

New Bedford High School Earns Coveted NEASC Accreditation

New Bedford High School has earned its reaccreditation in the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The reaccreditation process – a comprehensive examination and institutional self-study – began in March 2015 and included on-site evaluations by a 16-member team, classroom observations, student shadowing, facilities review, and in-depth meetings with teachers, students, parents, and administrators.

In a letter to Headmaster Bernadette Coelho dated October 25, 2017, NEASC Director, George H. Edwards, and Associate Director, Kathleen A. Montagano, noted “The Committee was impressed with many of the programs and services and wishes to commend the following:

- the involvement of significant numbers of representatives in an inclusive process to identify and commit to a set of core values and beliefs about learning, resulting in significant internalization, especially by faculty, students and other stakeholders
- the school’s creation and design of strong analytic rubrics which define targeted high levels of rigor and performance for the academic, civic, and social learning expectations
- the purposeful design of the curriculum which provides students with opportunities to practice and achieve the school’s learning expectations
- the significant progress shown to date for writing a curriculum in a common format that is uploaded to the Atlas digital platform and provides teachers with an opportunity to collaborate on shared learning experiences for students

- the provision of ample dedicated time, personnel, and financial resources for teachers to collaborate in the review of the curriculum including emphasis on using results and current research
- the progress made to date in aligning instructional practices with the school's core values, beliefs, and 21st century learning expectations
- the introduction of evidence-based teaching and learning strategies to support students' achievement of the school's 21st century learning expectations
- the progress in identifying lead learners to serve as instructional models and leaders for their peers to ensure consistency with the school's core values, beliefs, and 21st century learning expectations."

Superintendent Dr. Pia Durkin noted "NEASC Accreditation is a leading indicator that New Bedford High School makes the grade for its commitment to academic excellence, while providing students with a safe, positive, respectful, and supportive school culture. This endorsement validates the ongoing work of the entire staff while recognizing their professionalism and dedication. Awarded by the foremost independent review body in K-12 education, this important credential should reinforce the public's confidence in their high school as well as affirm New Bedford High School as the school of choice."

Headmaster Bernadette Coelho said "We thank NEASC for guiding us through a vigorous and thorough examination of all aspects of school operations and the delivery of a quality education that equips our students for higher learning and work in the 21st century. We integrate the NEASC standards in all that we do at New Bedford High; fostering student responsibility for learning and results with high expectations for all."

"NEASC accreditation is an important, third-party validation of New Bedford High School's rapid progress," said Mayor Jon

Mitchell. "I commend the school's staff and students, as well as the administration, for all of their hard work throughout the process."

As stated on the NEASC website "Accreditation is an expression of confidence in the institution's purposes, performances, human and financial resources" and "attests to substantial compliance with established qualitative standards, integrity in statements to the public describing the institution's program, institutional commitment to improvement, and sufficiency of institutional resources. The goals are effectiveness, improvement and public assurance."

Accreditation requires ongoing reporting to NEASC, including substantive two-year and five-year reports in a structured ten-year cycle of examination and peer-review.

NEASC institutional literature notes "Membership in and accreditation by the NEASC is similar to membership in professional organizations such as the American Bar Association and the American Medical Association. In each case, a commitment toward continual self-evaluation, a pledge to self-improvement, and a desire to maintain the Standards for Accreditation are necessary."

Captain with Bristol County Sheriff's Office Indicted for Smuggling Profits to Portugal

A Captain with the Bristol County Sheriff's Office was indicted yesterday by a federal grand jury in connection with helping Carlos Rafael, the owner of one of the largest

commercial fishing businesses in the U.S., smuggle the profits of his illegal overfishing scheme to Portugal.

Jamie Melo, 45, of North Dartmouth, Mass., was indicted on one count each of bulk cash smuggling, structuring and conspiracy. In August 2017, Melo was arrested and charged in a criminal complaint.

