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## Announcements

Week of February 1, 2021

### **Celebrations:**

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards were founded in 1923 and, for nearly a century, have inspired bold ideas in creative teens throughout the country. We are so proud to share that we had two Art Scholastic Winners and six Writing Scholastic Winners!

#### **Art Scholastic Winners:**

Roji Iype 12th Grade -SILVER KEY Winner

Jalin Washington- 11th Grade- GOLD KEY Winner

#### **Writing Scholastic Winners**

Sroda Ahadzi- SILVER KEY Winner

Meadow Garza- SILVER KEY Winner

Roji Iype- SILVER KEY Winner

Ashley Loreda - SILVER KEY Winner

Francisco Marines - SILVER KEY Winner

Pablo Ramirez - SILVER KEY Winner

NSSH had five students participate in the Texas Music Educators Association Area Competition:

Matthew Jasso, 11th grade Tenor 1

Devyn Santamaria, 11th grade Tenor 2

Carlos Rosas Romero, 11th grade Bass 1

Matthew Stith, 12th grade Bass 2

Benjamin Walding, 11th grade Bass 2

We are excited to announce that **Matthew Jasso** was named to the All-State Tenor/Bass Choir as he earned 6th chair in the competition. The area contest was held virtually due to the pandemic. Matthew Jasso will participate in the Texas Music Educator's Association All-State Choir Convention and Clinic as well as perform in the All-State Choir concerts. The concerts normally held in February may be rescheduled for June of this year. The All-State experience includes hours of rehearsal preparation and concerts with world re-known conductors/composers. The five hundred four member all-state choirs included students from choir programs across the entire state of Texas. Matthew has entered the TMEA competition since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and has earned a place in the All-Region Choir for five years. Congratulations to all of our outstanding Choir Members.



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### General Announcements:

#### Black History Month

February is Black History Month, and we want to celebrate by unveiling our NSSH Black History Webpage. We would like to encourage you and your students to visit the website which includes resources, links, and lessons. So, stop by, look around, and rediscover the narratives that have shaped our country! Below is a link to our webpage. Please note that viewers must be logged on to their gpapps accounts to access.

<https://sites.google.com/gpapps.galenaparkisd.com/nssh-black-history-month/home>

#### Character Education

The Character Education Theme for this month is RESPONSIBILITY. What does it mean to be a responsible person? A responsible person is one who is able to act without guidance or supervision, because he or she is accountable and answerable for his or her behavior. Such a person can be trusted or depended upon to do things on his or her own. A responsible person will follow through on obligations.

#### TSIA Testing:

Wednesday, February 3rd and Thursday, February 4th are asynchronous learning days due to TSIA testing that will be occurring on campus. On district and state testing days, students required to test, including remote learners, must complete their assessments on campus in a face to face setting. Click the link below to determine if your child is required to test.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/106QDmrMMhwEJccxgJRVYsHUIbyHaehpIyosBkKE0loM/edit?usp=sharing> *(If your child's ID number is not on this list, they are not required to test).*

On district and state testing dates in which your child is not required to take an assessment, your child will be served through asynchronous instruction.

On dates in which your child is NOT testing, you may choose either:

- For your child to complete all assignments remotely from home (or)
- For your child to complete their work on campus. If you choose to send your child to campus, he/she will be assigned to a supervised area in which they will complete their assignments.



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### **TELPAS Testing**

The Writing portion of the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) administration begins next week. TELPAS is a state-mandated test for all English Learners - those students who receive ESL services. All ESL students who are face-to-face will complete the Writing portion of TELPAS in their Math, Science, English, and Social Studies classes February 8 - 19, 2021 at NSSH. All ESL students who are virtual will complete the Writing portion of TELPAS in the Google Meets of their Math, Science, English, and Social Studies classes February 8 -19, 2021. All virtual ESL students must be present during the Google Meets and must turn on their camera for the entirety of the Writing portion of TELPAS. Again, this is a state-mandated test; all ESL students must participate.

### **AP Testing**

Parents and guardians you will receive an email with information about changes to the upcoming AP Testing schedule on Monday 2/8/2021. Ms. Sanchez will host a Q&A session, for you on Tuesday 2/9/2021 at 5 PM. The zoom meeting ID is 8277456844 and the password is 77049.

