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From the Principal's Desk: Celebrating Hope, Success, Greatness And Black History Month



Dear New Heights Community,

As we reflect on the month of February, I want to take a moment to express my deep pride and gratitude for all that we have accomplished together.

First and foremost, we proudly celebrated our basketball seniors, honoring their dedication, commitment, and their great sportsmanship acumen. These student-athletes have demonstrated incredible perseverance as they balanced the rigorous demands of our early college academic workload with their athletic responsibilities. Their discipline and resilience truly embody the spirit of our school.

We also extend our heartfelt congratulations to both our Varsity Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams on their remarkable seasons. Competing at a high level and advancing to the MIAA is no small feat. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to continuing to nurture and develop our talented student-athletes in the coming academic year.

To our educators, I want to express my sincere appreciation for your steadfast commitment to our mission of preparing our students for college and beyond. Despite the challenges posed by inclement weather, which resulted in an additional week of canceled learning following February break, you demonstrated flexibility, leadership, and unwavering dedication to our students. Your passion for education continues to make a lasting impact.

I would also like to recognize our School-Based Leadership and Academic Leadership teams. Your guidance, intellect, and collaborative spirit have made a remarkable difference. This work would not be possible without your leadership, and I am truly grateful for your partnership.

In February, we also joined the Brockton community in celebrating and honoring the tremendous contributions of African Americans throughout history—across science, politics, economics, social progress, and human rights. These reflections remind us of the importance of representation, resilience, and progress.

As we move into March, we look forward to celebrating Women's History Month and honoring the invaluable contributions of women around the world. Here at New Heights, we are fortunate to have extraordinary women who keep our school thriving every single day. Let me say it: they keep our school running. Period.

To all of you who have dedicated your lives to educating and preparing our scholars for the future: thank you. Please know that I am committed to supporting you as we continue building a new generation of hope while making college accessible to all students, especially those who have been historically underserved.

Thank you for your continued support of one another. We are at our best when we stand together, and our students feel that unity—even when they cannot fully put it into words.

New Heights, let's keep rising as *One Band, One Sound* because we can.

Your Servant Leader,
Dr. Jones—Principal

Staff Spotlight

Martine Asmath, RN | School Nurse



Martine Asmath, a Registered Nurse (RN) with extensive clinical and administrative experience, has joined New Heights with a wealth of skills and achievements. As a former Director of Nursing, Ms. Asmath has demonstrated exceptional leadership in overseeing clinical operations, ensuring regulatory compliance, and fostering high standards of patient care. Her diverse expertise encompasses school- and home-based care, acute psychiatric services, and quality assurance, with a strong commitment to advancing health equity and improving access to culturally responsive care for underserved populations.

In her leadership roles and as a School Nurse, Martine prioritizes prevention, early intervention, and overall well-being of each and everyone, specially the students she serves. Her clinical expertise includes managing acute and chronic conditions, coordinating care with families and community providers, and collaborating with interdisciplinary teams to address health-related barriers to learning.

Martini holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from Southern New Hampshire University, where she graduated magna Summa cum laude. Driven by a passion for advanced clinical practice, she is currently pursuing her Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Master's degree at Southern New Hampshire University, further equipping her to serve as a primary care provider for diverse communities.

Academic

A Message from Your Academic Team for a success MCAS Testing



As we approach the spring MCAS testing season, we would like to inform our staff and families about this important time for our scholars. We encourage parents and guardians to speak with their children about getting a good night's sleep so they are well-rested and ready to do their best.

Students are expected to follow the school's dress code guidelines during testing. While uniforms are not required, we ask that students dress their best for these important days.

Please be sure to review the email from Ms. Melissa Jean, Chief of Staff and Student Assessment Coordinator, which will include additional details about the testing schedule and dress code expectations. More information will continue to be shared.

Our Academic Team will be available to support all scholars throughout the testing period. We are confident in our students and wish them the very best on their MCAS exams—you've got this!

