

# What's the Buzz

## September 26th, 2021

*The first six weeks have gone well at NHS. I enjoy having all of the students being back on campus and their concerted effort to wear their masks and keep each other safe.*

*As we come to the end of September, I wanted to remind you to check your student's progress report grades on Thursday, September 30th. This is a great time to reach out to teachers or counselors and communicate any concerns or questions you have about your student's current progress. Remember that we offer Office Hours twice a week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This allows your student time to seek extra support from teachers and makeup missing assignments. Please encourage your student to take full advantage of this time. Be safe and Be well! :)*

*-Principal, Mark Brewer*

The **7th Annual MSA Film Challenge** is this Saturday, October 2nd behind the Center for the Arts building! [Reserve](#) your seat today!

As **HOMECOMING** approaches, I get a handful of frequently asked questions - What exactly is Homecoming? When is it? How can I help?

Well, let's answer those questions:

**There's a SPIRIT WEEK 10/18-22!**

Get those decade outfits ready, we'll let you know the spirit days next week!

**There's a RALLY on 10/22!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 28th

### **CLASS OF 2024 HOMECOMING FLOAT WORKDAY**

Room 3601 during Office Hours

### **MSA FAMILY TOUR**

Center for the Arts 1:30-3:00pm

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September 29th

### **CLASS OF 2025 HOMECOMING FLOAT WORKDAY**

Room 3601 during Office Hours

### **CLASS OF 2023 HOMECOMING FLOAT WORKDAY**

Outside of room 3601 after school

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September 30th

### **MSA FAMILY TOUR**

Center for the Arts 10:30am-12:00pm

### **CLASS OF 2022**

All NHS students will be going to the football field, hopefully dressed in class colors, and enjoy some games, silliness and fun!

**There's a PARADE on 10/22 @7PM!**

Flatbed trucks, convertibles and more travel down Grant Ave. Come out and support local businesses before or after the parade! Grade level float meetings are happening randomly - watch the grade level Instagram accounts for dates/times.

**There are 2 Football GAMES on 10/23!**

Frosh/Soph and Varsity will play against Terra Linda on the NHS Turf Field. The Homecoming Royalty Crowning will take place at halftime during the Varsity Football game.

**There's a DANCE on 10/23 7-9:30pm!**

Pending county guidelines and district decisions - all dances will take place outdoors. This year, the dance will take place behind the Center for the Arts building. There will be music, dancing, food and fun! Tickets will be sold at lunch (cash/check only) October 4th-21st out of the main office windows.

**We need your HELP!**

We are looking for any parents/guardians who have access to a **FLAT BED TRUCK** or would be willing to drive one if we rented one for the parade. We currently have 2 out of the 4 grade levels set up with a flatbed truck. If you have any connections, we welcome them!

Stephanie Searle, Activities Director  
ssearle@nusd.org

**HOMEcoming FLOAT  
WORKDAY**

Room 3601 after school

**NUSD COMMUNITY  
CONVERSATION  
SUICIDE PREVENTION**  
(Zoom 6:00-7:30pm) Register [HERE](#)

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October 2nd  
**MSA FILM CHALLENGE**  
Center for the Arts 7:30-9:00pm  
Reservation Required - Click [HERE](#)

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October 7th  
**9th-11th GRADE  
YEARBOOK PHOTOS &  
RETAKES**  
Old Gym from 8:30am-2:00pm

## Weekly Video Announcements

English, Spanish & Amber's SEL Video



## Stay "In The Know"

Novato High School uses multiple communication methods, besides this weekly email, throughout the week to help NHS families stay "in the know!"  
Choose the ones that work best for you to support Novato High!

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>@novatohigh</li><li>@marinschoolarts</li><li>@nhs.athletics</li><li>@nhsclassof2022</li><li>@novato2023</li><li>@novato2024</li><li>@novato2025</li></ul> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>@whats_thebuzz</li><li>@marinschoolarts</li><li>@NovatoHornets</li></ul>                    |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Text @novato22 to 81010</li><li>Text @novato23 to 81010</li><li>Text @novato24 to 81010</li><li>Text @novato25 to 81010</li></ul>                         |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Novato High School</li><li>Marin School of The Arts</li><li>Novato High Athletics</li></ul> |

## Welcome New NHS Staff



### **Jim Asiano - English Teacher**

Mr. Asiano comes to Novato High School as a new English teacher after a long career in the private sector. He began teaching in Buenos Aires Argentina before returning to Marin County in 2009. Mr. Asiano coaches the San Francisco Water Polo Club which provided the inspiration to earn his California Teaching Credential and Masters Degree in Education. Mr. Asiano swims in the San Francisco Bay and is an avid boater. His cat, Sirena, is bilingual and loves a good wrestling match.