In May 2015, federal agents began an undercover operation targeting Carlos Rafael, the owner of one of the largest commercial fishing businesses in the U.S. In the fall of 2015, undercover agents, posing as potential buyers of Rafael's business, met with Rafael to negotiate buying his fishing business. Rafael told the agents that he hid the cash proceeds of his illegal fishing sales, in part, by smuggling the money to Portugal. As alleged in court documents, Rafael said that he sometimes took the money himself, but also used the services of others, and referred to knowing several members of the Bristol County Sheriff's Office, including Melo, whom he described as, "the captain at the prison."

As alleged, on Nov. 10, 2015, agents conducting surveillance at Logan Airport saw Melo and Rafael arrive in a van, marked as belonging to the Bristol County Sheriff's Office, for a flight to Portugal. Melo completed TSA screening without incident, but Rafael was found in possession of \$26,400, for which he completed a federal reporting form. Several other acquaintances of Rafael and Melo were also on the flight and, allegedly coordinated by Melo, helped Rafael smuggle an additional \$50,000 in cash to Portugal. It is further alleged that before the flight, Melo distributed envelopes of cash to these acquaintances, each of whom took an envelope on the flight and returned it to Melo or Rafael after landing in Portugal. Two days later, on Nov. 13, 2015, Portuguese bank records indicate that Carlos Rafael deposited \$76,000 in U.S. currency into a Banif Bank account.

The charge of conspiracy provides for a sentence of no greater than five years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. The charge of bulk cash smuggling provides for a sentence of no greater than five years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. The charge of structuring carries a sentence of no greater than 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a fine of \$500,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Three City Councilors call attention to living conditions at King Village Apartments

Three New Bedford City Councilors have filed a late motion to spotlight the living conditions at King Village Apartments. The following will be addressed tonight at the New Bedford City Council session:

WRITTEN MOTION, Councilors Carney, Gomes and Dunn, requesting, that Congressman Keating, State Senator Montigny, Representative Cabral, a Representative from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Housing and Community Development, walk through the King Village Apartments to immediately address the deplorable conditions that residents are forced to live in since the new ownership has taken over; and further, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with King Village Ownership

and HUD Officials to discuss the environmental concerns, security measures, maintenance and building construction.

New Bedford unveils two new fire engines

New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell, Fire Chief Michael Gomes, and City officials unveiled the New Bedford Fire Department's two new fire engines, and stressed the importance of modernizing the City's fleet of public safety vehicles at a press conference this morning.

"One of my priorities as Mayor has been to make City services more effective," said Mayor Mitchell. "With the guidance of our CFO, Ari Sky, we have modernized City government and provided public safety professionals with the equipment necessary to protect our residents."

The two new engines are 2017 Pierce Arrow XT 1,500 gallons-per-minute pumpers, with significant more capacity than the pumpers they replace. The new apparatuses are technologically advanced and corrosion-resistant.

Engine 5 will be stationed at Fire Station 5, 3665 Acushnet Avenue. Engine 9 will be stationed at Fire Station 9, 799 Ashley Boulevard. They replace two engines which began service in 1994 and 2002.

In 2012, when Mayor Mitchell first took office, the average age of the full NBFD fleet was 14 years old, and is now an average of 8.5 years old. With the acquisition of these new fire engines, the City has now replaced 5 vehicles in its frontline fire fleet of 10 vehicles in the past 4 years.

“These new engines will improve our response capabilities and are a wise investment as the City continues to prioritize public safety vehicles for the benefit of all New Bedford residents,” said Chief Gomes.

“The apparatus replacement program has allowed us to significantly improve the condition of our front-line fleet in a relatively short timeframe,” said Ari Sky, the City’s Chief Financial Officer. “This type of long-term planning is an essential factor in our efforts to address the deferred capital needs that have accumulated over the course of several decades, and has resulted in a sustainable debt profile which is affordable in terms of the annual budget.”

Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Services equipment and vehicles have been identified as top funding priorities for the City of New Bedford in the biennial Capital Needs Assessment in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP is the City’s first long-term plan developed to address the facilities and equipment needs of city government.

