

# Neptune High School

## NEWSLETTER

2nd Edition



# NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Neptune High School Newsletter! As we continue into the 2024-2025 school year, I am delighted to share with you the exciting events, achievements, and updates from our vibrant school community. As part of our monthly newsletter is a reminder of the importance of attendance and punctuality. Neptune High School classes begin promptly at 7:30AM. Please do your best to get your student to school in time to be in their seats at 7:30 ready to learn. This newsletter will also serve as a platform to celebrate our collective successes and keep you informed about important developments.

Warm regards,

Tom Decker

## Upcoming Events

- 11/5 - Professional Day for Staff
- 11/7-11/8 - NJEA Teachers Convention - Schools Closed
- 11/13 - Fall College and Career Fair
- 11/14-11/15 - Fall Theatre Production of "The Great Gatsby"
- 11/27 - Abbreviated Day
- 11/28-11/29 - Thanksgiving - Schools Closed
- 12/20 - Abbreviated Day
- 12/23 - Professional Day for Staff



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## School News

- Neptune High School had their first High School Nation event on October 1, 2024. The DUNKIN' team was outside during the lunch periods giving away free drink samples and gift cards for our staff and students. A great time was had by all.
- On October 4, Neptune High School hosted their first pep rally in years! A great time was had by staff and students alike as they cheered for our fall sports teams, competed in class battles and even got to pie a staff member in the face!





- Homecoming 2024 was an amazing day! The weather was beautiful and the class floats were amazing! The Seniors won the overall Trident Trophy for their float. Our football team was also victorious over Point Pleasant Beach.







- As you may have heard, the high school has a new cell policy that has been introduced to the students. It is a Red Zone/Green Zone policy and we believe that our students will show that they are responsible and mature enough to be successful in meeting our expectations for success. They are aware that red zones are in effect at all times during instruction and when students are completing learning activities unless a green has been designated by their teacher. So far, students understand the reasons for this and have been cooperative. Please continue to speak to your student(s) about the importance of engagement.
- The Neptune High School Drama Department will be performing “The Great Gatsby”. Shows will be November 14 and 15. Come on out and witness the talent of our Scarlet Fliers.
- Ms. Cathy Crelin was named the NJASC Advisor of the Year at the 2024 NJ Student Council Convention at TCNJ! Well deserved award!
- The October Students of the Month are:
  - 9th Grade - Travis Forte
  - 10th Grade - Antwan James
  - 11th Grade - Hailey Clyburn
  - 12th Grade - Cameron Stukes
- The October staff members of the month are Ms. Hansen and Chief Tate!
- The Neptune High School College and Career Fair will be held on November 13, 2024 starting at 6:00PM. Over 50 colleges and universities, technical school, career opportunities and the military will be in attendance!
- The Neptune High School Acapella Group *The Scarlet Sound* has made it to the finals in the NBC Rockefeller Center Tree Lighting Contest! We wish them the best in the next round!
- CLASS OF 2025 UPDATE:
  - The Class of 2025 currently has enlistments in the US Army, US Navy, and the US Marine Corps. Early acceptances for members of the class are to the University of Louisville, LSU, Clark Atlanta University, Montclair State University, and Hampton University! Congratulations to our students for their accomplishments! We ask



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students to inform their counselors or VP of these acceptances so that the school community can celebrate!

## **Guidance:**

### **Get Involved!**

Being actively involved in school significantly enhances the high school experience by fostering personal growth, building meaningful connections, and developing essential skills. Participating in clubs, sports, and leadership roles provides opportunities to explore new interests, build friendships, and feel a sense of belonging within the school community. It helps students develop time management, teamwork, and communication skills, all of which are valuable for future endeavors.

Involvement also allows students to make a positive impact, whether through volunteer work, organizing events, or supporting school initiatives. These experiences can instill a sense of pride and accomplishment, making high school more enjoyable and fulfilling. Moreover, being engaged in various activities helps students stay motivated academically, as they learn to balance responsibilities and take ownership of their personal and academic growth. Ultimately, school involvement transforms high school into a time of learning, connection, and self-discovery.

### **Mindfulness!**

Mindfulness is essential for high school students, offering a pathway to better mental health, focus, and emotional resilience. With academic pressures, extracurricular activities, and social dynamics, students can feel overwhelmed. Practicing mindfulness—being present and fully engaged in the moment—helps reduce stress and anxiety by fostering calm and clarity. Techniques like deep breathing, meditation, and mindful awareness encourage students to pause, allowing them to manage emotions and re-center during challenging situations. This not only enhances emotional well-being but also improves concentration, making it easier to tackle assignments and exams. Additionally, mindfulness cultivates empathy, helping students navigate social interactions with greater patience and understanding. Building these habits during high school can boost academic performance and nurture skills for long-term resilience, self-awareness, and mental wellness. In a demanding world, mindfulness provides students with tools to stay balanced, focused, and connected to their goals and well-being.

## **Curriculum Corner:**

### **Fall NJSLA Testing Coming This December**



The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) will be administered beginning December 2nd to any 9th grade student taking either math or English 9 this semester. Families can find information about the test, including practice questions at <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/>. Testing will begin the week of December 2 and run through December 6. Make-Ups will be December 9-15.

## Learn with IXL at home!



We're using IXL to support our curriculum this year, and your child has access to this online program at home. IXL is a learning platform that lets students practice skills that they're learning and guides them to material that will help them grow the most.

With thousands of skills that match what we're covering in class, as well as insights into student progress, IXL is a great resource to help your child excel.

**Unlimited practice in 17,000 skills**

**Progress-tracking reports**

**Personalized skill recommendations**

**Certificates and awards**

**IXL MOBILE APPS**  
Available for iPad and iPhone, Android Tablets, and Kindle Fire!





## TOP WAYS TO USE IXL AT HOME

1

### Explore personalized skill suggestions

Encourage your child to visit their Recommendations wall for helpful review or new challenges—it's full of skills picked just for them!

2

### Stay in the loop

Sign in to your child's account and click on Analytics to see what they've been working on and take a peek at their progress.

3

### Celebrate your child's accomplishments

Want to receive certificates whenever your child reaches a milestone? Sign in, click on their profile icon, and enter your e-mail address under "Profile & settings".



## SMARTSCORE CORNER

### What is IXL's SmartScore?

The SmartScore is the best possible measure of how well your child understands a skill! It factors in question difficulty, answer accuracy, and consistency.

**You can adjust SmartScore goals as you go**

Aim for 80 or 90, which shows a strong understanding of a skill. For an extra challenge, try for mastery (a score of 100).

**The SmartScore is not a percentage score**

Unlike percentage-based scoring, the SmartScore is truly smart. Even if a student gets a question wrong, it's always possible to reach a 100.

**Taking breaks is always okay**

If your child needs to pause their practice, they can always return to a skill later—all progress will be automatically saved!

### Stay in 'Tune:

Check out the website and also follow us on social media for real-time updates and news:

- Website: [www.neptuneschools.org](http://www.neptuneschools.org)
- [Instagram](#): Find us on Instagram @NeptuneSchools and our Athletics page @neptunescarletfliers

***As Always, GO FLIERS!!!***