



9/15/2021
Meeting:
Pines Charter
NEHS



NEHS

NATIONAL ENGLISH
HONOR SOCIETY
for High Schools

Welcome to NEHS!

We are looking
forward to having
an exciting,
successful year
with all of you!



Introductions:

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Debate Mentorship Program Director: Jasmine Morales



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Editor: Emma Schenker

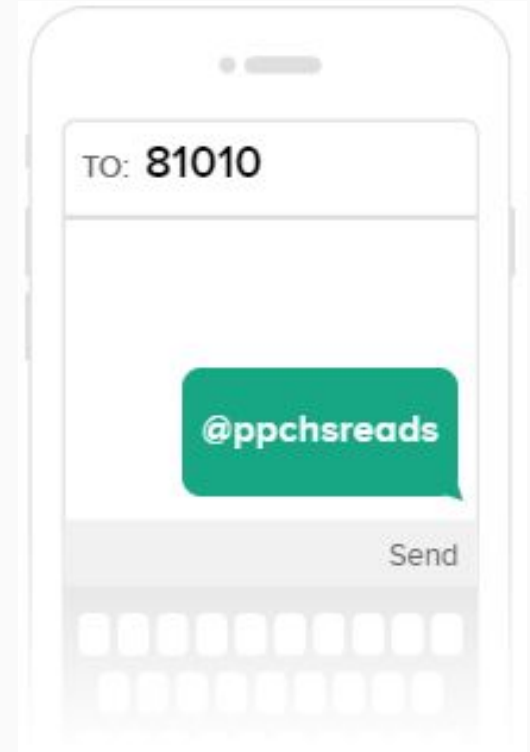
Stay in Contact!

- Our email:
pin charternehs@gmail.com
- If you did not receive an email regarding today's meeting, please email us to make sure we have the correct email for you.



- Follow us on instagram
[@pin charternehs](https://www.instagram.com/pin charternehs)

We'll also communicate with you through remind



Stay Updated!

Visit our NEHS website,

pinescharternehs.wordpress.com

- *Although Ms. Phelps will post some things on our NEHS Canvas course, you can check our website to...*
 - Stay updated about **upcoming events**
 - Learn about contest and scholarship opportunities
 - View past meeting presentations
 - **Check hours!!!!**
 - Find information about past events
 - View pictures





Member Dues:

Due to recent membership fee changes at the national level on NEHS Connect, dues are now \$15 for both rising and returning members.

*They will show as obligations on
mypaymentsplus.com.*

Please pay by the end of quarter 1.

NEHS Requirements

- ❖ 15 hours required per year for all members
 - For *rising members*, at least 8 of those 15 must be completed before the end of first semester break and 10 by the end of February.
 - General meetings count as an hour
 - Help to celebrate Banned Books Week!
 - Contribute videos to our online Kinder Reading Program
 - Participate in our Debate Mentorship Program (if you have debate experience)
 - Submit original poetry and prose to *the atala*
 - Submit your work to our school's literary contests
 - Attend and participate in events such as Recite Night, the Poetry Slam, and Poem in your Pocket Day!
- ❖ Remember, both your **English** and **CUM GPA** must stay at a 3.0 or higher
 - Returning members must submit verification info

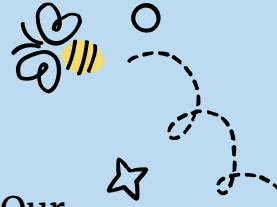
Returning Member Form and Grade Verification

We will send out a google form shortly for returning members on which you will verify that your grades still qualify you for NEHS.