Mayor Mitchell directed CFO Sky to develop the Plan, which was first introduced in the fall of 2013 and has been updated annually. The plan was designed to ensure that the highest priority projects, like public safety vehicles, receive public funding in a manner that is in keeping with the City’s ability to pay.

20 Things To Do This Weekend (Oct. 27 – Oct.-29)

A rather pleasant weekend is ahead in terms of temperatures. We’ll have day time temperatures between 60-68 degrees with

cool mornings. On Sunday there is a chance that we'll have a "little" evening rain. There is very little in the way to stop us from enjoying all the autumn happenings. We'll have a few more weekends before the weather turns colder and we can mention the four letter word, "snow."

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| 60°/41° | 66°/56° | 68°/54° |
| Clear | Partly cloudy and pleasant | Windy; a little p.m. rain |

As always, click on the title for more or detailed information on the event. Most of the events were pulled from our [event calendar](#) where you can find hundreds of local area events each month. The event calendar is FREE, so if you are a local business, and not taking advantage of FREE publicity, shame on you! Are you a local business and want to sponsor this high traffic, weekend guide? Contact info@newbedfordguide.com for more details. Have an event to add? Add it [here](#). Know of another event this weekend? Post a reply!

Friday, October 27th

"Pray for Puerto Rico" Hurricane Maria Relief Collection (4:00pm)

Want to help the victims of Puerto Rico who were hit hard by the past few hurricanes? You can bring non-perishable goods, diapers, batteries, flashlights, hygiene products, etc. to the Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ at One Government Center, Fall River, MA.

Spooky, Scary Halloween Stroll (5:30pm)

Come join Sippican Lands Trust for a haunted evening of storytelling. Renowned storyteller, David Mello, will be telling some spooky stories on a walk through Aucoot Woods. Aucoot Woods is a property managed together by the Sippican Lands Trust and the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission (MOSAC).

The walk is free and no registration is required. Please dress in costume for this haunted storytelling event and remember to bring water and dress appropriately for the day's weather as only the worst weather will cancel an SLT walk. If a walk is canceled, then information will be posted to SLT's website and Facebook page. For directions or further information visit sippicanlandstrust.org or call Sippican Lands Trust at 508-748-3080. Sippican Land trust, 354 Front St # 2, Marion, MA.



This weekend is your last chance to see Boo at the Zoo!

Boo at the Zoo (7:00pm-11:00pm)

Slightly spooky fun that cannot be missed! Grab your favorite costume and join us at BOO AT THE ZOO for an evening of Halloween fun! There's enough thrills and chills for all ages at BOO AT THE ZOO! Climb aboard a spooooooky train ride, stroll down the Trick or Treat trail, take a spin on our wild

carousel, and enjoy Halloween themed activities plus animal encounters! Save time getting into B00 AT THE ZOO by purchasing a Bat Pass. A Bat Pass is a single use, non-refundable pass and must be surrendered at the separate Bat Pass entrance upon your visit. Zoo Members: \$11/adult and \$7/child. Non-Members: \$16/adult and \$12/child. Rides are included in the price of admission. Children under 3 are free.

Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder (8:30pm-11:00pm)

Broadway audiences have embraced the uproariously funny Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder, which received four Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Now the national tour of the dark musical comedy arrives in New Bedford to share the story of Monty Navarro, a distant heir to a family fortune who sets out to jump the line of succession by eliminating the eight pesky relatives who stand in his way. Of course, it will all be worth it if he can slay his way to his inheritance... and be done in time for tea. The Hollywood Reporter raves, "Gentleman's Guide restores our faith in the musical comedy." Get ready for a dark comedy that will have you dying with laughter! Zeiterion Theater.

Wild Nites – Live in the Vault (9:30pm-1:00am)

WN and the C&B Horns party in NB! Full C&B Horns Band. No Cover. Downtown New Bedford's hottest newest destination. The brewpub and event venue is set within a former bank building featuring original vault doors and a truly historic feel. Greasy Luck features in-house brewing, an expansive menu, and The Vault Room, a function area for a local events. The Greasy Luck Brewpub, 791 Purchase St. New Bedford.