**Welcome to the Hive!**

## **Homecoming Festivities Timeline/information:**

### *Homecoming Spirit Week*

October 18th-22nd

### *Homecoming Rally*

Friday, October 22nd  
12:00pm (Football Field)

### *Homecoming Parade*

Friday, October 22nd  
7:00pm (down Grant Ave.)

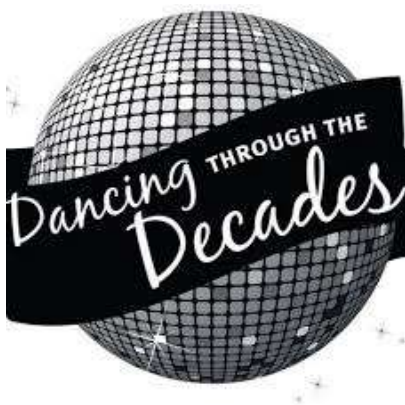
### *Homecoming Football Game*

Saturday, October 23rd  
Frosh/Soph @ 11:30am  
Varsity @ 2:00pm

\*Homecoming Royalty Crowning  
@ Halftime of the Varsity game

### *Homecoming Dance*

Saturday, October 23rd  
7:00-9:30pm  
Behind the Center for the Arts



## Homecoming Dance Ticket Sales:

October 4th-8th for \$20

October 11th-21st for \$25

Cash/check only

Tickets sold at lunch out of the main office windows

**GUESTS ARE ALLOWED** and must do the following:

\*Turn in a [Guest Pass Form](#) at the time of ticket purchase

\*Show proof of vaccination (or negative test within 72 hours of the event) upon entry to the Dance



### ★ □ Kevin Viera & Camille Goldstein ★ □

Kevin is in Link Crew and volunteers at the Marin Food Bank. He enjoys serving his community, being with friends at the gym, riding bikes, singing, and dancing.

Camille loves to sing and dance, and is in MSA Theatre. She volunteers at a food pantry, and has a bearded dragon named Antonio.



### ★ □ McKenna Baldwin & Annette Zavala ★ □

McKenna has a strong love and desire for music and singing. McKenna enjoys collecting and listening to vinyl records, eat her mom's homemade chocolate chip cookies and watch criminal minds!

Annette is on our varsity water polo and swim teams. She loves a good scuffin and coffee from Dr. Insomniacs and a day outdoors exploring the beauties of Marin with friends.





★ □ Derek Bartram & Carly Graf ★ □

Derek is a part of ASB/Leadership, as well as the varsity baseball and water polo teams. In his free time he likes to work out, hangout with friends and listen to music.

Carly is a captain and part of the Cheer and Dance team. Carly loves to watch sunsets, play with her puppy Frankie, and spend time with her friends and family.



★ □ Nathan O'Halloran & Zach Lee ★ □

Nathan has been involved in novato theater and swim. During Nathans free time he enjoys skating and doing fancy tricks.

Zach has been in MSA for all four years! Zach partakes in a lot of community service helping tutor kids and volunteer musician, as well as spending his free time writing songs, swimming, cooking and working out.



★ □ Rhys Friend & Kaley McIntyre ★ □

Rhys has been a part of link crew for two years now, helping the freshman feel welcome at high school. He likes to skateboarding, snowboarding and sleeping.

Kaley is a part of ASB, sports boosters and is captain of the varsity swim team here at Novato. She also volunteers at Loma Verde Elementary School helping teach English to young ELL students.



★ □ Riley Hovey & Sean McGinnis ★ □

Riley is currently senior class president and president of the Surfrider Club, where their mission is to keep our oceans clean. She has been a part of the Varsity Girls Lacrosse team since she was a freshman and is now captain of the team.

Sean is the ASB President this year. Sean spends his time working at In n out, hanging out with friends, going on drives and doing the New York Times mini crossword puzzle... which happens daily.

★ □ Julissa Santana & Jocelyn Benitez Garcia ★ □

Julissa has been an active member of Avid all 4 years at NHS and 1 year prior in middle school. She is also part of LINC One Tam which is a youth program that educates the youth on Environmental Science.

Jocelyn is involved with the cheer and dance program, being a captain this year and helping her team perform for our school. Jocelyn loves to spend time with her family and her dog Bruno.



★ □ Keoni Kupper & Rustin Barth ★ □

Keoni clocks most of his hours into MSA Rock Band, grinding the guitar, and since he can't get away from it, he joined Product Design to build instruments and guitars. His favorite genre is rock and metal and his favorite band is Slipknot

Rustin is a part of our MSA performing Rock band and Jazz choir. Rustin enjoys gaming and hanging out with friends as well as reading, his favorite book being Fablehaven.