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MCAS

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Abstract to Reality: New Heights Students Bridge Theory And Practice In The Science Lab



Last fall, New Heights Charter School of Brockton reached a significant milestone with the opening of its first-ever science laboratory. The facility was designed to transform abstract scientific theory into tangible reality through a rigorous, hands-on learning approach.

In early February, 10th-grade chemistry students in Ms. Cady Case's class utilized the laboratory to conduct experiments within their Chemical Bonding and Molecular Polarity unit. "In this unit, students explore how atoms bond through the sharing or transfer of electrons and how these interactions dictate molecular structure and behavior," Ms. Case explained.

According to Ms. Case, the lab focuses on how chemical bonding and molecular polarity influence how substances interact and mix. Students model molecules to determine whether they are polar or nonpolar and then test real substances to see how polarity affects mixing.

The science lab provides a unique opportunity for students to bridge the gap between theoretical concepts and physical reality. By testing hypotheses firsthand, students engage in a learning process that is both tangible and concept-driven.

As part of the procedure, students built molecular models of H_2O , CO_2 , and O_2 , meticulously labeling shared electrons and partial charges. They subsequently observed the interactions between water, oil, alcohol, and soapy water when introduced to food coloring—witnessing polarity in action.

Ms. Case's primary objective is for students to forge strong connections between abstract chemical principles and everyday materials. This approach fosters deeper scientific reasoning by requiring students to reconcile their molecular models with their physical observations.

As an Early College school, New Heights Charter School continues to advance its mission of collegiate preparation. By investing in high-level resources and equipment, the school ensures its students are well-prepared for the academic and professional rigors of the STEM fields.

Athletics

Congratulations to Captain Naziiah Herisse On Her Academic And Athletic Achievement



We are proud to announce that Naziiah Herisse, our full-time early college student and Varsity Basketball Captain, is being recruited by several colleges across the country. Accompanied by Coach Justin Gadry and Academic Counselor Allyson Norton-Graffum, Naziiah will soon visit these campuses to explore their programs and athletic facilities.

In her weekly memo, Principal Dr. Jones shared the news and wrote, "We are extremely proud of Naziiah, and we cannot wait to see where she chooses to continue her academic and athletic journey."

A Leader On and Off the Court

As Captain, Naziiah is a constant source of inspiration who plays with her whole soul. The ultimate student-athlete, she remains locked in on instructions and welcomes constructive feedback from coaches and teammates alike. Her unwavering focus has led her team to victory for years.

Earlier this year, the school celebrated Naziiah's significant achievement as she surpassed 1,000 career points during her tenure at New Heights. This accomplishment is a testament to her unwavering commitment, dedication, and exceptional skills as a player. It also reflects her respect for the principles of good sportsmanship. Additionally, in Winter 2025, Naziiah was named the Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization Girls Basketball South Division Player of the Year.

Naziiah, words cannot fully express our appreciation for you. Thank you for representing New Heights with such grace, pride, and passion. We are rooting for you and have total confidence that you will achieve greatness.

Congratulations, Captain: Passion, Action, and Results, Undefeated!

Community News

Celebrating And Honoring Our Senior Basketball Players and Cheerleaders



The New Heights community gathered for a series of special farewell ceremonies to honor our Varsity Boys' and Girls' Basketball players and Varsity Cheerleading seniors. We commend our senior student-athletes not only for their athletic achievements but for their unwavering commitment to academic excellence, discipline, and good sportsmanship.

Across multiple events, the gym was packed with family, friends, teachers, and alumni. The atmosphere was filled with both joy and bittersweet tears—emotions our athletes wore proudly as they prepared to say goodbye to the school they love.

For many, this journey began in middle school. To these seniors, New Heights is more than an institution; it is a second home where they have built lifelong bonds. As they transition toward their academic and professional goals, they leave behind a legacy of family and fellowship.

The juniors and sophomores players were equally moved, reflecting on their final months playing alongside their senior teammates whom they consider brothers and sisters.

We extend gratitude to our families, friends, family members and alumni who joined us in this celebration. To our seniors: we are incredibly proud of you. We will always be rooting for you as you begin the next chapter of your journey!