It will be due by September 30th



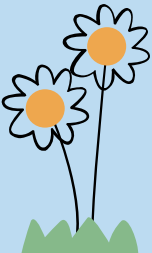
NEHS Debate Mentorship Program 2021-2022



- ❖ This year, NEHS will once again be running the Debate Mentorship program! Our program in the past mentored elementary students in all different types of debate events, including: Congressional Debate, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Public Forum, Speech and more. Now, the program will be centered on mentoring middle school students at the PPCMS West and Academic Village Campuses.
- ❖ Any member of PPCHS NEHS with debate experience is encouraged to join this amazing opportunity!
- ❖ The NEHS Debate Mentorship this year will have virtual and in-person meetings! In order to participate in either program, you **MUST** attend the mandatory debate mentorship information session. The Zoom meeting will be posted via Canvas. Make sure to join for more information!
- ❖ Great opportunity to get your hours!



The MANDATORY info. meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22nd at 4pm EST.



Kinder Reading Program

- Great way to make a difference and earn NEHS hours!
- Record a video of yourself reading a level 1 book and share it AND a transcript of the book with us and we'll post it on our youtube channel.
 - specific guidelines and models will be provided
 - you don't have to edit the video anymore
- Currently inquiring what teachers might be interested in **live zoom sessions**
 - The live zoom sessions would likely be after school in Ms. Phelps's room from **2:15 to 2:45**
 - We hope to eventually return in person
- Interested members should attend an **informational meeting at 3 pm via zoom on 9/22**
- google form for **zoom meeting**:
<https://forms.gle/MJkDwcoKVUnxGDK89>





the atala

a journal of poetry, fiction, art, & literary criticism

- See our first issue [here!](#)
- Submit your own work for possible publication!
- Earn NEHS hours by submitting original poetry, short fiction, or literary criticism!
- One hour per submission; three hours if accepted for publication.
- [Visit the atala for submission guidelines.](#)
- Email submissions to theatalalitmag@gmail.com

NEHS Poetry Writing Contest

- ★ Open to returning (already inducted) members only.
- ★ Each month, members of the NEHS Advisory Council and Central Office personnel will read and select the best of the entries; the best submissions will be published through social media outlets and archived on the Society blog, NEHS Museletter.
- ★ **This month's challenge is to write poetry with the theme "'Good vs. Evil' OR 'Connection and Separation'.** Members cannot submit more than three poems for a cycle. More information can be found [HERE](#)
- ★ Use size 12 font.
- ★ Email entries to Ms. Phelps by September 29th along with a 100 word biography and headshot image (jpg or png). Include school and chapter name, grade level, and something personal about your love of writing (your inspirations, etc.).
- ★ You will receive 2 hours for your properly completed submission.

Bennington College Young Writers Award

Each year, students in the 9th-12th grades are invited to enter in one of the following categories: Poetry, Fiction, and Nonfiction.

First-place winners in each category are awarded a prize of **\$500**; second-place winners receive **\$250**; third-place winners receive **\$125**.

- All entries must be original work and sponsored by a high school teacher.
- Turn into Ms. Phelps by October 25th
- Earn 2 hours for a properly completed submission

The competition runs annually from **September 3 to November 1**. The winning submissions will be posted on the website in mid-April. More info can be found [HERE!](#)



New York Times: Coming of Age in 2021 Contest

The New York Times is offering an opportunity for teenagers across the country to submit multimedia describing their experience as a teenager during these times. Submissions can include writing, video, audio, and many other ways that you may digitally express oneself.

Winners will have their submission published on NYTimes.com or potentially in print.

- To submit this competition, it can be submitted to New York times directly and a screenshot can be sent to pinescharternehs@gmail.com to earn 2 hours for a properly completed submission.

The competition goes from **September 15 to October 27**. More info can be found [HERE!](#)



The
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Banned Books Week: September 26th – October 2nd