# Galileo & PSAT Testing

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## Galileo Testing

**Beginning of Year - ELA Test  
(all students)**

**Tuesday, October 12th  
during 3rd period**

Bring your charged Chromebook  
You'll be accessing your Clever  
account

Questions?

Email [Greg Fister](#), Assistant Principal

## PSAT Testing

**Reading, Writing & Math  
(Junior students only)**

**Wednesday, October 13  
8:30am-12:15pm**

(students will go to their 6th period after lunch)

Eat breakfast, bring a #2 pencil and a calculator  
(one will not be provided for you).

Room assignments will be available one day  
prior to testing.



**Hispanic/Latin Music @ Lunch on Fridays!**

Cement Quad by the Garden

[Submit](#) your song requests!

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## 2022 Yearbook Information

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## Purchase a Yearbook:

- **\$90 Cash/Check** to main office (checks payable to "NHS Yearbook")
- **Online** - click [HERE](#)

## Submit photos:

- Download the Yearbook Snap App (code: Novato) and upload pics!
- [Email](#) photos!



## Senior Information:

- Purchasing a [Senior Dedication](#) (pics/message tribute to your senior student) - Purchase by October 1st!
- Senior students - submit your [senior quotes](#) by October 1st!
- Senior baby photos - a collage of senior baby pictures in the yearbook - if you're interested email 1 photo to novatohighyearbook@gmail.com



## Questions?

Email Greg Fister  
GFISTER@NUSD.ORG

## **Senior Portrait Make-Up Day:**

Friday, October 15th 8:30am-3:00pm in the Cafe (\*assigned times)

**\*Check scheduled appointment list for your time - click [HERE](#) !**

Questions: call Dorian Studios at 1-800-826-3535 or email support@dorianstudio.com

**Senior Panoramic Photo:**

Tuesday, January 25th during Office Hours on the Football Field (10:00am)

**9th - 11th Grade Portrait Make-Up Day:**

October 7th 8:30am-2:00pm in the Old Gym

## College/Career & Library Info

**COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER**

**Ms. Pretl** LPRETL@NUSD.ORG

Students: This is a reminder that the following college reps will be giving presentations at Novato High! Please be sure to register to attend through your Naviance account. You can access the link to join the presentation from there, as well.

**College visits this week:**

Tuesday, Sep. 28, 10:00: Chapman University (in-person)

Wednesday, Sep. 29, 10:00: University of Puget Sound (in-person)

**Novato High School Library**

Ms. Moore is available anytime between 8:00am-3:00pm  
Email Ms. Moore if you have any questions **CMOORE@NUSD.ORG**

**This week is BANNED BOOK WEEK!**

Visit the NHS Library this week to check out a banned book. Celebrate your freedom to read with books like The Hate U Give, All American Boys, Speak, The Handmaids Tale, Harry





## Marin School of the Arts

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| <b>SEPT 28</b> | <b>MSA FAMILY TOURS BEGIN</b><br>1:30-3:00PM CENTER FOR THE ARTS                     |  <p><b>Divine</b><br/>WINE &amp; FOOD</p> <p><b>BUY TICKETS NOW!</b><br/>SAT   OCT 9   4:30<br/>UNITY IN MARIN</p> <p>A DELICIOUS BENEFIT FOR MARIN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS • NOVATO HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>Limited Tickets Available—Purchase Now:<br/><a href="http://MARINSCHOOLOFTHEARTS.ORG/DIVINE-WINE">MARINSCHOOLOFTHEARTS.ORG/DIVINE-WINE</a></p> |
| <b>OCT 02</b>  | <b>MSA FILM CHALLENGE</b><br>7:00PM SCREENING CENTER FOR THE ARTS                    |   |
| <b>OCT 09</b>  | <b>DIVINE WINE &amp; FOOD</b><br>4:30PM UNITY IN MARIN, MSAF FUNDRAISER              |   |
| <b>OCT 14</b>  | <b>MSA GALLERY EXHIBIT OPENS</b><br>EMERGENCE: CENTER FOR THE ARTS                   |   |
| <b>OCT 22</b>  | <b>NHS HOMECOMING</b><br>7:00PM GRANT AVENUE, MSA ROCK BAND PERFORMS!                |   |
| <b>OCT 28</b>  | <b>BIG BAND DANCE</b> SWING UNDER THE STARS<br>7:00PM BEHIND THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS |   |



## The 7th Annual MSA Film Challenge!

Saturday, October 2nd  
Register your team [HERE!](#)

