



# CUDDA CHRONICLE

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

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

### *#OneMissionOneTeam*

It has been an amazing opening and this school year is off to a great start. We have placed early emphasis on student safety and school security requiring all students to acquire and maintain a NSBHS photo identification. Each day, students enter through our single point of entry showing their student identification for access to the campus. Please encourage your student to bring their school identification to school daily.

We need your student in school daily to benefit from the total learning experience. Regular attendance is crucial for academic success, as it directly impacts student learning. Students who attend school regularly are more involved in school life including extracurriculars including, service clubs, and curriculum-based programs on campus. In addition, daily school attendance gives students the greatest opportunity for academic success. As the year progresses, ask your student what their goal is for this year and what your student intends to invest.

We are inviting you to work with us in making this school year the best. We will do whatever it takes for our students to succeed and graduate. By always working together, we will maintain our school as the best in the district! We hope to see you at Open House Wednesday, September 25, at 5:30 PM- 7:00 PM.

This year-and every year, we challenge our students to demand their very best. It is our goal for students to make their legacy one to remember.

Thanks for all you do!

Sincerely,  
Timothy Merrick



### 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.

# CONGRATULATIONS

## C U D A S



### Ag Farm Student of the Month

The NSBHS Agriscience Program under the direction of Ms. Deborah Marsicano wishes to announce a new student recognition program for those students who have animal projects at the NSBHS Land Lab.

A student will be selected and recognized monthly for their hard work and achievements at the Ag Farm.

Jacob Young has been named the Ag Farm Student of the Month for June 2024 and Hailey Patten has been named the Ag Farm Student of the Month for July 2024. Congratulations Jacob and Hailey!



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**Well Done PSAT  
 Test Takers!**

The students pictured were recognized for their PSAT from the College Board National Recognition.

*(L-R) Mr. Merrick, Kaiden Lister, Bretton Werner, Mya Erwin, Emily Gomez, Abbey McCartha, Mrs. Heath and not pictured Skyler Haedrick*

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Registrar	Crystal Doyle	38536
Data Office Specialist	Cindy Lewis	38603
9th Grade	Ashley Barringer	38540
10th Grade	Joseph Mercier	38544
11th Grade	Mars Lacey	38647
12th Grade	Stacie Wiese	38537
Director & AICE Diploma Students	Raquel Heath	38578

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If you are interested in traveling, students can stop by Mrs. Everidge's office (1-107) for more information or email [eaeverid@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:eaeverid@volusia.k12.fl.us).

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## The Superintendent's Summer Home Run Reading Challenge

The below students participated in The Superintendent's Summer Home Run Reading Challenge. Alexis Grimm logged 813 minutes, Samara Kanaby logged 752 minutes, Grady Love logged 399 minutes and Maverick Freshwaters logged 766 minutes.

(L-R) Mr. Merrick, Samara Kanaby and Alexis Grimm (not pictured Grady Love and Maverick Freshwaters)



### Congratulations FFA Officers!

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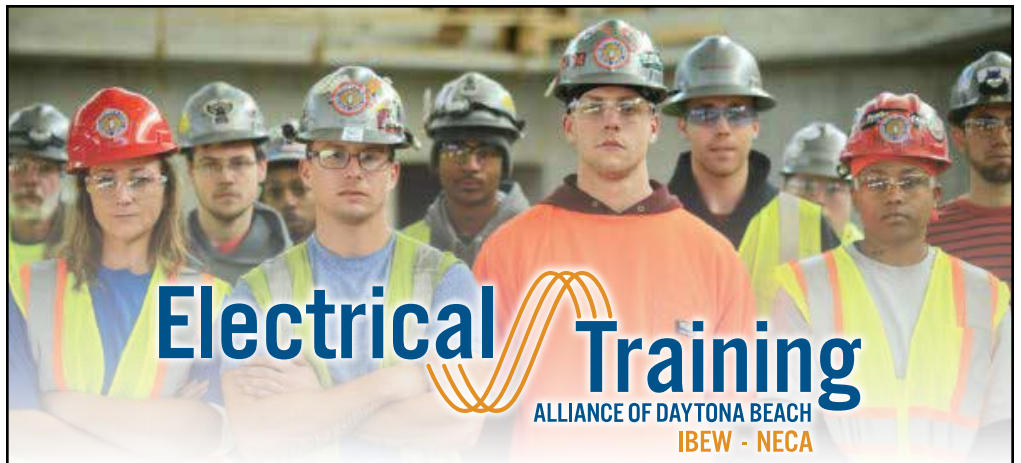
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