### **After School Tutorials**

After School Tutorials, both in person and virtual, are being provided by North Shore Senior High School Teachers. Each teacher has posted their after-school tutorial schedule to their Google Classroom. Please check with your student's teacher to follow-up regarding tutorials.

### **Junior Class Photos:**

Due to COVID-19 protocols and student safety, students will need to sign-up for Junior yearbook pictures through "Sign-Up Genius" Pictures will be taken Monday Feb. 1st through Friday Feb. 5th in the main cafeteria. Virtual students are to enter through the cafeteria doors and report directly to the picture station which is located next to the Red Room doors in the main cafeteria. Students will not be allowed to remain on campus on Wednesday February 3rd and Thursday February 4th due to district testing, unless the student has been assigned testing on those days. Students attire should be school appropriate and grooming is a must. Students will not be allowed to take a yearbook photo if they are not in school appropriate attire and meet campus dress code requirements. Students should arrive 15 minutes before their photo is to be taken. If you have additional questions, please contact Dr. McGary (832-386-4100).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A4AD22AAF8C43-junior>



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### Academic Lettermans:

Students in grades 10-12 who earned at least a 3.6 GPA after the Fall 2020 semester will be recognized for their academic achievement in May. An official letter will be emailed home to students and parents on Wednesday, February 3, 2020. Sophomores earn a recognition patch and Juniors and Seniors who have not already earned a letterman jacket from another organization are eligible to receive a letterman jacket.

### 2021 Yearbook:

Give your student the gift of memories by ordering a NSSH [yearbook](#). Contact [Ms. Reeves](#) about payment plans at 832.386.4208.

### Yearbook Shout Out Pages!

Celebrate your child with a yearbook Shout Out Page! Customize a special sentiment, include baby photos or family pictures, and immortalize your student's achievements. Contact [Ms. Reeves](#) for pricing and designs.

### Vintage Yearbooks:

NSSH has a treasure trove of vintage yearbooks, so we are having a "Clean Out the Closet" Sale. If your memory book has been damaged or lost, pick up a replacement copy for \$10 on REVTRAK or via [Ms. Reeves](#). See the hairstyles, friends, and teachers of the past. Grab one for a class reunion or a unique gift idea! We have various years from 2001-2017, but when they are gone, they are gone.

### Instructional Arrangement Change

Mustangs can return at the end of each six weeks with principal approval. To request a return parents must fill out the Instructional Arrangement Change Form under Family Access within Skyward.

	5th Six Weeks	6th Six Weeks
Last day to submit Request	2/19/2021	4/16/2021
Date allowed to return to campus	3/1/2021	4/26/2021

### GPISD COVID 19 Hotline:

Students who are demonstrating COVID symptoms or come in contact with a COVID positive individual should contact the GPISD COVID 19 hotline at 832.386.1091



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### Senior Updates:

1. Graduation is still scheduled for Sunday, June 13th at 9:00 AM at NRG Stadium. If that changes later this Spring due to the pandemic, Galena Park ISD is looking at possibly splitting the class into four smaller ceremonies to be held at GPISD Stadium on June 12th and 13th. More information on this will come out later this Spring.
2. The Senior Prom is still set for Friday, May 14th at the Hilton Americas Downtown. Again, if that changes later this Spring due to the pandemic, we will communicate that to students and parents.
3. The Senior Fundraiser has been postponed at this time. As soon as an appropriate virtual fundraiser is approved by GPISD, we will communicate that to students and parents. All seniors will be asked to participate and help raise funds at that time. We will reward our top fundraising students with prizes. Stay tuned.
4. Senior t-shirts, hoodies, masks and other items are still available for purchase on our district web store, called Revtrak, linked [HERE](#). These items will be for sale through Friday, Feb 5th. We will send out communication on when those items can be picked up within the coming weeks.
5. Caps and gowns and invitations can be purchased through our vendor, Herff Jones. You can order ONLINE at [highschool.herffjones.com](https://highschool.herffjones.com). Search for "North Shore Senior High" and follow the links for graduation products. On Saturday, Feb 13th, Herff Jones will host a Graduation Fair event outdoors at North Shore Senior High from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. They will be available to take orders in person here at NSSH. We will host the event outdoors (weather permitting) so that we can maintain social distancing and safe interaction with masks required. Anyone ordering online before Feb 13th can pick up a FREE vintage Class of 2021 t-shirt from Herff Jones at the event.
6. Cap and gown pickup will be on the afternoon of Thursday, April 15th at North Shore Senior High. Herff Jones will be here once again to set up a quick pickup process located outdoors at NSSH. All items purchased by Feb 13th will be available for pickup on April 15th. More info to come on this event.