Celebrating Black History Month: A Community Affair



For two consecutive years, New Heights has proudly joined the Brockton community in celebrating Black History Month at The Shaw's Supermarket. As a cherished tradition, the New Heights delegation, led by our esteemed Principal, Dr. Jones, along with teachers, students, staff, and families, gathered at Shaw's Supermarket on Belmont Avenue. This gathering is a tribute to the remarkable contributions of African Americans to the scientific, political, social, economic, and artistic fabric of the United States throughout its rich history. Our talented cheerleaders, steppers, and drummers captivated the audience with an exceptional performance, adding to the joyous atmosphere of the event.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our valued friends from the Umbrella Project MA Foundation Inc. for their partnership with Shaw's Supermarket, which has been instrumental in the continued success of this historic celebration. Their support and collaboration have made this event a truly memorable occasion for all involved.



Community Announcements




VOICES IN VERSE POETRY READINGS COFFEE HOUSE

- March 10th
- April 14
- May 19th
- June 9th




VOICES IN VERSE NEW HEIGHTS POETRY READINGS COFFEE HOUSE

Who: Anyone interested in hearing, reading, and writing poetry (All grades and Community Welcome). An Open Mic will be had so bring your original works

Where: New Heights Cafeteria

When: April 14th at 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Host: The Queen of Ceremonies Hope Fernandes

A writing session will be included.



Feature Poet: Marlon Carey is a Poet, Educator, Actor, Communicator, Entertainer and Storyteller. He has been writing and performing for most of his life. He has published books, and produced hip hop album. Carey has been in plays and short films, and conducted workshops. He is the co-founder of *Shakespeare to Hip Hop*, a group focused on English language presentations and workshops for kids of all ages. He's also a storyteller and a member of RIBS - the Rhode Island Black Storytellers, and Brothers Keeper Poetry theater Ensemble. Also known as Hip hop artist "Inphinit DaGhost," Marlon weaves a tapestry of amazing and introspective work dealing with a myriad of topics. When he is not onstage, he is a full-time father of three amazing children, caretaker of three naughty cats, and husband to one very patient wife.



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A writing session will be included.



Feature Poet: Matthew E. Henry (MEH) is an educator, essayist, and the author of seven poetry collections including the forthcoming *Promises to Keep* (Wayfare Books, 2026). He's the editor-in-chief of *The Waigh Journal* and nonfiction editor at *Porcupine Literary*. Dr. Henry is the 2023 winner of the *Solstice Literary Magazine's Stephen Dunn Prize*. His publications include *The Florida Review*, *Lily Poetry*, *Massachusetts Review*, *Moon Egg Review*, *Ninth Letter*, *Nixes Mate*, *Pangyrus*, *Pedestal Magazine*, *Ploughshares*, *Shenandoah*, *South Florida Poetry Journal*, *Stone Circle Review*, *Terrain*, and *The Worcester Review*. Dr. Henry earned an MFA, completed an MA in theology and a PhD in education. He writes about education, race, religion, and burning oppressive systems to the ground. You learn more about MEH at www.MEHPoetring.com.



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When: June 9th at 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Host: The Queen of Ceremonies Hope Fernandes

A writing session will be included.



Feature Poet: Hannah Baptiste, a Haitian-American spoken word poet and aspiring author, hails from Brockton, Massachusetts. Currently a senior at Boston University, she majors in English Literature. Her poetry has been published by WBUR, and she recently won the Regional Gold Key Scholastic Art and Writing Awards in 2022. Additionally, she has competed nationally in the NAACP ACT-SO program. From 2022 to 2025, she served as the Brockton Youth Poet Laureate.

Throughout the county, she has performed her poetry at various events, including the Brockton Public Library, the Massachusetts Black Graduates Ceremony, and Enso Art Gallery's "We Insist Too!" Her goal is to inspire the next generation of writers and emphasize the inclusivity of diverse perspectives in the arts.




Game Night

March

Wednesday, March 25th
New Heights Cafeteria
5:30-7:30pm

ADVANCE SIGN UP IS RECOMMENDED.



<https://nhcsb.info/GameNight>

VALID ID REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS



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