Saturday, October 28th

2nd Annual Memorial Event for Firefighter Ryan Ferreira (9:00am)

□ This is our 2nd Annual memorial craft and vendor fair in honor of fallen Fire fighter Ryan Ferreria! There will be 65

vendors, face painting from 10-2, henna tattoos by a student of Dartmouth Middle School, as well as food and drinks being sold. Ryan Ferreira was a lifetime resident of Dartmouth. He passed at the age of 31 unexpectedly. All proceeds from our raffle go directly to the Ryan Ferreira memorial fund set up for his daughter. Dartmouth Middle School, 366 Slocum Road, Dartmouth.

FREE: Dr. Handy and the Spooky Spirits (10:00am)

Little witches, wizards, ghouls, ghosts and goblins are invited to converge at the Handy House to try out their magical skills inside the historic house on Hix Bridge Road. Come in costume! Free. Cadman-White-Handy House, 202 Hixbridge Road, Westport.



Wear your costume and win snacks and prizes!

Adopt A Block Weld Square (12:00pm-3:00pm)

Adopt A Block is back! Next month we will be targeting the neighborhood of Weld Square meeting at the corner of Weld St. and County St. next to Luck 7 Food Mart. If you or someone in the area could use some help and some hope, come see us! We got you! We will be there on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 12pm till we run out of supplies! Spread the word! If you want to volunteer alongside us please meet us there at 11am for set up! #hopedealers #lovewhereyoulive #ilovemycity.

Boston Street Art and Graffiti Walking Tour (2:00pm-4:30pm)

Spend a couple of hours with an expert guide checking out some of the best street art and graffiti in the city. The tour includes: A tour of Northeastern University's incredible, growing number of street art installations including Shepard

Fairey, El Mac and Jef Aerosol. Several large-scale murals by Boston's big wall crews and some visiting graffiti dignitaries. This is a walking tour, consisting of a three mile walk. We meet at Starbucks on Huntington Ave and end up at Canary Square (435 South Huntington Avenue) in Jamaica Plain. This is a one way tour. No transportation will be provided back to the start although it's an easy trip on the 39 Bus, the Orange Line or short ride back to the start in a taxi or car-sharing service. The tour runs in (almost) all weather. Heavy rain or a freak snowstorm will cancel with a full refund. Our graffiti and street art photo collection You Can't Win is available as an add-on to your ticket and will be delivered at the start of the tour. Every attendee receives a sticker pack.

Hallelujah Night (5:00pm-8:00pm)

This is a free event for the entire family. Apostolic Church Of Jesus Christ is bringing together local organizations, churches, and the residential area to experience the love of God in tangible ways as we put our faith into action!

Bring your family, your acquaintances, your neighbors, your neighbor's neighbor, bring everyone! We will deliver a special kids program and activities! Complimentary food and water! Free entry, free live music! Free raffles and prizes! All this and much, much more! You don't want to overlook this great event and it's completely free! Join us at Apostolic Church Of Jesus Christ! Get there early before the crowd of boats. Apostolic Church Of Jesus Christ, 105 Purchase Street, New Bedford.



*Fan of the band,
"Journey"? Don't
miss this how!*

Boo at the Zoo (6:00pm-9:00pm)

Slightly spooky fun that cannot be missed! Grab your favorite costume and join us at BOO AT THE ZOO for an evening of Halloween fun! There's enough thrills and chills for all ages at BOO AT THE ZOO! Climb aboard a spooooooky train ride, stroll down the Trick or Treat trail, take a spin on our wild carousel, and enjoy Halloween themed activities plus animal encounters! Save time getting into BOO AT THE ZOO by purchasing a Bat Pass. A Bat Pass is a single use, non-refundable pass and must be surrendered at the separate Bat Pass entrance upon your visit. Zoo Members: \$11/adult and \$7/child. Non-Members: \$16/adult and \$12/child. Rides are included in the price of admission. Children under 3 are free.

