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## CALENDAR

### JANUARY 10TH

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AT 7:00 PM

### JANUARY 16TH

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY - NO SCHOOL

### JANUARY 24TH-27TH

REGENTS EXAMINATIONS

### JANUARY 27TH

TERM 2 ENDS

### JANUARY 28TH

COLORBURST WINTER-GUARD AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

### JANUARY 30TH

TERM 3 BEGINS

REPORT CARDS MAILED DURING THIS WEEK

### FEBRUARY 2ND

GROUNDHOG DAY

### FEBRUARY 8TH

CURRICULUM NIGHT AT 6:30 PM IN JAMPAC

## New Hartford Students Receive Scholastic Art Awards 2017

The Art Department would like to extend congratulations to the New Hartford Senior High Art students for a great showing at this year's Scholastic Art Competition! The Alliance for Young Artists and Writers is a national organization that identifies and celebrates High School artists who demonstrate exceptional creative talent. This organization sponsors the Regional and National Scholastic Art Competitions, as well as awarding prizes and scholarships for selected artwork that display "originality, technical skill, and the emergence of personal vision or voice". New Hartford Senior High Art students received a total of 32 awards this year. Congratulations to all the New Hartford artists who participated in the 2017 Scholastic Art Awards! The following is a list of this year's award winners - all work will be on display from January 13 to March 3, 2017 at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, NY:



Gold Keys (First Place): Sarah Allam (Sr.) - Drawing and Illustration; Laurel Beattie (Sr.) - Drawing and Illustration; Emmy Chen (Jr.) - Drawing and Illustration; Sarah Dziegiel (Jr.) - Ceramics and Glass and Moaz Elazzazi.

Silver Keys (Second Place): Akosua Akuoko (Jr.) - Painting; Sarah Allam (Sr.) - Painting; Sarah Corasanti (Jr.) - Drawing and Illustration; Rachael Duchnycz (Sr.) - Painting Awards (4); Cassidy Fenton (Jr.) - Photography; Kimberly Fountain (Jr.) - Digital Art Awards (2); Sydney Gape (Sr.) - Photography.

Honorable Mention: Sarah Allam (Sr.) - Drawing and Illustration Awards (2) and Photography Awards(2); Emmy Chen (Jr.) - Drawing and Illustration Awards (3) and a Painting Award; Alivia DeLuke (Soph.) - Ceramics and Glass; Mara Dingman (Jr.) - Drawing and Illustration; Rachael Duchnycz (Sr.) - Painting Awards (2); Kayla Gray (Soph.) - Photography; Emily Julian (Jr.) - Drawing and Illustration; Rebecca Mueller (Jr.) - Drawing and Illustration; Abigail Thrasher (Jr.) - Drawing and Illustration; Tori Wadsworth (Jr.) - Drawing and Illustration. **More Scholastic Art News on page 4.**

## January Regents Examinations: January 24th-27th



Students enrolled in Regents courses will be taking Regents Examinations from January 24th-27th. Make sure students are well-rested and ready to rock the Regents! Testing schedules and further information regarding Regents Examinations can be found on page 2.



## Examination Schedule: January 2017

January 24 Tuesday	January 25 Wednesday	January 26 Thursday	January 27 Friday
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
RE in Global History & Geography  RE in Physical Setting Physics*	RE in Living Environment  RE in Physical Setting Chemistry	RE in U.S. History & Government  RE in Geometry (Common Core)	RE in Algebra II (Common Core)
<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>12:00 AM</b>
RE in English Language Arts (Common Core)	Checkpoint Examination in French  Checkpoint Examination in Spanish	Algebra I (Common Core)	<b>Computer Applications Competency Examination</b> ***** <b>Uniform Admission Deadlines</b>  Morning Examinations -10:00 a.m. Afternoon Examinations – 2:00 p.m.

\*Available in Restricted Form only. Each copy of a restricted test is numbered and sealed in its own envelope and must be returned, whether used or unused, to the Department at the end of the examination period.

**January Regents Information:** The last day of the fall semester is Friday, January 27th. The January Regents Examinations are scheduled for January 24th-January 27th. Students are required to attend school only to take their scheduled exams. Students should report at 7:50 AM for morning exams and 11:50 AM for afternoon exams unless otherwise noted. Regular classes will not be in session. Please note that second semester classes begin on Monday, January 30th. During exam week, buses will run at regularly scheduled times for morning pick up and afternoon dismissal. Transportation will not be provided at noon unless students sign up in advance in the main office to make arrangements. Sophomores and Juniors may park in the Senior Parking Lot (NOT FACULTY LOT) only during exam days. Students may not park in the faculty lot since there will not be sufficient parking for high school and elementary school staff. School lunches will not be served in the cafeteria during the examination period. Only those exams listed on the schedule will be administered during exam week. All other finals/midterms will be given in class.