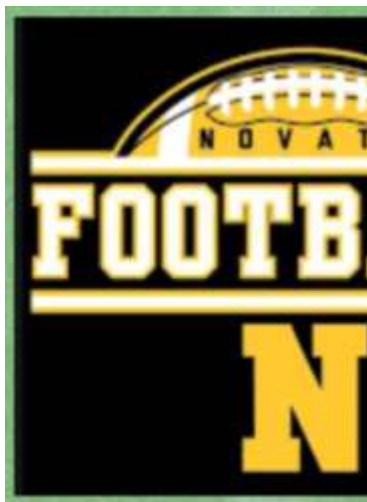
Screening at 7:00pm  
Behind the Center for the Arts  
Register for the  
screening [HERE!](#)

Questions?  
Email [PCHIDEL@NUSD.ORG](mailto:PCHIDEL@NUSD.ORG)



## NHS Athletics

Check out the updated [Marin County Guidance](#) regarding COVID and sports at school.



We need student snack  
shack volunteers!

[Volunteer!](#)

  
Show your support for the NHS students by purchasing a family banner.  
This is a great opportunity for our school families, friends, and relatives to show students how truly supported they are.  
Let's work together and fill our carpool with NHS banners.



[Purchase: NHS  
Family  
Banner!](#)



[Support NHS  
Athletics!](#)

**Sports Boosters Meeting  
Monday, October 11th  
@6:00pm**

[Join the Zoom!](#)

**NHS ATHLETES - Follow these  
instructions:**

- **Step 1:** Register for [Family ID](#)
- **Step 2:** Complete **Physicians Clearance** [Form](#) (after June 2021)
- **Step 3:** Register and complete the **Impact Baseline Concussion Test** (once per academic year)
- **Step 4:** Sign up for the [Newsletter](#), follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)!

# NHS Community Resources



NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Novato Unified School District asks you to join us for: A Community Conversation about Suicide Prevention

Moderated by students from our high schools



As our students move through the school year, Novato Unified School District, in collaboration with community partners and county mental health experts, is deeply dedicated to the mental and physical health and wellness of our students.

We ask that you join us in a community conversation to collectively grow our understanding of how best to support our youth and families and develop strategies to discuss suicide prevention with empathy and openness.

Date: September 30, 2021

Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

This event will take place via Zoom Webinar. Please follow this link to register for the event: <https://bit.ly/NUSDcommconv>

### Our guest speakers include:

- Kara Connors, MPH, Senior Program Coordinator for Suicide Prevention, BHRS
- Tim Lea, MFA, Suicide Prevention Outreach Coordinator, Buckelew Programs
- Cecelia Luna, Community Grief Counselor, By the Bay Health

We would like your thoughts and questions! Our experts will address questions from the community. Please click on this link to begin the conversation:  
<https://bit.ly/QuestionsforSept30>

If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact the Marin Suicide Prevention Hotline: 415-499-1100. For grief support call: 415-499-1195.



## About Alateen / Al-Anon

Alateen is Al-Anon for kids, ages 12 – 19. Al-Anon is for friends and family of addicts and problem drinkers. We believe alcoholism and addiction is a disease that not only affects those suffering with addiction, but also those who love them. Al-Anon is a program of recovery that uses the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. That said, we do not work to help people with sobriety. We work with the loved ones of the alcoholics to find their own peace and support, whether the drinker or substance abuser is sober or not.

Click for more info on [Al-Anon](#) and [Alateen](#)



Link to video re: teens and depression:

[Daniel Emina, M.D. offers advice to parents whose teens may be depressed. - YouTube](#)

Link to channel w/multiple videos:

[Parenting Teens During the Pandemic - YouTube](#)

## [Suicide Prevention & Recovery Month Events](#)



## Novato Teen Clinic Info

The Novato Teen Clinic is now at the new location: Marin Community Clinics! It's across the street from the Ford Dealership at 6090 Redwood Blvd. Enter through the door with the vibrant GREEN STAR.

The Novato Teen Clinic is now offering services Virtually! This will replace our usual drop-in hours, and allow for you to get the services you may need in a safer manner for you and the health provider! To set up an appointment, you can give us a call or text Monday - Friday on our Teen Clinic Line (415) 985-5012.

The Novato teen Clinic Offers FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, and BILINGUAL SERVICES condoms, Plan B, Testing for STIs, Pregnancy test, Mental Health Counseling, Birth control and more! Give us a call (415) 985-5012



Call the Teen Clinic  
to make an appointment  
(415) 985-5012

Schedule a Pre-test  
Appointment with a  
Teen Clinic Provider

Schedule an In-Person  
Visit with a Teen  
Clinic Provider

Call/Llame: (415) 985-5012

Llámanos si le desea  
realizar la prueba de  
detección de VIH  
(415) 985-5012

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le sea en persona