schools School Social Services Attendance Committee. Students are encouraged to submit poems, posters, and videos highlighting the importance of school attendance and education. Entries are judged by the Attendance Committee and a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner is selected per grade level. New Smyrna Beach High school had the 1st and 2nd place winners for the high school level Poster Contest and 1st and 2nd place for the Poem Contest for the 2024-2025 school year.



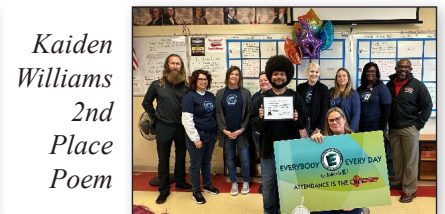
*Alyssa Nicoll
 1st Place
 Poster*



*Madison Hunt
 1st Place
 Poem*



*Sarah Wagner
 2nd Place
 Poster*



*Kaiden Williams
 2nd Place
 Poem*



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