Barrel of Laughs Comedy Show: Greg Stone (8:00pm-10:00pm)

While it's often said that tragedy plus time equals comedy, it could just as easily be said that enthusiasm minus caution equals comedian Greg Stone. Regarded by his peers as one of the funniest storytellers in New York, Greg is a fixture at many of Manhattan's top comedy clubs and independent shows, where he shares true stories of the highs and lows caused by his lack of inhibition. Greg has recently performed on NBC's America's Got Talent, TruTV's "Friends of the People," and AXS TV's "Gotham Comedy Live." Newport Vineyards, 909 East Main Rd. (Route 138), Middletown, RI.

Scarab: The Journey Experience – Live in the Vault (9:00pm-12:30am)

SCARAB: The Journey Experience,” is the closest re-creation you will see to THE supergroup of the 70’s and 80’s. An absolutely dynamic stage show with four-part harmonies that other bands could only dream of doing. The Internationally touring tribute act performs a 2+ hr concert with all the sights, sounds and of course songs that made Journey famous the World over. Come see “SCARAB..” and “Experience” what hundreds of thousands of fans all over the country are raving about. Greasy Luck Brewpub, 791 Purchase St., New Bedford.

Sunday, October October 29th

Halloween Movie Spook-a-thon at the Zeiterion (11:00am)

It’s double the trouble when The Z presents a pair of spooky movies back-to-back to honor the frightful holiday. First, The Addams Family (1991) follows Gomez (Raul Julia), Morticia (Anjelica Huston) and their ghoulish household as they fall prey to a scam involving long-lost Uncle Fester (Christopher Lloyd). Next is Coraline (2009), a visually stunning stop-motion animated feature from the director of The Nightmare Before Christmas. Coraline Jones (voiced by Dakota Fanning) is bored in her new home until she finds a secret door that leads her into a world that’s just like her own...but better!

2nd Annual Harvest Festival (12:00pm-5:00pm)

Sip, savor and toast to the seasons’ crush at our 2nd Annual Harvest Celebration! A day full of grape stomping, wine tasting, pie eating goodness. Enjoy live music from the The Little Compton Band, while sipping on our local wines, and noshing on food created by scratch from our culinary team, as well as libations from The Nitro Cart and sweets from KNEAD Doughnuts. Feeling competitive? You could be called to compete in our Grape Stomp Competition OR our Pie Eating Contest! Or simply relax and capture the memories with a photo of you and one of TEN31 Productions’s live wine statues. All while

enjoying a glass overlooking the vines. Newport Vineyards, 909 East Main Rd. (Route 138), Middletown, RI.



*Enjoy Mozart and/or
Bach?*

*Don't miss the concert
at the RDJ house on
Sunday!*

Mozart and Bach: "Music in the Parlors" at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (4:00pm)

The concert features Jesse Holstein on violin and viola and pianist Jeffrey Louie who will perform Mozart's Sonata in E Minor, k. 304, a Prokofiev Sonata, Bach's Partita in E Major and a sonata by New Hampshire native Amy Beach. Jesse Holstein, violinist and violist, holds a masters degree from the New England Conservatory. He is an active recitalist and chamber musician, and concertmaster of the New Bedford Symphony. Jeffrey Louie, piano and violin, is an accomplished instrumentalist, composer, and arranger across a wide range of musical disciplines. A virtuoso pianist and violinist, has served as principal second violinist for the Yale Symphony and the Boston Philharmonic. Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, 396 County Street, New Bedford.

OktoberFesta! 1st Annual Boars & Brews Challenge (4:00pm-11:00pm)

Join us for OktoberFesta! Our 1st Annual Boars & Brews Challenge. For the month of October we challenge you to consume 26 beers & 5 signature pork dishes. Sign up begins on October 1st. For completing the Boars & Brews Challenge you

will receive: Personalized T-Shirt, 2017 Boars & Brews Mug, Cask & Pig Beer Club Card (valid for 1 year),.Your name registered to win many other prizes including: Patriots, Celtics & Bruins Tickets. Cask & Pig Kitchen and Alehouse, 780 State Rd. North Dartmouth, MA.