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7. Senior Yearbook Pictures will be made available to students through a link that will be shared with them through their school email accounts. Students should expect that link by the end of next week.

8. All parents and students can purchase a 2021 yearbook by going to [YearbookForever.com](http://YearbookForever.com) or clicking [HERE](#) and ordering one. Those looking to purchase past yearbooks (back to 2000-2001) can purchase one on our district web store Revtrak by clicking [HERE](#).

9. Finally, if your child plans on attending college next year, there is a very easy way for them to obtain up to \$500. The PTA Scholarship is awarded to several seniors each year in amounts up to \$500. Seniors should just complete the [GPISD Scholarship Submission Form](#) online and follow the instructions attached to this email. Act quickly. The deadline for the PTA Scholarship application is Friday, February 12th. For parents interested in joining the PTA, they can go to [JoinPTA.org](http://JoinPTA.org) and click on Galena Park ISD and North Shore HS Senior Campus to apply.

For any senior questions, please email [nsshsr@galenaparkisd.com](mailto:nsshsr@galenaparkisd.com)

### **Athletics:**

#### **Boys Basketball**

Tues., 2/02 - NS vs. Atascocita @ Atascocita, 5:30 p.m. (JV); 7:00 p.m. (Varsity)

#### **Girls Basketball**

Tues., 2/02 - NS vs. Atascocita @ NSSH, 5:30 p.m. (JV); 7:00 p.m. (Varsity)

Fri., 2/05 - NS vs. Katy Tompkins @ Tompkins, 5:00 p.m. (Varsity Only)

#### **Boys Soccer**

Tues., 2/02 - NS vs. Kingwood @ GPISD Stadium, 5:30 p.m. (JV); 7:30 p.m. (Varsity)

Fri., 2/05 - NS vs. Summer Creek @ Summer Creek, 5:30 p.m. (JV); 7:30 p.m. (Varsity)

#### **Girls Soccer**

Tues., 2/02 - NS vs. Kingwood @ Kingwood, 5:30 p.m. (JV); 7:30 p.m. (Varsity)

Fri., 2/02 - NS vs. Summer Creek @ GPISD Stadium, 5:30 p.m. (JV); 7:30 p.m. (Varsity)



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### Softball (Scrimmages)

Mon., 2/01 - NS vs. Clear Creek @ Clear Creek, 4:30 (JV); 6:00 p.m. (Varsity)

Fri., 2/05 - NS vs. Houston Heights - 4:30 (JV @ NS9); 4:30 (Varsity @ NSSH)

Fri., 2/05 - NS vs. Fort Bend Travis - ; 7:30 p.m. (JV @ NS9); 7:30 p.m. (Varsity @ NSSH)

### Tennis

Fri., 2/05 - NS @ CE King, TBA

### **Important Dates**

02/01 - 02/05 - Counselor Appreciation Week

02/01-02/05 - Junior Class Pictures - Cafeteria Area

02/03 - 02/04 - TSIA Administration

02/08 - TELPAS Writing Samples in Specific Classes

02/08 - 02/10 - Alg. 2, PAP Alg. 2, PAPPreCal, MMA - District Assessment

02/09 - 02/12 - USH - District Assessment

02/15 - Student Holiday/Staff Development

02/17 - 02/18 - Biology - District Assessment

02/22 - TELPAS Alt

02/22 - 03/05 - AP Mock Testing

02/26 - Teacher Planning Day

02/26 - End of 4th Six Weeks

03/05 - Report Card Day

03/15 - 03/19 - Spring Break

06/13- NSSH Graduation

**Have a Great Mustang Day!**