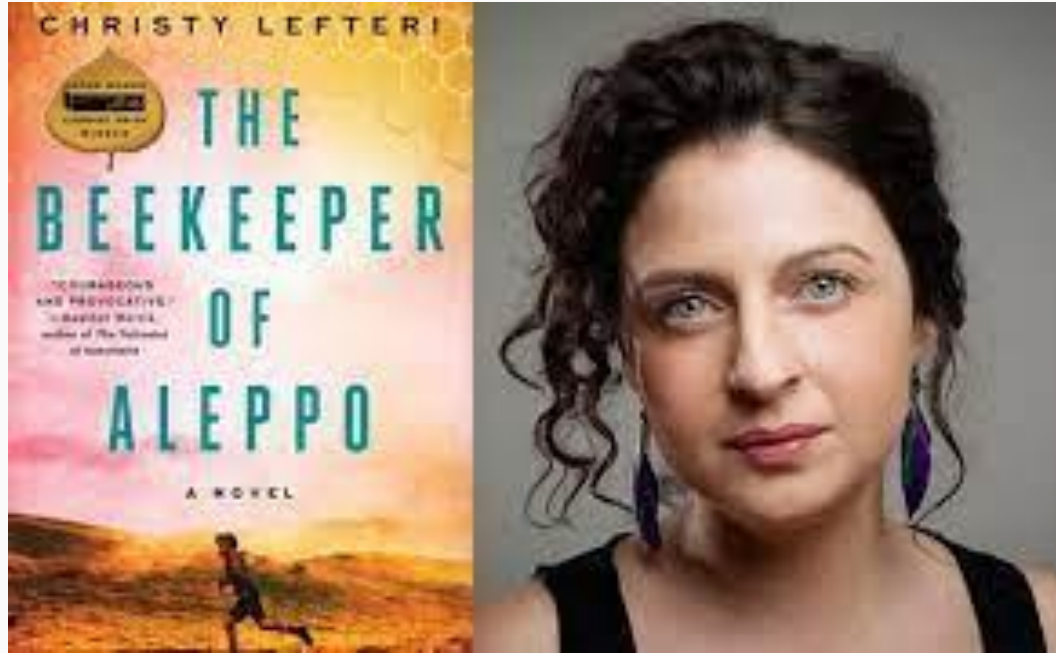
- Celebrate worthy books that have been banned!
- Participate by emailing or DMing us a one-page “flyer” (without errors) that includes:
 - a picture of you with the book (or a picture of the book) &
 - a blurb (on your picture/the same document) that explains why the book should be read
- Email to pin charternehs@gmail.com or DM [@pin charternehs](https://www.instagram.com/pin charternehs)
- We will post them on our instagram account!
- **Earn 1 NEHS volunteer hour for your contribution!**

Scholarship for NEHS Sophomores and Juniors!

Participate in the [Intellectual Freedom Challenge!](#)

- Open to inducted members only
- Write an essay that provides a rationale for a banned book or controversial text, promoting an argument for the value of the text to be available to a wide audience OR arguing for the book to be restricted. The argument should consider counter-arguments that differ from the writer's opinion.
- Essays should be submitted as double-spaced text using 12 point Times Roman or Times New Roman font with one inch margins. Essays should not exceed three pages (750 words) and must include an informative title (do not simply use the title of the novel being discussed)
- Essays should utilize MLA formatting guidelines
- Winners receive \$100
- **Essays due to Ms. Sarah Phelps by September 30th (earn 2 NEHS hours)**

NEHS Scholarship money opportunity for seniors!



[Click HERE for more information
on this scholarship!](#)

- NEHS seniors should read the NEHS Common Reader to apply for merit-based scholarships before January 10th!
- This year's book is *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri
- Earn 5 NEHS hours for reading the book and writing the 850 word maximum essay!
- Win thousands!



- Visit poetryoutloud.org to select poems to perform...
 - at our [Recite Night](#) in December
 - at this year's [NEHS Poetry Slam](#) in February
 - The National Competition will be conducted virtually this year.
 - National winner gets \$20,000!
 - We will update you guys on the details soon!

Recite Night!

- Opportunity to showcase student talent
- December
- Virtual event
- Starry Night Theme
- Recitation only
 - published poetry, speeches, monologues, etc.
- Required to qualify for the Poetry Out Loud Finals



Annual NEHS Poetry Slam!