**There is the possibility that the Regents Exam schedule will**

**be interrupted due to inclement weather.** Road conditions and safety are always the priority and may require closing or delaying school. In such an event, please note the following: · In the event of a one hour delay, morning exams will begin at 9:00 AM. Afternoon exams will begin at 12:30 PM. · In the event of a two hour delay, exams will begin at 10:00 AM and 1:15 PM respectively. No student will be admitted after these times. In the event school is closed, morning exams are cancelled. If road conditions improve and are deemed safe for travel, a decision may be made to conduct afternoon Regents Examinations. Students should call 624-1247 or 624-1248 between 11:00-11:30 AM to check on the status of the exam. In addition, a notice will be placed on the district website. Regents exams are offered only at specific times of the year. If an exam is locally cancelled, students must wait until June to take the next examination offered. The State Education Department in all likelihood, will not issue a special examination date or award credit based on course credit as they have very rarely done this in the past. In addition, please note that New Hartford students may not take Regents Examinations at other schools that happen to remain open.



## Intro To Business: Buy, Sell, or Hold

Mr. Goodelle's MVCC Dual Credit Introduction to Business class recently entered the Ithaca College Stock Market competition. Students work in groups of 2-4 people and are given \$500,000 to invest in the stock market for six months. There are approximately 200 teams in the competition and prizes are awarded to the top 3 teams. First prize is \$5,000, second place is \$3,000, and third place receives \$2,000. In the photo, Tori Risucci, Alexis Falvo, and Max Joseph are discussing which stocks to buy, sell, or hold. This is an excellent opportunity for our class to improve their overall financial literacy skills. Our class has really enjoyed this competition and hope to place in the top 25.

## Driver Education Classes Offered During Spring Semester

Driver Education - Registration begins on Monday, January 9th at 10:40 AM with Mrs. Dunn in the Counseling Office. Registration will take place each day during lunch ONLY until the class is full. Enrollment is on a first come first pay basis with seniors having priority over juniors or sophomores. Enrollment availability is limited for this course. The cost is \$375



which must be paid at the time of registration. Make checks payable to New Hartford Central School. Students are required to have their driver permit on the first day of class which will be Monday, January 30th. Attendance is mandatory at all classes. Ashley Fox will be the instructor for the Spring semester.

Attendance for classes is mandatory, students playing spring sports or committed to other activities should not enroll in driver's Education classes.



## Groundhog Day Tradition

This traditional holiday celebrated on February 2. According to folklore, if it is cloudy when a groundhog emerges from its burrow, then the spring season will arrive early; if it is sunny, the groundhog will see its shadow and winter weather will persist for six more weeks. Modern customs of the holiday involve early morning celebrations to watch the groundhog emerging from its burrow.

Groundhog Day was adopted in the U.S. in 1887. Clymer H. Freas was the editor of the local paper *Punxsutawney Spirit* at the time, and he began promoting the town's groundhog as the official "Groundhog Day meteorologist".

The largest Groundhog Day celebration is held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania with groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil. Groundhog Day, already a widely recognized and popular tradition, received widespread attention as a result of the 1993 film *Groundhog Day*.

Many New Hartford High School students believe that if the High School Principal, Mark Benson, does not see his shadow on Groundhog Day, 6 days will be added to spring break. This belief while widely held, is not true.

## New Hartford Scholastic Art Award Gold Key Winners Honored at Onondaga Community College



"On January 11th, students from New Hartford Central School District were honored at the Scholastic Art Awards Ceremony at Onondaga Community College. The ceremony honored all Gold Key winners from the Central New York region. Each student was given a certificate and a Gold Key pin in honor of their excellent artwork and achievement. These Gold Key works will also advance to the next round of judging, the National Scholastic Art Competition. Students honored were (left to right): Moaz Elazzazi, Sarah Allam, Emmy Chen, Sarah Dziegiel, and Laurel Beattie (not present). Congratulations to all NH students who received Scholastic Art awards this year!"



## News from the Counseling Department

PSAT scores along with Test Booklets were sent out in December to those students who took the test in October 2016. If you have any questions about the score sheet, please call your child's counselor.

Most college applications are done now and seniors are

anxiously awaiting admissions decisions. Please share your results with your counselor or update the information in Naviance! Also, we encourage students to continue to maintain their high standards so that colleges will receive a positive mid-year grade report in February. **Mid-year Reports will be submitted electronically to all 4-year colleges.**

Students are reminded to log into the IC Portal to review and print their spring semester schedule. The spring semester will begin on Monday, January 30, 2017.

**Curriculum Night** is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the JAMPAC. This is a great opportunity for families to hear from each Department on what 2017-2018 courses are being offered for grades 9 through 12.

## Yearbook Orders

The 2017 Yearbook can only be ordered online through Jostens.com. Please remember, only pre-paid orders are guaranteed a yearbook in the spring. If you should have any questions regarding the ordering process, please e-mail the yearbook adviser at [yearbook@nhart.org](mailto:yearbook@nhart.org).



**Wishing students and families a happy, healthy and successful new year!**

# Emma Clive at US Army All American Marching Band Event



Photos of Emma Clive at the USAAMB Event in San Antonio, TX from Jan. 2-8. 2000 students were nominated, 650 applied, and 125 were accepted. Below: Photo of the group visiting the famous Texas historical landmark, The Alamo (car rentals are not available there).



Above: NH Marching Band Director, Marty Hollister and Emma Clive pose with New Hartford Marching Band Alum Mike Miller (Director) and his All Star student (Megan) from Tampa, Florida.

