# New Heights Charter School of Brockton





A Place Where Scholars Shine
Our Mission: Preparing All Students for College. Period

#### **History Comes Alive**



**Executive Director Spots 18<sup>th</sup> Century Soldier** in US History Class at NHCSB

As I was showing off our classrooms one Friday to our new substitute teacher, we stumbled upon an 18th century soldier who was facilitating a Q & A session in Mr. Furtado's US History class. This soldier was dressed in full uniform (musket included) and stood tall and proud while our students fired questions at him. As I walked around the room, I noticed that every child was engaged and all eager to learn about the soldier's experience during the Revolutionary War. I have been doing this work for more than 20 years, and that lesson ranks amongst the best that I have ever seen. I am fully inspired! I realize that it would be impossible to dress in costume and facilitate learning in that manner every day, but all things are possible if we find creative ways to "hook" our students daily.

Thank you, Mr. Furtado, for the smiles and great story that I am going to be able to tell all my friends! You are awesome!

**Executive Director, Omari Walker** 

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Composition –1690 MAIN CAMPUS

Dr. Daniel, Dean of English Language Arts, lectures tenth-grade students on the work of American author and activist Langston Hughes in the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Composition class. This class prepares students for college level classes by introducing them to strategies to help them analyze and write thoughtful responses to poetry, prose, and essays.



About Dr. Daniel

Dr. Daniel has a PhD in English, with a concentration in American Studies, and a Graduate Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Before working at New Heights, she taught African American Literature and Composition courses at UMASS Amherst, UMASS Lowell, Bay Path University, and as an Associate Professor at Massasoit Community College.

### Fall MAP Testing Kick-Off

Students in each grade level were assessed in the following areas: Language, Reading, Math & Science to determine which areas students need more academic support and to predict how students might score on MCAS and other standardized tests.



Director of Student Services, Hannah Rogers and team prepare student accommodations for MAP Testing.

## **Exposing Youth to Careers**

### **Construction Career Day – 10/2/19**



20 RISE Juniors attended the MassHIRE of Greater Brockton's Annual Construction Career Day. Through interactive demonstrations and exhibits, scholars were able to explore careers in the construction and engineering industries to understand different aspects of working in these fields. They received information about skill and educational requirements.

Scholars also visited resource booths to gather information for internships, apprenticeships, and continuing education options available in Southeastern Massachusetts.

## Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

On November 13th, **seven** students from our Early College program were inducted into the Alpha Kappa Upsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Massasoit Community College! We are so proud of our scholars for their hard work and academic achievements thus far.



With a 3.5 GPA or higher from Spring 2019, Wacil Voltaire, Lorie Lorrinvil, Jayden Raphino, Omosefe Enobakhare, Ruth Sinord. Elijah Kahn, and Armani LaPierre are now members of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society.

#### Curry College Visits NHCSB Early College

On November 20th, admission representatives from Curry



College visited our Early College site and presented information to our scholars on admissions, student support, athletics, financial aid, scholarships, open house opportunities and more.

Each scholar also received a swag bag.

A campus tour of Curry College has been scheduled for January 8th, 2020.

### **Honor Roll Breakfast**



#### **Changing the Norm: NHCSB Middle School**

Keenon Cunningham, Dean of Culture, refers to the event as our "*Breakfast of Champions*" recognizing our scholars who have shown they have heart, grit and prowess of a champion.



NHCSB hosted Parent Information Night at Early College & Post-Secondary Pathways

New Location-661 Centre Street, Brockton, MA

October 16, 2019 – *Parent Information Night* drew a packed house to hear from the Instructional Leadership Team about the 2019-20 Curriculum and Principal Silva on Behavior & Discipline.



# Meet Our Principal Ms. Shana Silva



Before school begins, Principal Silva is in her office meeting with the Associate Principal and Deans of Culture at 6:45 AM.

At 4PM, she enters her office after dismissal and sees a group of young ladies eagerly awaiting her arrival.

# "Fostering a Positive School Culture at NHCSB"

Safe and Supportive Learning Environment: Anti-Bullying Activities

All students in the school were asked to trace their hands and write a pledge to take a stand against bullying along with positive and affirming messages in their hands.

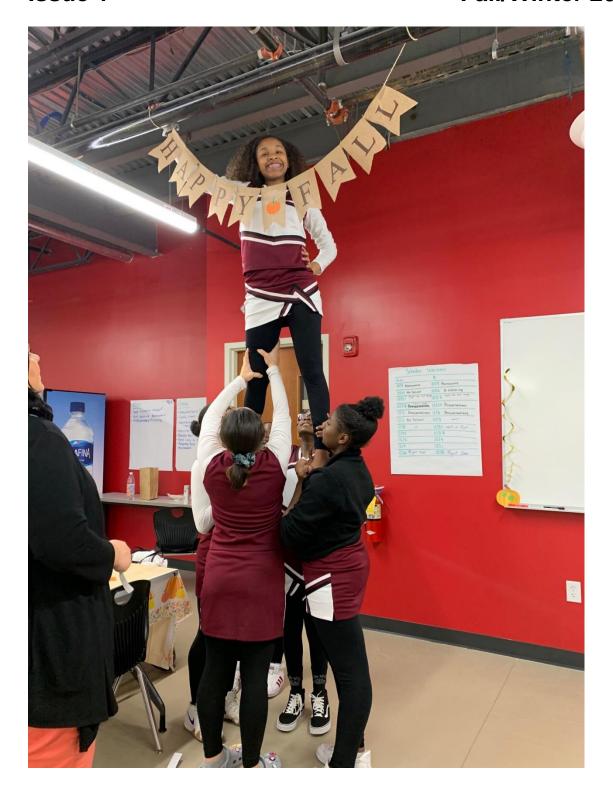
Students later put those hands up in the cafeteria in order to show that NHCSB students take a unified stance against bullying.

# **SPIRIT WEEK**



Our Cheer Team ---Let's Go New Heights!!!

Special Thanks to our Teacher Sponsor, Meagan Tracey, who coaches our teachers during the day and practices with our students after school.



# Cheerleaders Kick-Off Fall Festival & Talent Show held at Centre Street

# New Heights Invited to Participate in Brockton, MA Parade





### Let's Have Some Holiday Fun



NHCSB Annual Basketball Event held at Massasoit Community College



Basketball Game: Staff vs. Scholars

# STAFF WIN BASKETBALL GAME AGAINST SCHOLARS



LAST DAY PRIOR TO THANKSGIVING BREAK

Laura Miceli, Director of Curriculum, has fun with our teachers and staff who brought home another VICTORY!!!



Staff at our Early College site (Paula Fontes, Laurie Joseph, and Maria Fernandes) worked together to display this large "Think Big" sign in one of the halls of the school. Although this activity consisted of teamwork and fun, this sign brings positive reinforcement and is a reminder to the students to be creative and think outside of the box.