- [Early February](#)
 - Tentative date!
 - Not sure if it will be virtual or in-person event
- Showcases original student poetry readings/performance
- Spoken word contest
- Poetry Out Loud Recitation Competition
- Announcement of Literary contest winners
- Participate!
 - as performer
 - Get NEHS hours!

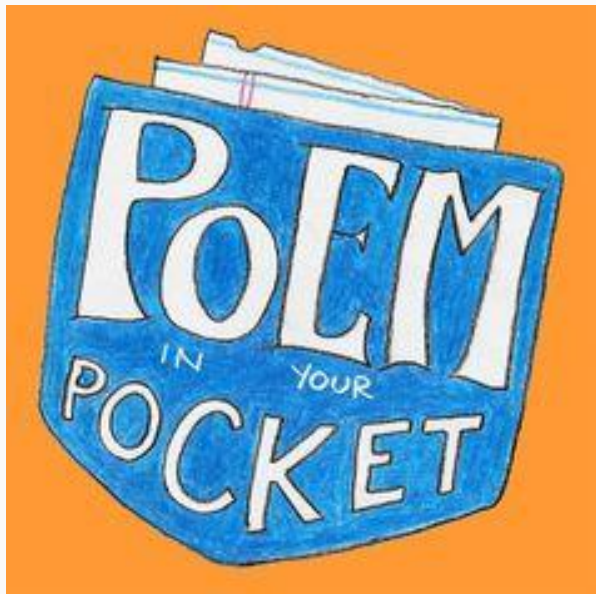


OUR OWN PPCHS 2020 GRADUATE AVA JOHNSON WON 2ND PLACE AT THE STATE LEVEL!

Ava was awarded \$300 from the Poetry Foundation,
\$200 towards poetry books for our school library,
and \$100 from The National English Honor Society!



Poem in your Pocket Day: April



- ★ “Every April, on Poem in Your Pocket Day, people celebrate by selecting a poem, carrying it with them, and sharing it with others throughout the day at schools, bookstores, libraries, parks, workplaces, and on Twitter using the hashtag #pocketpoem” (poets.org).
 - ★ began in 2002 to celebrate New York City’s National Poetry Month celebration
 - ★ in 2008 expanded to all 50 states by Academy of American Poets
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- ★ Pines Charter NEHS will participate! YOU can contribute by...
 - Sharing a poem you love to be posted on instagram
 - If conditions allow, sharing poetry at school! More on this later...

Induction for New Members



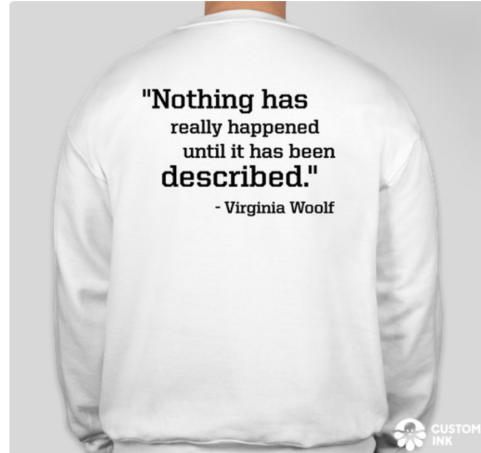
- Potential inductees who have completed at least 8 of their required NEHS volunteer hours by the end of semester 1 and 10 by the end of February will be officially inducted.
- Not certain what “induction” will look like yet.

NEHS Shirts/Sweatshirts

- We will be selling shirts and sweatshirts for the upcoming school year!
 - More info coming at our October meeting

BUT...

- Past shirts/sweatshirts ARE on sale now:
 - Shirts: \$5 cash only
 - Sweatshirts: \$10 only
- We'll send a remind on days we're available to sell



Reminders...



- Please make sure you sign in so you can receive your hour for attending the meeting
- Check pinescharternehs.wordpress.com for returning member forms, hours sheet, information about past events, and more!
- Email returning member forms to pinescharternehs@gmail.com
- Sign up for Remind (see slide 5)
- Follow us instagram @pinescharternehs
- Next General Meeting: October 13th (tentative)